



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
July, 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
LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

The power of the Word, both sung and told, fills us with new life.

Once again, we are called to experience that power and its fullness of being.

We com to sing and to pray, to laugh and to seek consolation.

Now, in that Spirit, let us worship the Presence as we sing and pray and listen.

*(by Jim McKean, Orillia ON in *Gathering Pentecost 1 2017* p.28)*

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

You are full of surprises, God. We woke up this morning and found that a new day had already begun even while we slept. What else was happening in the night? Perhaps Jesus was at work, making miracles happen in people's lives.

Open our hearts this morning, and open our ears to experience your Word among us. Amen

*(by Kate Gregory, Belwood ON in *Gathering Pentecost 1 2017* p.32)*

Gathering Hymn:

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

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;

we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;

Hymns for July 2017

July 9, 2017 - Worship Leader: Gord Waldie

- ❖ I Need Thee Every Hour #671 Voices United
- ❖ O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go # 658 Voices United
- ❖ Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom #643 Voices United

July 16, 2017 - Worship Leader: Gord Waldie

- ❖ Our God, Creation's Loving Source #490 Voices United
- ❖ Joy Comes with the Dawn #166 Voices United
- ❖ God, as We Rise to Leave #417 Voices United

July 23, 2017 - Worship Leader: Emily Sylvester

- ❖ Jesus, Stand among Us #396 Voices United
- ❖ We Are Marching #646 Voices United
- ❖ For the Healing of the Nations #678 Voices United

July 30, 2017– Worship Leader: Emily Sylvester

- ❖ Worship the Lord Vs. 1,2,3 #401 Voices United
- ❖ It's a Song of Praise for the Maker # 30 More Voices
- ❖ May the God of Hope #424 Voices United

we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole;

we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing.

God who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community;

we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

And so we praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free, we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for the healing we have received, we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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

Hymn

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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn

COMMISSIONING:

Into a world aching for hope and meaning,

we go.

Into relationships yearning for healing and wholeness,

we go.

Into communities seeking vision and direction,

we go.

We go with Christ as our centre,

with the Spirit's guidance and strength,

and with the blessing of God's grace.

Amen

(by Gord Dunbar, Burlington ON in *Gathering Pentecost 1 2017* p.42)

Sung Benediction: Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

#605 Voices United

POSTLUDE

Scriptures for July 2017

July 9, 2017 – Worship Leader: Rev. Gord Waldie

Sermon: *The Threshing Floor*

Reading: Ruth 3

July 16, 2017 – Worship Leader: Rev. Gord Waldie

Sermon: *Redeemed*

Readings: Ruth 4

July 23, 2017 – Worship Emily Sylvester

Sermon: *When all the news seems only bad*

Readings:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10, 15-16 Times as bitter as in Syria today

Romans 8: 12-25 Paul knows a freedom in Christ

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower

July 30, 2017 – Worship Leader: Emily Sylvester

Sermon: *Reaching out to encounter Jesus*

Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a Climbing higher to see God

Romans 8: 28, 31-39 Favourite bible verses

Luke 19: 1-10 Trying so very hard to see Jesus

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 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

"An Awkward Conversation in the Church". The Alberta and Northwest Conference of The United Church of Canada will be having a two-day symposium to discuss the contemporary issues of race and discrimination as it affects black people and, in light of the Mission of the Church, to consider ways that the church might respond to these issues. The event will be hosted by the Conference Intercultural Ministry Committee and will be held at the Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, from October 4 -6, 2017. The Main Speaker for the symposium will be Professor Anthony G. Reddie. Professor Reddie is a Learning and Development Officer for the Methodist Church in Britain. He is also an Extraordinary Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of South Africa.

T-Shirts and Hats - with St Paul's Logo are available by talking to or writing Sharon Adams. 587-297-1570 or sharad2224@yahoo.ca
Four shirt styles - t-shirt, golf shirt, baseball shirt, hoodie; Three hat styles - with multiple options - stamped logo; embroidered logo; Canadian flag, Alberta crest; Communications appreciates all who are "wearing their colors" and letting others in the community know about us.

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 Horrell , Eathyn Anderson and Family

Church Office Hours!

Please note that the Church office will have new hours throughout the summer starting July 1st Tuesday - Friday 9am noon & 1pm - 3pm and closed the occasional Fridays until September.

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.

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.

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