

Order of Worship for October 10, 2021 -- Thanksgiving Sunday

Watch the livestream at 10:00 am here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-aWw0Tc165vh6Epdr-XBxw>

### WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Welcome In, Welcome All* verses 1&2 (Written by Bryan Cook *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.55)

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

Amidst the busy-ness of our lives,

**we gather to share quiet time with God and neighbour.**

In our worry and anxiety,

**we gather to share God's words of promise and hope.**

In our concern about having enough,

**we gather to be reminded that God fills our lives with abundance.**

We gather to worship the God of abundant life and overflowing love.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

~ those present online are invited to use the chat function on YouTube, those present in person are invited to turn and wave or bow to the people around you as you exchange words of peace

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In a world that can be chaotic and frightening,

**we light a candle of hope.**

In a world where the way is uncertain

**may this light of Christ show us the way.**

Let us centre ourselves for worship....

(written by Beth W Johnston *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.30)

OPENING PRAYER

God, as we gather to worship,

**remind us of the blessings in our lives, that we would be thankful.**

God, as we gather for worship,

**remind us of the ways you have acted in the past, that we would remember.**

God, as we gather for worship,

**open in us an attitude of thanksgiving, an awareness of blessed abundance.**

God, when we leave this time of worship,

**may our eyes see first the abundance in our lives, may our voices first share the words of thanksgiving.**

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, who taught his friends to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU217 All Creatures of Our God and King (CCLI)

### 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

(uses words from *Don't Worry, Be Happy* by Bobby McFerrin)

In every life we have some trouble

When you worry you make it double

**God, the worries of life are so numerous.**

Ain't got no place to lay your head...Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style

**Sometimes we find it hard to let go, to open ourselves to trust.**

And yet you continue to sing to us:

**... when you worry your face will frown**

**And that will bring everybody down**

**So don't worry, be happy don't worry, be happy now.**

God of grace, God who calls us to be like the flowers of the field and the birds of the air,

**help us to trust, help us to let go, help us to relax.**

So that we can all sing together:

**Ooh oo-oooh oo-oooh**

**Don't worry, be happy**

**I'm not worried, I'm happy**

**Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 126

Matthew 6:19-34

#### A MOMENT OF 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 *What, Me Worry?*

Hymn Bringing in the Sheaves

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

#### THE OFFERING

Mission Minute *Dignity Is on the Menu*

<https://united-church.ca/stories/dignity-menu>

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU518 verse 3

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU226 For the Beauty of the Earth (PD)

#### COMMISSIONING:

We have prayed, we have listened, we have opened ourselves to God's presence.

**Now we go out to live as people who remember, who are thankful, who pledge to share God's gifts with the world where we live and love.**

Go with God, the Gift Giver; with Christ, the Gift; and with the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be gift givers and gifts in our own way. Be Blessed and be a Blessing.

**Amen**

SUNG BENEDICTION: *Welcome In, Welcome All* verses 4&3 (Written by Bryan Cook *Gathering: Pentecost 2* 2021 p.55)

#### 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: **Your Name Here??***

*Youth Ministry: Holly Loughead    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”*

## **Church Office Hours!**

Our Office will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 3 pm.  
but closed over the noon hour.

Thinking About Financial Stewardship – “Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your spirit flowing over all O God of Love ...may our lives proclaim your justice, may our voices sing your praise. May our hands work in your service to the glory of your name.” More Voices 182. In gratitude, thanksgiving and joy we worship and serve in the community of faith that is St. Paul’s... And in the world that is God’s.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

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

**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.

## **Scrapbooker Wanted. PLEASE:**

We have a lot of newspaper clippings about members and events that need to find a good home in a scrapbook. If you can put your talents to use in this worthwhile project it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carla in the office and she can show you the documents that need to be tenderly organized for family history purposes :)

**COVID UPDATE** Council made a recommendation that all St Paul’s groups wishing to use the premises, check the rules on gatherings set out by the Alberta Government and ensure that we are meeting and/or exceeding their guidelines, please.

## **Moved?? New to the Church??**

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email ([secretary@stpaulsuc.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsuc.ca)) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!.

## **ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS**

### **Have you joined St. Paul’s Recyclable program yet?**

St. Paul’s has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier

## LOOKING AHEAD:

### **SUNDAY, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Congregational Update** after church.

Council has agreed that we will gather after church for a Congregational Update. Martha will share a report on our current financial update and if others wish to speak about their activities that will be the time to catch up on what's happening. We may replay a few videos or PowerPoint shows of things we've done as a review of the past year or so. We hope we'll be able to have some refreshments safely by then and as it is All Hallow's Eve – **costumes are welcomed.**

### **WE'RE COOKING UP AN IDEA**

We'd like to make pies for sale in November!

- If anyone has Rhubarb left and could cut it up and bag it, and donate it for the church freezer we'd appreciate it .
- Also when your large apple trees produce we'd use cut up, frozen apple too!
- There is a freezer in the storage room ! Let's fill it up !!!

Contact Marge Riley (780-518-5361) or Betty McNaught if you have questions!!  
and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.

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- ❖ What special talent can you share?
- ❖ What have you created, sewn, quilted, carved, or painted that someone would enjoy in their home?
- ❖ Can you offer "help" to someone who might need: a ride, furniture moved, snow shoveled, .....

Accepting donations of time, talent and treasures...  
including gift cards, vouchers, and products now.

Just think your Christmas shopping done a month early!  
*(then you just need to remember where you hid them in December)*

Ready....  
Set... **BID** 

**Auction**  
Opens for Bidding:  
Sat., Nov 6th at 9 a.m.  
Bidding Closes:  
Sat., Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m.

Send Alison White a picture  
and description of your  
donation so the list can start  
growing 😊

Perfect Timing  
for this Clothing Drive:  
October 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
is  
Waste Reduction Week  
in Canada  
Let's do our part!!!



## Clothing FONDrive

Partnering with Value Village



We will be accepting  
**ONLY**  
bagged donations of

Clothes - Shoes - Boots

Purses - Belts

Towels - Bedding

### **DROP OFF DAY:**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
10AM—2 PM

St. Paul's United Church  
10206 100 Ave GP

It's time to tackle that closet  
cleanout you've been putting off!  
Bag and donate items to  
St. Paul's to support this simple  
fundraising initiative!

If you have any questions or  
require pick-up please contact:

**Brenda Stouffer**  
780-832-9371



**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.

**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

Don't miss your summer donations. Sign up for PAR or you can also go to our website and donate there at any time. We are set up to receive donations through Canada Helps.



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