

Order of Worship for October 24, 2021 -- 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

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

To be a church family is a blessing

To encourage and care for one another is a joy.

To work for the common good of all people and all creation is our calling

Come, let us worship as the body of Christ

We come as followers of the Way of Jesus,

as those inspired by the Spirit of God,

to worship, sing, and pray.

(written by Susan Lukey *Gathering: Pentecost 2 2021* p.31)

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

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;

encircle us with your love.

Bless us with your sustaining presence;

surround us with your grace.

Draw us 'round your living Word,

and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,

whose Spirit is in our midst.

Amen.

(*Celebrate God's Presence* p.25)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND HEALING

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

God of life, there are times when the wounds of life seem overwhelming.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

God of hope, there are times when hope seems to have left us permanently.

With those among us whose lives sometimes seemed mired in darkness, with those among us who live in a shadow of depression, with those among us who live with the constant panic of anxiety...

We pray for comfort, for healing, for hope.

Knowing that there are times when we all are struck by such issues

We pray that we too will find the support we need, and we remember...

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

God of life and hope, God of light that shines in the darkness, through your grace bring us through the deepest shadows of life and lead us back into the place of healing and hope.

There IS a balm in Gilead.

And wherever else God's children are in pain. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 10:46-52

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 *The Squeaky Wheel*

Hymn VU 266 Amazing Grace (PD)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute *Growing Stronger Together: Maina's Story*

<https://united-church.ca/stories/growing-stronger-together-mainas-story>

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU 518 verse 3

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 699 Live into Hope (1L)

COMMISSIONING:

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God!

(Celebrate God's Presence p.73)

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

*Sunday School: **Your Name Here??***

Youth Ministry: Holly Loughead 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!

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

Thinking about Financial Stewardship - Numbers from the September financial summary; total revenue for local expenses was \$13,445, total expenses were \$20,306. Other donations in September were \$2020 to Mission and Service; \$436 to capital reserve; \$463 to local outreach; and \$110 to other special funds.

"We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load" MV 595 . Thank-you for all the ways you "share the load".

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.

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.

SUNDAY, October 31st – Congregational Update after church.

We hope you'll join us for a look at St Paul's as it is today.

Martha will share a report on our current financial status and if others wish to speak about their activities that will be the time to catch up on what's happening.

If you have questions ahead of time that you'd like answered send them to Carla by Thursday at noon. If you have questions during the update you can text them to Susan McKenzie and she will let the facilitator know.

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.**

Family

Like branches on a tree
we all grow in different directions
yet our roots keep us firm and strong





4th Annual Online Time and Talent Auction



- ❖ 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.**

For more information on where to send the picture and description of your time, talent, or treasure call the office 780-532-2415.

A link to the website and login instructions will come once we have the items ready for viewing. Then you can tell your friends and neighbours.

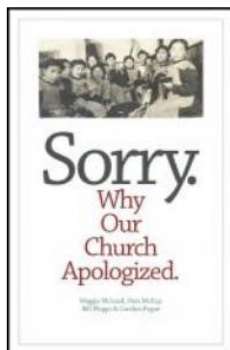
Just think your Christmas shopping done a month early!
(then you just need to remember where you hid them in December)

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



Auction
Opens for Bidding:
Sat., Nov 6th at 9 a.m.
Bidding Closes:
Sat., Nov 13th at 9 p.m.

**DEADLINE,
Sunday,
October 31st
to send
Alison White
a picture and
description of
your donation
so the list
can be
completed**



Sorry **Why Our Church Apologized.**

This is the story of why the United Church people apologized for the suffering caused by Indian Residential Schools as written by Maggie McLeod, Stan McKay, Bill Phipps and Carolyn Pogue. There are a number of these in the narthex if you would like to borrow or take one.

You can also read it for free online here

https://www.woodlakebooks.com/files/sorry_download_2015.pdf

There are also other books available **in the Library** for your reading pleasure that you may find inspirational, educational or useful for devotionals etc. Check it Out sometime.

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 :)

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) 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:

NO EASY JESUS: Affirming Theology and Practice in Our Contexts

Wed., October 27th – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

An evening exploring 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming theology and practices in our contexts, organized by the Northern Spirit Affirming Task Group.

This event is a part of the journey as the Northern Spirit Regional Council discerns whether or not to officially become an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada. I know there are various congregations who are on the same journey of discernment and I trust that this event will give them wisdom to use within their process as well.

[To learn more go to this link](#), or please contact the Regional Council Office.

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.

Continuing in Hope: 60th Anniversary of United Church Women

The UCW turns 60 in 2022! Registration is now open for the national 60th Anniversary celebration to be held **July 11-15**, in Sydney, Nova Scotia. For more information, or to register please click [HERE](#).. Please note that registrations are limited to 22 participants from each Regional Council.

BREAKING NEWS

Beaverlodge United Church learned that the minister they hired last year is arriving on Thursday, October 28th from Kenya. They have arranged for a rental property for Dr. Kanana and her family. It is partially furnished.

To provide all the necessities, they are doing a special appeal for funds to provide winter clothing, household goods, such as towels and other linens as well as kitchen essentials.

Dr. Kanana is also in need of a reliable vehicle. If you have one or know of someone who would have something that would fit a family, they would love to hear from you. The church email is bwhpastoralcharge@gmail.com

Ways to donate...Beaverlodge United Church, Box 387 Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0

OR e-transfer to envelope.steward@gmail.com

We celebrate the good news with our sister church in Beaverlodge and pray for travelling mercies from Kenya for the Kanana family. Sharon Adams, Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Beaverlodge, Wembley, Hythe Pastoral Charge