



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
June 22, 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 MV174 Soil of God, You and I (verses 1,2) (1L)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the noisiness of the city, the noisiness of life,

we hunger for a time of peace and quiet.

The God who speaks in grandiose thunder, and also in stillness, has called us together,

we have come together to worship, to be refreshed, to engage the God of noise and silence.

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

God, once again we have gathered in this place;

once again we are here to explore how you are active in our lives.

In this time of worship, this time of pause from the world,

move among and within us, speak to us in speech and song and silence.

And as we prepare to go back out into the world,

help us carry the confidence that we are not alone, even if we can not hear Your voice we are not alone. Amen.

Gathering Hymn VU374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre (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 & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Steadfast God, the world around us is a busy noisy place.

Sometimes it is overwhelming and our anxiety soars.

Caring God, there are so many demands on our time each and every day.

And in trying to meet them we sometimes forget to care care of basic needs.

Calming God, sometimes the anxiety, the noise the business lead us to melt down.

So we try to run away, to retreat into a safe place, to hide somewhere until the danger has passed.

Source of Life, God of Grace and Mercy, when we are overwhelmed, when we forget to take care of ourselves, when we want to hide away from the world,

Remind us to stop, to pause, to care for ourselves, help us to listen for your voice in the midst of the storm.

...time of silence...

In the storms and chaos of life, in the times of silence and calm, God is there. God leads us to the place we need to be to care for ourselves, to help us grow, to be the people God created us to be.

Thanks be to God. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:1-14

SERMON *Eat, Sleep, Listen*

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 God This Week?

Hymn MV84 In You There is a Refuge (CCLI)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story *Gathering to Remember, Reconnect, and Renew*

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/gathering-remember-reconnect-and-renew>)

The Invitation:

Sung Dedication VU539 God of All Good vs 1 (tune VU459) (1L)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn MV172 God Says (1L)

COMMISSIONING

Love travels with us wherever we go.

Even in the desert?

Even in the desert, Love brings water when we thirst.

Even under a bush?

Even under a bush, Love nurtures us when we hide.

Even in a cave?

Even in a cave, Love calms our fears.

Even in the noise?

Yes, even in the noise, Love's still, small voice can be experienced.

Love travels with us wherever we go!

Let us listen for Love's voice!

Go with God who speaks in wind and rain, fire and storm, and in the stillness and silence

May God be with you as you pass through your week.

Amen.

(written by Karen Coogan <https://gatheringworship.ca/> Adapted)

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV214 May God's Sheltering Wings (2X) (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 in the **Prayer Book** on the table at the entrance to worship. Your needs will be included in 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: Tue–Thurs, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Closed over the noon hour)

‘Your Giving Matters’ – In this year 2025 we celebrate one hundred years as a denomination – The United Church of Canada. We also celebrate the generosity and service of our members of St. Paul’s and those of communities of faith across Canada; living as faithful stewards now and in the past 100 years. Revenue for local needs the week ending June 15th is \$3,395 (receipted donations and rent) The amount required to meet the budget is \$5,481 – total budget divided by 52. “Stewardship is at the heart of discipleship”.
Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

Office Closure Notice

Please note that **Carla will be away on holidays from June 24 to June 27.**

The church office will also be **closed on Monday, July 1** for the **Canada Day** holiday. The office will reopen on **Tuesday, July 2 at 9:00 AM.**

 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

CGIT & Explorers Farewell Gathering

You’re invited to join us as we honour the conclusion of the CGIT and Explorers programs in Grande Prairie and across Alberta.

 **Saturday, June 28th**

 **1:00 – 4:00 PM**

 **St. Paul’s United Church**

10206 – 100 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB

 780-532-2415

Come enjoy refreshments and take a nostalgic walk down memory lane with us. **Everyone Welcome!**

Coming Up This Week

Monday, June 23

- Summer office hours (*Closed Mondays*)

Saturday, June 28

- 1:00 p.m. – CGIT / Explorers Tea (*Large Basement*)
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✦ **Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for Scripture Readers, Door Greeters, and Coffee Hosts/Hostesses every Sunday. Please sign the volunteer lists posted in the foyer if you would like to help.

✦ **Interested in a St. Paul's T-shirt?** Visit **Jill Harsch** at **Prosport Clothing Company** (11500–100 Street, GP | 780-814-6199) to choose your T-shirt style, size, and colour from their in-stock options OR bring your own t-shirt!

You can select the message or logo you'd like printed on your shirt. **Select from these design options for \$8 each:**

- “God’s love is totally inclusive”
- St. Paul’s logo (green & blue)
- St. Paul’s logo (rainbow dove)
- “We are all Treaty People”

Add-ons:

Small versions of the UCC and Affirm United crests or the St. Paul’s logo (@\$6 each), are available, which can be placed on a shirt pocket, or added to the “God’s love is totally inclusive” shirt.

✦ St. Paul’s has an easy and ongoing fundraiser to support our church renovations—and you can help! Simply bag up your empty bottles, cans, and milk jugs, label each bag clearly with our Church ID: 1468-2415, and drop them off at your local bottle depot.

When you arrive, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags or boxes you’re donating on behalf of St. