



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
September 1, 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

In the beginning the Creator shaped this land. The hills were sculpted, the river valleys dug deep, life sprang out of the soil. Then people came. We honour and thank those who were here before us: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Then those who came here from across the sea made agreements to share the land and now we live together as Treaty partners.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation has been given:

Come and gather, come one and all, come as you are!

The welcome mat is laid out:

Come in and sit down! Join us!

We gather to sing and listen,

we gather to pray and be refreshed.

Called together by Jesus, the Host, we pause to greet each other 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

Hospitable God, welcoming God,

may this time together fill us with a vision of what it means to embrace Radical hospitality.

Challenging God, coaxing God,

Church Office Hours!

After this long weekend we will return to our regular office hours.

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

but closed over the noon hour.

Office will be closed August 23- September 3rd

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – *Let go of what is holding you back, to free you for the journey onward and forward.*

A minute for (financial) Stewardship – We take time out in the summer from our usual activities - your stewardship reporter is no exception and will not be providing weekly updates. Attending church regularly is also one those "time out" activities. Please remember that the gas metre knows no time out! Thank you for supporting your/our church and its mission through PAR and regular Sunday offering all through the summer.

Mark your calendars:

Sunday, September 8th – Sunday School starts.

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 and/or contact Brenda Stouffer for more information.

102 Street Stitchers– Friday, September 13,

10:00 am – 3:00 pm – in the Friendship Room

Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. We are Conversation and advice is free! They work on small projects including mending and/or fixing clothing on an as needed basis. If you want more info call Carla at the office or Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

Sun. Sept. 15 Clairmont United Church

Service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion Celebrating the Ministry of the People of CUC and Minister Mary Blackburn (Sept 2003 - June 2019) Singing begins at 10:15 Potluck Lunch Everyone Welcome

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

Sat., Sept 21st – Time & Talent Silent Auction and Desserts – 7:00 pm

Wed., Sept 25th – UCW Fall Event – 7:00 pm – Friendship Room

may this time together push us to ask ourselves hard questions about ourselves and push us to new actions.

Loving God, encouraging God,

we pray in the name of Jesus, who teaches us how to welcome others in your Kingdom.

Gathering Hymn: Let Us Build a House

1 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 FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, it is so easy to say the words: "all are welcome in this place".

But sometimes it is so challenging to make the words a reality.

We confess that at times we inadvertently make people feel less than welcome.

We confess that we sometimes look at our own needs more than those of the visitor or newcomer.

For those times when our welcoming has been less than perfect, forgive us.

For those future times when we will welcome others, help us to always do it well.

...time of silent prayer...

God comes to us in friend and stranger. God teaches us what it means to welcome and be welcomed. God offers us forgiveness and new starts.

Thanks be to God! Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 13:1-3

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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: Radical Hospitality!

Hymn: All Who Hunger

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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

Celebration of Communion

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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COMMISSIONING:

We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshipped together.

Now we go out into the world where we do most of our living and serving.

As you go out remember to practise radical hospitality, welcoming all you meet

For in doing so we may well welcome angels.

And know that in all you do and all you are you are Held in the Arms of Love,
Strengthened by the Spirit, and Named as God's Beloved Child.

Amen.

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy

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POSTLUDE

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

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Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

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"