



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

June 2, 2019

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

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME: This is the Day That God Has Made # 175 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Voice 1 (Leader): We are the body of Christ!

Voice 2 (East): The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing,

Voice 3 (West): Justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking...

All: Body of Christ!

Voice 1 (Leader): Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

All: Many and varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

Voice 2 (East): None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you".

All: For only together can we find wholeness.

Voice 3 (West): None of us can say to another: "I will not care for you".

All: For we are all connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Voice 1 (Leader): Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

All: Let us worship God!

(by Rev. Ann B. Day, from A Place in God's Heart, David Loman, editor, 2007.

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WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The spectrum of light reflected in the prism of God's love dances as a rainbow of promise and diversity. Those who love, live as children of the light—to these beloved children belongs the loving work of reconciliation and transformation.

We are all beloved children of the light.

Gathering Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide # 145 More Voices

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY

IN WORD AND IN SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Prayer .The Lord's Prayer # 959 Voices United

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

2 Corinthians 5:16-22

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 *Ambassadors of Reconciliation?*

(from a sermon offered by our former Moderator Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell on July 24, 2016 in Ottawa at the Affirm United annual conference closing worship)

Hymn: Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands # 173 More Voices (vs 1,2,4,5)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: The Risen Christ (verses 2,4) # 168 Voices United
(Tune of #459 VU)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People ending with Pride Litany (on insert)

Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name # 165 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

We are called to practice this rainbow of colours in our lives.

We will practice it in the conversations and interactions in our lives at home, at work, and at play

We go out as ambassadors of reconciliation into our community and the world.

We go out to share the message that God's love is for everyone!

Sung Benediction: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (vs. 1,2)

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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 Loughhead

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"

Church Office Hours!

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

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

A minute or two for (financial) Stewardship – revenue for the week ending May 26 is **\$3868.50**. This includes Sunday offering, PAR, and rental income (\$1830). The budget for local expenses is **\$4809** (annual budget divided by 52). A little short this week folks but the good news is that all the shingles have been funded. Thank you to all who have made the roof funding campaign a success.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

Breakfast with the Mayor

Friday, June 7, 2019 -Keynote Speaker: Derek Cook

Tickets \$25.00 (some available in church office)

Pride Family Carnival - June 15th - Eastlink Centre Fieldhouse –

10:00 am - 2:00 pm St Paul's will have a table again!!

Setup can start at 8:00 am and there will be a breakfast served outside at 9 am.

So plan on dropping by, or spending the day with us. If I can figure out a way to make a "Pride Family Tree" for people to sign we're hoping to have that set up.

Rising Above Ministries' Mentor Training Session Location: Rising Above Campus

(11007 106 Street, Grande Prairie) Date: June 5, 2019 Time 7:00 pm This training session will provide our potential mentors with information in regard to our participant's needs, as well as Rising Above Ministries' expectations of our mentors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (780) 533-3025 or email me.

Sincerely, Julie Forbes Volunteer Coordinator Rising Above Ministries (780) 533-3025