



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**May 12, 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

We gather as branches growing from the vine.

**We gather as people who seek to bear spiritual fruit.**

Gentlemen and Gentewomen, what has brought you here today?

**God who gives the growth has called us here for renewal, let us worship together.**

As followers of the Risen Christ we open our worship by greeting our neighbours with words and signs of Christ's peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the light of new life shines out from the Empty Tomb,

**So may we in this Easter season shine with the light of hope and share the promise of life.**

As we celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection we center ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

A Prayer for Homes and Families #557 Voices United

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Would You Bless Our Homes and Families # 556 Voices United

WHAT a GARAGE SALE!

*THANK YOU*

**EVERYONE**

It was so wonderful to see so many people working together in such harmony amongst such a vast amount of "stuff"..... good stuff I might add.

We had people to help pick up stuff, drop off stuff, sort stuff and then **resort** more stuff, price stuff, and monitor stuff, auction off stuff, and take bids on stuff.

We had people cash out stuff and bag up stuff and clean up stuff. We had people bake good stuff for our kitchen, so we could rest and re- energize then go back out and see what stuff was left to sell.

The garage sale and all its stuff was a huge success again this year because of your help.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the  
Garage Sale Committee.

And to all of St Pauls family and friends that helped again this year.

YOU really MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





**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

**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 indicate your envelope # on your givings so it can be accorded to the correct person.

**Interac e-Transfer** is a simple, convenient, and secure way to send and receive money directly from one bank account to another. All you need is access to online or mobile banking through a participating financial institution, and you can send money to St. Paul's United Church — without sharing any personal financial information. It's a great alternative to cheques and cash.

To give using Interac e-Transfer please use this email address to send your donation to St. Paul's United Church - [secretary@stpaulsuc.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one, if not contact the Church office to get one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds if you so desire. (Example: If your donations is \$100 your note could say - \$25 GF, \$50 MS, \$25 OU or any other combination of amounts and funds you would like to support).

Fund: (Code)

- General Fund (GF)
- Mission and Service (MS)
- Capital Fund (CA)
- Outreach (OU)

Any donations made without a fund code will be considered a "General Funds" donation. After you have selected the amount and the fund, please email the answer to your security question to [secretary@stpaulsuc.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) so that we can accept your donation.

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *Family*

GIFT OF MUSIC: God Gives Us Those Who Love Us

J. Carter

PROMOTION SUNDAY

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God of peace, who calls us to be peacemakers,

**help us find the path to peace as individuals, as communities, as nations, as a global village.**

God of peace, who challenges us to be gentle with each other, and with ourselves,

**help us find the way to be gentle while still holding ourselves and each other to account**

God of grace, who gently holds us, reproves us, redirects us.

**Guide our attempts to be people of peace and love and justice.**

*...time of silence...*

The God who is gracious and gentle holds us to account but does so to guide us forward, not to condemn our wayward attempts. In grace God strengthens our faltering steps and leads us to be people of peace and love and justice.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 5:22-26

John 14:23-29

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 *Peace I Give...*

Hymn: Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

# 173 More Voices

**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

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

# 375 Voices United

**COMMISSIONING:**

Jesus Christ, the True Vine, reaches out around the world.

**As branches grafted to, and growing from, the vine we grow vibrant and bear fruit.**

May the Peace that Christ shares with his friends and disciples,

**Flow through us into a world in need.**

Go with God: the Creator and Parent, the Risen Christ, the Spirit filling our lungs.

**Blessed be God who gives us Growth. Hallelujah! Amen.**

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

# 179 Voices United

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"*

**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.

**Church Office Hours!**

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

\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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**Fifty – two seconds for (financial) Stewardship** – donations for local expenses for the week ending May 5th by PAR and Sunday offering are \$2864.89. That's great! The monthly budget for building expenses is \$2538.16. We can turn on the lights and flush the toilets all of May!  
Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

We have learned that the Rev. Vern Wishart died May 4<sup>th</sup>. Vern served here in Grande Prairie 30 years ago from 1988 – 1993.

We hold Jo and the rest of the family in our prayers. If you would like to send your condolences to the family, you can do so at:

**Jo Wishart**

**#308 10053 111 St NW**

**Edmonton, AB T5K 2H8**

**Rev Gord and Carla will be learning** how to give Naloxone injections and safe needle pick up practices. If you are interested in taking the training as well, please join us Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm here at the church.

**P&M breakfast / work meeting** Saturday, May 25th at 8:00 a.m.

***Labyrinth Walks***

*Please join us for meditation*

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

*May 26<sup>th</sup>*

**Breakfast with the Mayor**

Friday, June 7, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Derek Cook

Tickets \$25.00

**It's time to get your thinking cap on** how you can support our second annual Time and Talent auction evening...with your time and or talent! Join us for the September 21, 2019

**Thursday is "coffice" day!** Remember that on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 pm Gord can be found at the West end Starbucks. Join him for a drink and a chat.

**Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.** - We are very fortunate at St Paul's 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. We don't want to disappoint anyone if possible

**The first Sunday of each month** there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from April 1-30 we gave out 10 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$550.00 from** our local outreach fund. Please consider donating "in good used condition" warm clothing such as mitts, gloves, socks, toques and bath towels for the Saint Lawrence Center. Thank you for your continued support.

**PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!** When locking the church doors please make sure that the door is actually latched. Thank you!