



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
May 14, 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: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (verses 2, 4) #179 Voices United
LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day That God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

In this season of Resurrection,

we gather to worship, to sing hallelujah, to celebrate the victory of Life.

In this season of new life and hope,

We gather to explore where God is calling us to go.

As our time of worship begins, we greet our neighbours in the name of the Risen Christ

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of new growth, new life, new hope,

We light a candle to remind us of the Light which could not be put out, the light that shines from the Empty Tomb.

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

OPENING PRAYER

God we hear your voice calling out to us, reminding us to do one thing:

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

As we gather in this place and time open our hearts to the breadth and width of Your vision for the church.

Awaken in us a dream larger than we have dreamed before; a dream of a place and time where all are welcome and included.

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us about the wideness of your grace and taught us to pray words like these...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

#145 More Voices

GIFT OF MUSIC: I'm Gonna Sing

Bell choir

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) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!



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

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the garage sale. To all those who picked up items, donated items and carried in items Late Wednesday evening. To all those who spend hours standing on hard cement sorting and pricing items Thursday. To all those who worked at the cash table and monitored tables to those who feed all the workers with such delicious food.

The cleanup crew was amazing and we were all done Saturday by 2:00 pm. Thank you everyone for making the garage sale a success again this year.

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The house of our God is not just for the holy, or the wise, or those who fit in

But often we have tried to limit access to God's house in many ways.

Sometimes we have done it on purpose, sometimes purely by accident.

But still we have shut the doors, leaving others outside.

For the times we have not lived out your call to inclusivity forgive us,

Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of those who wait by the door.

...time of silent prayer...

The God who calls us together welcomes one and all, sinner and saint, old and young. When we stray from God's Way we are forgiven and given a new start.

We rejoice in the wideness of God's grace and love. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 15:1-21

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 *Included*

Hymn: Though Ancient Walls

#691 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute:

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours #171 More Voices

(refrain, verse 4, refrain)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

#602 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

We go from this place to draw the circle wider,

May our hearts and love know no borders, may our dreams be larger than before

We go from here to open the circle to those who call us,

Seeking to answer their cry for justice as part of a global community.

And we go to do this knowing that we travel the journey of life with the God whose love encompasses the whole world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sung Benediction: God Says

(verses 1, 3, 4) #172 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

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

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

Sunday School: Holly Loughead

Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke

Music Director: Alison White.

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 Horrelt, Eathyn Anderson and Family,

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday 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**

July 10-14 9am-12pm (more info to follow)

To volunteer, please contact Holly at 780-933-9937

Please join us for the Sunday School Celebration Potluck. May 28th following the church service. There will be the traditional hot dogs and cake!

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm

May 28.

Would anyone be interested in a Sunday morning Walk before Sunday worship services? Please contact Marge Riley or the Church office.

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.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from April 1-28 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$525.00 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!

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.



SALE
MAY 27TH

FROM 7 - 9PM
CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSION HEIGHTS
8321 MISSION HEIGHTS DR.



Global Wonders is a related business development of the SA Foundation (SAF), whose goal is to stop sexual exploitation & trafficking.

Young women around the world are trained and employed by Global Wonders to create, import & process thousands of jewelry items per year.

These one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces make excellent gifts!