



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**May 5, 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

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.**

In this place God calls us to be transformed, to let kindness and generosity fill our souls.

**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

God of creation, who first called life into being,

**we come to this place to be fed, to be nourished, so that growth can continue.**

God who invites us to the table,

**as we gather with family, friend and stranger, may our hearts be stretched.**

God in whom we are firmly rooted, in this time of worship,

**renew us so that we can leave this place to share the fruits of your Spirit. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: I Come With Joy

# 477 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns  
Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 5:22-26

2 Corinthians 9 : 6-12

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 *Gently Growing Kindness*

Hymn: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

# 234 Voices United

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

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

# 271 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.**

God calls us to love as we have been loved, to share the transformative power of the Risen Christ.

**We go out to live and serve, to be kind and gentle as we share the love of God**

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)

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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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)**

**Sunday School: Holly Loughead**

**Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke Music Director: Alison White.**

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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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**Promotion Sunday - Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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>*

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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.

**A minute and a big "Hooray" for Stewardship** – It has been a week of giving: food, billets and purchasing tickets to support the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus; support for the family and the Celebration of Life Service for our friend Jenny Tetreau; and supporting the giant recycle event known as "The Garage Sale". It has also been a time of welcoming the community to our Church and events. Thank-you to all for your sharing of time, expertise, money, and prayer to enhance the mission of our Church. Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

### **Calling all writers, photographers, and newsletter readers.**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - we hope to put out Issue 3 for 2019. If you know of an event that people might like to attend, a recipe people may like to make, an article people really should read, email the information to Sharon Adams [sharad2224@yahoo.ca](mailto:sharad2224@yahoo.ca), by Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> please. It's your newsletter too - glad for all submissions/comments.

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

**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

**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

**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.

**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.



### **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 donation 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.