



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

June 16, 2024

*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 VU 324 Jesus, Come to Our Hearts vss 1&3 (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us all to faith.

**In faith, we come to worship.**

God calls us all in love.

**In love, we come to worship.**

God calls us all to prayer.

**In prayer, we come to worship.**

God calls us all to share our praise.

**In praise, we come to worship.**

Let us worship with all that we are as we gather this day.

(Written by Heather McClure <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer>)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of the Spirit we light a candle, reminding us of the fire of hope and freedom

**as this flame flickers in our midst, we commit ourselves to spread its light and heat in the world**

Gathered as Spirit-filled disciples of Christ, we quiet our hearts for worship

OPENING PRAYER

Designer of All Goodness, we are in awe of your work:

**tundra swans flying by the stars and the glow of the moon at night;**

**the call of the loon in the morning mist on the lake;**

**the rush of the salmon upriver and the bears as they wade in the flowing streams;**

**maple trees providing sap, shade, and shelter;**

**the soil that nourishes seeds, bulbs, and roots;**

**and worker bees pollinating plants and filling honeycomb.**

You are goodness, Triune God, beyond the world you created, yet within all life and all who breathe.

We honour you on this day of quiet reflection share the ancient praises:

**"This is the day you have made. We will rejoice and be glad." Amen.**

(written by Ruthanne McLagan <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer> Adapted)

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn MV 174 Soil of God, You and I (1L)

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART *The Treaty 8 Flag* (Susan K. Thomson)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Loving God, as people of a settler-church, we also acknowledge that often, we, as your church, have failed.

**We regret the ways in which we have erred, through our mistreatment of others, through the assumptions we have made and the judgements we have passed, for those times we have excluded rather than welcomed, and the occasions where we have taken a posture of superiority instead of being the humble servant as modelled by Christ.**

**We acknowledge the hurt we have caused and the pain, when we have caused division rather than unity.**

**May healing and reconciliation touch us, as an institution and as individuals, so that we may become what you would have us be in this world.**

**We give thanks for the ongoing renewal and mercy poured out upon us by your gracious spirit. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Beloved and faithful people of God's church— we belong to a tradition based on forgiveness and compassion.

Be assured that as God's Spirit birthed the church at Pentecost, God's Spirit continues to breathe life and hope into the church.

We are blessed to carry on in the faith of our forebears, planting seeds for future generations, learning and growing in the Spirit.

We are God's people! We are Christ's church! We are forgiven, and we are loved.

**Thanks be to God!**

(written by Elise Feltrin <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer> Adapted)

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Mark 4:26-34

### SERMON *The Growing Realm*

### 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)

*Where Have You Encountered The Sacred?*

Hymn VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower (1L)

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

### THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Advocating for Sexual & Gender Minorities in Other Countries*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/advocating-sexual-and-gender-minorities-other-countries>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU676 God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (vss1,4) (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU 296 This is God's Wondrous World (PD)

### COMMISSIONING:

Has God worked a smidgen or more of change within you?

**A germinating seed takes time to break through the soil.**

Has an insight, large or small, prompted you to think more deeply about who and whose you are?

**The work of God within and around us, continues.**

Go from this time, strengthened by the body of Christ, inspired by the insights of the Spirit, and nurtured and cared for by God, who promises to make all things new.

**We will go in the grace and strength of God.**

(Written by Peter Chynoweth <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer>)

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU 647 Travel On, Travel On vss 1& 3 (1L)

### POSTLUDE

# Announcements

**Ministry by: The Congregation**

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

**Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: [stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@gmail.com)**

**Sunday School: Your name here?**

**Youth Ministry: Your name here?    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"*

Regular Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm.  
but closed over the noon hour.



"Would you like a visit with Rev Gord? This can be easily arranged by contacting the office. Call Carla and she will arrange something for you " 780-532-2415

**Thinking About Financial Stewardship** – Revenue for local expenses in the two weeks prior to June 9th was \$7,887 (includes PAR, Sunday offering, rent, and e-transfers). To meet the budget, we need \$5,247 per week (total budget divided by 52)

*"Like the Sower scattering seeds on the ground, we trust that the gifts we share will be used for the best purpose, even if we don't immediately see the results!"* (UCC Stewardship Second)

Thank you for trusting in God and your faith community as you sow seeds of time, energy, and money.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team.

