



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

August 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 Praise God for This Holy Ground Vs. 1&2 # 42 More Voices

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *

God is in this place.

We come to refresh and recharge in God's presence

God calls us to serve one another in all we do.

We come to be equipped for this service.

God's actions are always ones of love and acceptance.

Honouring God, we vow to let our actions declare this love and acceptance.

Let us worship God as we greet our neighbours with words and signs of Christ's Peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Opening ourselves to the breath of the Holy Spirit, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER*

Lord God, Creator of all

we come to worship you.

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of all,

we love and honour you.

Holy Spirit, flowing in and among us,

Breathe life into our souls, Amen

Gathering Hymn

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

SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

August 11, 2019 – Worship Leader - Naomi Wiebe

Music Leader: Leslie Ann McCloskey

- ❖ O God, Our Help in Ages Past # 806 Voices United
- ❖ Be Still, My Soul # 652 Voices United
- ❖ Let My Spirit Always Sing # 83 More Voices

Scripture Readings:

- ❖ Genesis 37:23-28, 36
- ❖ Genesis 50:15-21
- ❖ Psalm 105:17-22
- ❖ Psalm 40

Sermon: *From the Pits to the Palace*

August 18, 2019 – Worship Leader – Rev. Gord Waldie

Music Leader: Leslie Ann McCloskey

- ❖ For All the Saints # 705 Voices United
- ❖ Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom # 643 Voices United
(Tune of 388 VU)
- ❖ For the Faithful Who Have Answered # 707 Voices United
(Tune of 374 VU)

Scripture Reading:

- ❖ Hebrews 11:1-22

Sermon: *Faith in the Cloud*

August 25, 2019 – Worship Leader – Rev. Gord Waldie

Music Leader: Leslie Ann McCloskey

- ❖ Let All Things Now Living # 242 Voices United
- ❖ Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert See insert
- ❖ Lead On, O Cloud of Presence # 421 Voices United

Scripture Readings:

- ❖ Psalm 103:1-8
- ❖ Psalm 71 (Vu, p. 788)
- ❖ Luke 13: 10-17

Sermon: *Be Free!* –

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;

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

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

Hymn

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age # 601 Voices United
Vs 5 & 3 tune of 558 VU

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER *

Hymn

COMMISSIONING*

Go into the world inspired by the Spirit.

We go to breathe the hope of faith into a world of despair.

Go into the world transformed by Jesus.

We go to walk the difficult path of discipleship.

Go into the world blessed by God's grace.

We go to become a blessing for others in relationship.

Go with God's blessing. **Amen**

Sung Benediction: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples # 507 Voices United
Verse 4 only

POSTLUDE

* Items taken from *Gathering: Pentecost 1 2019*

August 2019

August 4, 2019 – Worship Leader – Mieke de Groot

Music Leader: Laurie Anderson

❖ We Are Pilgrims (Servant Song) # 595 Voices United

Children's Time Video: Ryan Estis "Once upon a Time in a Coffee Shop"

Scripture Readings:

❖ Hosea 11:1-11

❖ Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

❖ Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Special Music : Draw the Circle Wide # 145 More Voices

Sermon: *Love, hard work, vanity*

Video: Odetta, Will Geer and Peter Fonda: Tribute to Woodie Guthrie

Why 'n' why 'n' why 'n' why

❖ What does the Lord require of you (round) #701 Voices United

❖ LORD'S PRAYER – Congregation, sit and sing: # 959 Voices United

❖ To Show by Touch and Word # 427 Voices United

Additional resource: Sermon on the Mount with Eric Sharp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhHxcxq4dW0&feature=youtu.be>

Voices United <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/VU1996>

Manna <https://www.mannapa.org/>

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson

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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"

Church Office Hours!

Please note that the Church office will have new hours throughout the summer starting July 2nd - Tuesday - Friday 9am - noon & 1pm - 3pm and closed the occasional Fridays until September.

Office will be closed August 23- September 3rd

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – *A long distance runner manages fatigue by seeing the race in small, manageable chunks. The same is true for the marathon churches: "But as for you... do not grow weary of doing what is right."*

A minute for (financial) stewardship - How we spend our money reflects our priorities. We can choose to make changes large or small to reflect the priorities of God's Kingdom. Thank you for your support of our community of faith as it promotes God's Kingdom through the summer and all year long. From your treasurer, Martha Dawson.

Come celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Martha and Leo Dawson at an open house on August 24, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (this is a change from the announcement in the "News from the Pews"). Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm with visiting and entertainment to follow. The family is hosting at the home of Kim and Jarvis Dawson located on the home farm. Your presence is the present we want...and if you have a story or song that would be welcome also. Talk to Martha if you need help getting to the event.

Mon., September 16th – St. Paul's Council meeting @ 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars:

Sun., September 8th – Sunday School starts.

Tue., September 10th - CGIT and Explorers Registration Night – 7 – 8:30.

Fri., September 13th – 102 Street Stitches in the Friendship Room
10am to 3 pm - always the 2nd Friday of the month Come "stitch n' bitch" or shoot the breeze over lunch or a cup of coffee. They work on small projects including mending and/or fixing clothing on an as needed basis.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 11th for Women's Weekend - Sept. 20 – 22, 2019 – Mindfulness & Meditation – @ Camp Wohelo on Pigeon Lake. Also - optional Wed. & Thur. night this year. More information on page 7 of Newsletter Issue 4, 2019. Registration forms are on the bulletin board or contact Brenda Stouffer for more information.

Sat., Sept 21st – Time & Talent Silent Auction and Desserts – 7:00 pm
Step 1: *Think of a talent to share* Cooking class; tray of cookies; sewing skills; afternoon road trip; host an afternoon tea' shovel snow; teach a dance; teach a craft; card making; knitting/crocheting; clean cupboards; help someone move; bake buns or bread; cake decorating/making; homemade jam; host a dinner; take someone out for lunch or dinner; give someone a ride to doctor's appointment(s);
(we've all got something we enjoy – that others avoid / or might enjoy too)
Step 2: *Tell Allison or Carla* what you'd like to offer to do for someone else.
Step 3: *Outbid your neighbour* on the items that will save you stress, help you out, or just give you some enjoyment with the added bonus of helping to support the ministry of St Paul's and getting to know each other just a little better in the process.

Wed., Sept 25th – UCW Fall Event – 7:00 pm – Friendship Room
Our guest speaker – Sandra Impey – will be telling us about her month in India supervising Canadian. Occupational Therapy students at a Rehab Facility for handicapped children. Evening and refreshments hosted by Unit 2.

Sat., Oct 19th - Crafting, Stitching, Jewelry Boutique and Coffee Shop.
Donate your unused material, undone craft projects, jewellery not being worn with Sherry Alstad or Gail Schau or in the office anytime and it will get to them.

Sat., Oct 26th – Explorers 95th Anniversary Tea – 1 – 3 pm - Friendship Room

Tue., Nov 5th – Explorer's Crafting at Wild Rose Manor