



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

July 2, 2017

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.  
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

### WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

#### PRELUDE

WELCOME This Day God Gives Me        verses 1 & 2        # 410 Voices United

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY LAND

We gather here on land that is covered by Treaty #8, specifically the traditional land of the Beaver in the traditional territory of the Cree.

**We thank them for their care for this land before our ancestors arrived. We pledge to work with them as we share this land into the future.**

#### LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

From a variety of backgrounds, different countries, different cultures,  
**we are drawn together.**

We share a belief that God is with us,  
**and we gather to worship.**

With the rest of the country us we celebrate our national birthday,  
with the rest of the country we reflect on our shared story,  
with the rest of the country we wonder what the future will bring.

**We open ourselves to God's presence,  
as people of faith we invite God to be a part of our future as individuals, as a nation, as a church.**

#### WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the candle flame flickers to life then burns with a steady flame

**So may the Spirit move in and around us so that God's light would shine through us.**

As God's Light shines in our midst we center ourselves for worship.

#### OPENING PRAYER

God of many faces, languages, places, names;

**we gather to worship as one of the communities that makes up your global community.**

God of our past, our present, our future;



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**we reflect on our past as a nation – the good and the bad,  
we look at our present as a nation – the joys and the struggles,  
we dream about our future as a nation – the possibilities and the challenges.**

As we sing and pray and reflect,

**awaken in us the vision of what this community of communities could be  
send us out committed to ensuring that the love we see in Christ is a part of  
how we help to build the nation we want to live in.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who calls us to look beyond ourselves and our boundaries to experience the breadth of your love. And who teaches us to pray together saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: O Canada

(see insert)

**WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

We welcome through Baptism  
Everleigh Nora Gardiner  
Daughter of Emily and Jared

**PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

...for all these gifts

**God of all to you we raise words of gratitude and praise**

**PRAYER OF LAMENT**

...remembering that we have not always been the nation we could be

**we lament, we confess, we repent, God hear our prayer.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Psalms 72:1-14

Jeremiah 29:4-9

**SILENCE**

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

**SERMON *What Kind of Nation?***

Hymn: O God of All the Many Lands

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**WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE  
WORLD**

**THE OFFERING**

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: As Those of Old Their First-Fruits Brought  
verse 3 # 518 Voices United

**PRAYER OF HOPE**

...looking into a future of possibilities

**we commit ourselves to live as people of The Way, people of love.**

Hymn: This Land is Your Land

(see insert)

**COMMISSIONING:**

This is God's land, and we are people of God.

**We are called to care for the land, to care for our neighbours.**

We go back into the world,

**to live in The Way of Christ,**

**to work for reconciliation and rebuilding of relationship,**

**to help build a community and nation where love is the guiding principle.**

Go with God, who creates us anew,

Go with Christ, who guides us in the way of life and love,

Go with the Spirit, who strengthens and sustains us.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sung Benediction: Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

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POSTLUDE

***Moved?? New to the Church??***

*If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email ([secretary@stpaulsuc.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!*

**ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS**  
**Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?**

St. Paul's has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.

**\*\*\* \$107.05 has been brought in since January 1, 2017\*\*\***

**Offering Envelopes** - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your givings. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also please make sure you have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.

**At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate** To Have A Church That Is Busy And Full Of Life PLEASE Be Sure To Check with Carla In The Church Office Before You Expect A Room Will Be Free For Your Use. Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.



**JUST A REMINDER...**

For those parents with small children, please be reminded there is a nursery available when your children need more room to run around, or are upset and inconsolable. The nursery is conveniently just down the hall across from the Friendship Room.

**Parents** – If your children are using the nursery, please tidy it up before leaving.

**New to the church?** Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

**The first Sunday of each month** there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from June 1-30 we gave out 9 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$690.00 from** our local outreach fund. The food bank is experiencing a shortage; consider bringing a non-perishable food donation. Thank you for your continued support!

# Announcements

**Ministry by: The Congregation**

**Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson**

**Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: [secretary@stpaulsuc.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)**

**Sunday School: Holly Loughead**

**Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke**

**Music Director: Alison White.**

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*If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.*

*Thank you*

*If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"*



*Our Prayers are offered for, Kathy Horrell, Eathyn Anderson and Family*

**Church Office Hours!**

Our Office is open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3pm

\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

**Would you like to put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin?** Please have them to Carla in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** in order to have them in for the current week's bulletin.

**We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday.** Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **Vacation Bible School – The Great Canadian Campout**  
July 10-14 - 9am-12pm \$20.00/child, \$50.00/family  
For kids entering Kindergarten – Grade 6. Register in Church office.  
information talk to Karen Scott 780-933-4055
- **P&M breakfast / work meeting** is Saturday, July 29 at 8:00 a.m.