**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 at [stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@gmail.com) with your contact details.

**At St. Paul's** the calendar is quite busy. **Please be sure to check with Carla** in the church office before you expect a room will be free for your use. **Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.** You can also check out our online calendar on the church website, to get an idea who else is in the building and in what room(s) to know if it will conflict with your plans. <https://74071685.view-events.com/calendar/74071685/>

**We are in need of Scripture Readers, and Door Greeters, and Coffee Hosts / Hostesses every Sunday.** Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help on any given Sunday. If you want to learn how to host coffee by sharing a week with one of the few who currently do this, that is an option too 😊

**Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?** St. Paul's has an easy fundraiser to help with the Church renovations. Just 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. Check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes of bottles/cans you dropped off.

## THIS COMING WEEK

**Today – Sun., June 16 – 2:00 pm – Sound bath** in the Large Basement North East Doors open at 1:45 pm

**Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 pm – Coffee's On** – Join us in the Friendship Room

**Fri., June 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm – National Indigenous People's Day Parade** – We will be participating again this year. Please gather at the "Orange Park" (Avondale Park Playground 113th Ave and 102nd Street) around 4 pm to line up for the parade. Parade route is from Orange Park down 102nd Street to Muskoseepi Park. Walk with us or cheer on from the sidelines.



**Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11 am – 2:00 pm – Tri Church "Get to Know Your Neighbour" Picnic** – @Amphitheatre in Muskoseepi Park. Bring your lawn chairs a lawn game if you have one and join in the fun. St Paul's are bringing sides and drinks. Council will co-ordinate drinks and cups if you would like to bring a salad, or veggies, or chips, or cheesies or popcorn. A donation for the foodbank will also be appreciated.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Fri., June 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 8:30 pm – Pizza n Games Night** – In the Friendship Room . Pizza \$2 a slice; Canned beverage \$1 each. This is not a fundraiser it is just a chance to socialize over a meal – to offer a cheap meal out at the end of the month when money is running low – to offer community to those around us. Invite a neighbour, a co-worker, a family member and join the fun.

**Mon. July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 pm - Canada Day Parade** – We will once again open our doors to the community and hand out freebies to those watching the parade. Parade starts 2:00 pm at 108 Ave, heads south on 96<sup>th</sup> street, turns left on 100 Ave and ends at NWP parking lot. Canada Day Party continues on at Muskoseepi Park 3:30 to Midnight.

## Some August Dates to keep in mind

**Bear Creek Folk Festival –**

<https://bearcreekfolkfest.org/>

**Fri., August 16<sup>th</sup> to Sun., August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**St Paul's United Garage Sale**  
**at D-Company Armouries**

**Mon. Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 8 pm**  
Donations Drop Off day

**Tue/Wed/Thu Aug 20-22 9 am – 5 pm**  
Pricing Items for Sale

**Thu. Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 5 pm - 8 pm**  
Shopping begins

**Fri., Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am - 8 pm**  
Shopping continues

**Sat., Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 1 pm**  
Shopping ends - Clean up

June is a busy month in Canada for special recognitions....

National Indigenous History Month

Italian Heritage Month

Filipino Heritage Month

Portuguese Heritage Month

Launch of Pride Season (June to Sept in Canada)

Here are some events in our city

Sun., June 16<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Filipino Musical & Cultural Heritage Festival  
Muskoseepi Park Amphitheatre 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Fri., June 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Indigenous People's Day Parade  
we will be walking in it, join us.

Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – our Tri Church Picnic at Muskoseepi  
Art Gallery of GP - Land Breaths: A Treaty 8 Exhibition continues to Aug 4th

**Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the drop off day at the church.**

Clothing FUNDrive...Bag up your donations of clothes, shoes, boots, purses, belts, towels and bedding ready for donating at the end of August.



**FINANCIAL DONATIONS**

**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 -[stpaulsucqp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucqp@gmail.com)

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds (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.

**Offering Envelopes** - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your donation(s). 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 donation(s) so it can be accorded to the correct person

**Sign up for PAR** ((Pre-Authorized Remittance)...just talk to Carla and she'll send you the form to fill out, or adjust the amount you wish to remit each month, at any time.

**Canada Helps** – You can also donate through Canada Helps. (Please note - These donations will be receipted by Canada Helps directly, not St Paul's United Church)

<https://stpaulsuc.ca/index.php/donate/>

