



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

July 7, 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

In the dog days of the summer,

**we gather to worship, to have the fire of the Spirit lit in our souls.**

In this season of growth, as the earth puts out food,

**we gather to worship, to be fed and energized.**

As followers of Christ, we greet each other with Christ's peace...

#### WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the candle flame flickers to life then burns with a steady glow

**So may the Spirit move in and around us so that God's light would shine through us.**

Gathered in the Light of God's love we prepare our hearts for worship.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Sculpting God,

**you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains,  
and design butterfly wings.**

Dancing God,

**you choreograph the paths of stars  
and the flight of snow geese.**

Singing God,

**your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams,  
and the rushing winds.**

Wonderful God,

**we rejoice to be a part of the divine world  
which you love and sustain. Amen.**

*(Celebrate God's Presence p.27)*

Gathering Hymn: VU 605 Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold (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 & 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

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON *Right Place? Right Time?*

## 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)

Hymn: VU 597 Simon, Simon, a Fisherman (1L)

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

### THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story Facing an Uncertain Future in Lebanon

<https://united-church.ca/stories/facing-uncertain-future-lebanon>

The Invitation:

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

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

### LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn VU 507 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples (1L)

COMMISSIONING (by Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Be the living expression of God's kindness:

**kindness in your face,**

**kindness in your eyes,**

**kindness in your smile,**

**kindness in your warm greeting.**

In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.

**To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely,  
give always a happy smile.**

Give them not only your care, but also your heart.

*(Celebrate God's Presence p.74)*

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU647 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"*

## **Summer Office Hours!** (July 1 to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> )

Closed Monday

Tue., Wed., Thu., 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm - 3 pm

Occasionally Fridays until noon

So please call ahead to ensure someone will be in the office.

Rev. Gord is on vacation July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>

Carla is on vacation August 8-12 & August 29 Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Rev. Gord will be away on holidays from July 17- August 19th** -During this time please call the office for Pastoral Care concerns and Carla will forward them to the right person.

**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.

## **Thinking About Financial Stewardship in the Summer**

*"Like the Sower, sometimes we share our time, talents, and money in places or with people where growth is not possible. Sometimes we feel our efforts choked out by thorns; sometimes our endeavors spring up but end up being scorched. But when we share ourselves generously, patiently, and consistently, we do find good soil."*

(UC worship resource) In the summer we often have the opportunity to offer generous hospitality. Look around the sanctuary; is there someone you could invite to the social time after the service? Your generosity counts wherever and however it happens.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

## SPECIAL DATES / INFORMATION ITEMS:

Fri., July 5th – 7:00 pm - Sound Bath

Sun., July 14th – 2:00 pm - Sound Bath

Fri., July 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 8:30 pm - Pizza 'n' Games night

Fri., Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Sound Bath

Sun., Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm - Sound Bath

Mon., Aug 19<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm – 8 pm - Drop off day for Garage Sale

Tue., Aug 20<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 5 pm Sorting and pricing garage sale items

Wed., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am – 5 pm - Sorting and pricing garage sale items

Thu Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9 am – 5 pm Sorting and pricing garage sale items

Thu., Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5 pm - 8 pm - Garage sale opens

Fri., Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9 am – 8 pm - Garage sale open

Sat., Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 10 am - 1:00 pm - Garage sale (then clean up until done)

### St Paul's United Fabulous GARAGE SALE

Drop off day – Mon., August 19th

Sorting and Pricing – Tue., Wed, Thu., August 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Shopping Days : Thu., August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fri., August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sat., August 24<sup>th</sup>

Clothing FUNDrive - Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 7pm – will be drop off day at the church for your bagged donations of clothes, shoes, boots, purses, belts, towels and bedding.

There are two Seniors Services that St Paul's is supposed to lead that are scheduled to happen on :

Sun., July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at Heritage Lodge                      Sun., August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Wild Rose

However, at present we have no volunteers to lead the service nor to play the piano.

**CAN YOU / ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP??** If yes please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can let the facilities know in advance whether we are able to fulfill those dates.

**FUN"draiser:** Celebrations can be recognized and shared by renting the LED sign for a day or week. Contact Carla in the office for more details, samples etc. We are offering this at \$10.00/day or \$50.00 / week

Birthdays / Anniversaries / Mother's Day / Father's Day / New House / New Baby / Graduation / or any other celebration / special recognition you can think of.

The Social Justice and Affirming Team are taking the service on August the 18<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with it being Bear Creek Festival Weekend, we are planning to make it a service of music.

**So please let us know before July 18<sup>th</sup> what song you'd like to sing that day.** What is your favourite hymn or song. We may not be able to include all verses depending on how many we get. We especially need to have music and lyrics if it's not in the hymn books. A short little note about why that is a favourite of yours that we might be able to use to inspire and share on the day would also be appreciated.

Members of the team are: Susan Thomson, Karen Scott, Charles Tawes. Fern King and Sharon Adams.

## 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 - [stpaulsucgp@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucgp@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 donation 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/>

