



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 27, 2025

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Love... Listen... Lead.*



PRELUDE

WELCOME I've Got the Joy Joy Joy (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

I invite you to the worship service today with the following words:
when we arrive here in this space,

we come as we are:

questioning, wondering, hoping.

We come, knowing that God accepts us

just as we are:

learning, praying, singing.

Let us quiet our minds and still our hearts so that in this place,
we might strengthen our lives and find our spirits inspired.

Let's feel the spirit of God here amongst us today and always.

(written by Doug Reid <https://gatheringworship.ca/prayer/>)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Easter Season of new life and new hope,

may the light of this candle remind us that light and life have the victory over death and darkness

As people living in the light of Resurrection, we centre ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Source of Life, we gather together for worship,

hoping that here we will meet the Risen Christ.

Source of hope, we open ourselves in worship,

trusting that the Holy Spirit will blow through the room, filling us with peace.

God of New Life, in this time of worship,

empower us to go back into the wider world to share the Good News of Resurrection, to proclaim the promise of forgiveness,

to encourage others with the peace of Christ.

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn VU185 You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER OF DOUBT AND BELIEF

God of life that conquers death, in this Easter season,

we are challenged to see life where we expect to see death. It seems so good to be true.

God we believe, help our unbelief.

God of surprises, we hear wondrous stories and have trouble believing they could be true.

Like Thomas we want to see the evidence for ourselves, so we can judge for ourselves.

God we believe, help our unbelief.

God of wisdom, you give us an intellect and ask us to use it,

asking questions, challenging what we are told, seeking for answers

God we believe, help our unbelief.

Holy God who is Wholly Mystery, you ask us to be open to the mysterious and mystical,

help us embrace the mystery that is part of our lives, help us see that we do not have to understand everything,

help us remember that there are ways of knowing that go beyond the scientific and logical.

God we believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 20:19-29

SERMON / *Want to See Jesus*

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 Seen Signs of New Life This Week?

Hymn VU170 (alternate verses) O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing (PD)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Changing the Narrative: Young Voices for Climate Change*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/changing-narrative-young-voices-climate-justice>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (PD)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU186 Now the Green Blade Rises (1L)

COMMISSIONING

Appearing to his closest friends in an upper room,

the Risen Christ sent them out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

2000 years later we seek to encounter the Risen Christ,

who still sends us out to share the promise of New Life guided by the Holy Spirit.

Go with God who created us, who raised Jesus, who fills us with love and hope.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Life Wins!

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks
(refrain, vs 2, refrain) (1L)

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

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

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: stpaulsucgp@gmail.com


Sunday School: Lori Ellis, Susan K Thomson

Youth Ministry: Valerie Jenner 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”

 Regular Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Closed over the noon hour)

“Would You Like a Visit with Rev. Gord?”

This can be easily arranged by contacting the office!

 Call Carla at **780-532-2415** and she'll set something up for you.

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.

‘Your Giving Matters’—“Let us offer what ever it takes to share the amazing news of Jesus’ resurrection.” - UCC Stewardship Second. Revenue for local needs the week ending April 20th is \$5,236 (receipted donations and rent) The amount required to meet the budget is \$5,481 – total budget divided by 52. Thank you for all the amazing ways you are good stewards!

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, April 27

- 11:15 a.m. – Handbell Practice after service

Tuesday, April 29

- U of A Concert – Tickets Available at the door!

Thursday, May 1

- 10:30 a.m. – Music Morning
(Music fun for 2–4 year olds and their caregivers. \$5 per family/week)

- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Embers (*Friendship Room*)
 - 7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice
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Looking Ahead

Thursday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. – 102 St Stitchers (*Friendship Room*)

Tuesday, May 13

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting (*Friendship Room*)

Monday, May 19

- Victoria Day (*Office Closed*)

Friday, May 23

- 7:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir Concert (*Sanctuary*)

Tuesday, May 27

- 7:00 p.m. – Labyrinth Walk (*Large Basement*)

Monday, June 2

- Summer office hours start (*Closed Mondays*)
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Camping Weekend & Outdoor Church Service



June 5–8, 2025



Saskatoon Island Provincial Park

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and fresh air!
Come for the whole weekend or just for the day.

Outdoor Church Service



Sunday, June 8 | ⌚ 10:30 a.m.



Saskatoon Island Amphitheatre



Everyone is welcome!

For camping details, contact **Patti Stebbing** at 📞 250-262-6173.

Tri-Church Potluck Picnic




Saturday, June 7 | ⌚ 5:00–8:00 p.m.



Saskatoon Island Provincial Park – Day Use Group Picnic Area

Join us for a relaxing evening of food, fellowship, and fun with our tri-church community!

 Bring a dish to share and your picnic spirit!

Questions? Contact **Patti Stebbing** at  250-262-6173.

Interac e-Transfer

A simple and secure way to give directly to St. Paul's United Church.

- **Email for e-Transfers:** stpaulsucgp@gmail.com
- **In the Note Field:** Please include your envelope number (if applicable) and designate how you'd like your donation to be used. For example:
 - \$25 GF (General Fund)
 - \$50 MS (Mission and Service)
 - \$25 OU (Outreach)*Donations without a fund code will automatically go to the General Fund.*

Other Ways to Give:

- **Offering Envelopes:** Contact Carla to receive envelopes and ensure your gifts are receipted.
 - **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):** Start or update your monthly giving anytime — just reach out to Carla.
 - **Canada Helps:** Donate online at [Canada Helps](#). *(Tax receipts issued directly by Canada Helps.)*
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Moved? New to St. Paul's?

If you've recently moved or are new to the congregation, we'd love to hear from you!

Please drop by the church office or email Carla at **stpaulsucgp@gmail.com** with your updated contact details.

Help us keep our records current — thank you!