



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**September 23, 2018**

*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 Halle Halle Halle (sung twice) #958 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, be strong and do not fear, for we are in the presence of God.

**Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.**

The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**God brings forth abundance where before there was scarcity.**

There is nothing that is impossible with God.

**We are gathered to share God's blessings with one another.**

Come, let us worship God.

(found at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2018/09/04/ctw-water-breaks-forth/>)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the beginning God said "Let there be light" and there was light.

**May the flame of this candle remind us of God's light shining throughout our lives.**

Sitting in the glow of the Light, we calm our hearts, souls, and selves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

*Canticle of Creation by St. Francis of Assisi*

Gifts of Music: I Am Your Mother

*Choir*

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Water Flowing from the Mountains # 87 More Voices

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**We are wanting to rebuild the St. Paul's United Prayer Team.** This is a group of people who will receive prayer requests from members of the congregation and commit to pray for the people and situations named. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry please let Gord know.

**Dates to Remember:**

Beginner bells-	Sunday, September 23, 11:20 – Noon
Senior Lodge service, Heritage –	Sunday, September 23 at 6:00 pm
Handbells -	Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm

**The 102 Street Stitchers.....**

Quilters and Crafters plan to meet once a month, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 9-5. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

**P&M** breakfast/work meeting Saturday, October 20th at 8:00 a.m.

**Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction**

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**St Paul's United Church**

**Open seating from 4:30 – 6:30**

**Adults \$20.00 ~ Youth 6-14 \$10.00 ~ Under 5 - Free**

Please contact Carla in the church office 780-532-2415 or Martha Dawson at 780-532-6675 if you are able to donate carrots, potatoes or would like to make a cash donation.

Items for the silent auction can be dropped off at the church and need to be clearly marked "Silent Auction". Please contact Sherry Alstad at 780-568-4679 if you have any questions.

Volunteers for dishes, set up, clean up etc. will be needed; silent auction donations and food donations too. Marge Riley will be contacting people for donations of salads, pies & to sign up for many tasks needing willing hands on the day.

So please watch the bulletin and listen for announcements this month

Tell your neighbours and friends to hold this date.

## PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Spring of Life, in the beginning you moved over the waters,  
**and you called out life.**

Spring of Life, in our beginning you watch us grow in water,  
**coming to full form, ready to live as your Beloved Child.**

Spring of Life, Living Water, we need water to live  
**water that is clean and clear and fresh.**

And some of us have it, while others get water that is tainted, or hard to find.

**God of water, challenge how we spread the Water of Life around our world.**

*...time of silent prayer...*

Water is all around us, Water fills our bodies. As it is with Water so it is with God.

Water cleans us, Water revives and energizes us. As it is with water so it is with God.

In Christ, called the Living Water, God reminds us that we are loved, we are forgiven, we are called to drink deep from the well of life and live fully

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 104:1-9, 24-35 (VU p.826)

Revelation 22:1-5

Matthew 8:23-27

## SILENT REFLECTION

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

SERMON *Uisce Beatha*

Hymn: Crashing Waters at Creation

#449 Voices United

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

### THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2)

#227 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: River

#3 More Voices

## COMMISSIONING:

In the beginning, at creation, there was water,

**bringing life.**

In the beginning, Spirit hovered over the water,

**transforming it into many oceans.**

The water flowed from the oceans and became rivers...

**Humankind, fish and fowl flourished.**

Communities sprang up around rivers and streams...

**And God's spirit flowed throughout the land.**

Once again, God is calling us to the River...

**We are naturally drawn to the River of Life.**

God is calling us to enter Into the Waters

**We hesitate at first, but we know the waters will bring us renewal.**

Go into the Waters to share the Living Water of Christ, to give the thirsty a drink

Go knowing that the God who first moved over the waters is with all of creation all of the time.

(Adapted from <https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/03/21/gathering-liturgy-into-the-waters/>)

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

(see insert)

## POSTLUDE

# 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"*

### Church Office Hours!

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

\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

**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.

**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.

**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 your envelope # on your givings so it can be accorded 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.

#### **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!

	<p>CALLING ALL WOMEN TO OUR FALL UCW EVENT</p> <p><i>Guest Speaker: Nancy Rosendale</i></p> <p><i>God's Wondrous Creatures</i></p> <p><i>Nancy will be talking about and showing photos of her experiences "muck diving"</i></p> <p><i>WE HOPE YOU'LL COME AND BRING A FRIEND</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room</b></p>
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#### **Thanksgiving Display**

This year again we are asking the congregation to bring donations (from your garden or purchased) to make our Thanksgiving display awesome! We then plan to use most or some of the donations to prepare food for the potluck that is planned for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Extra items will be delivered to the Food Bank.

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



#### **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.

#### **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.

**\*\*\* \$544.70** has been brought in since January 1, 2018\*\*\*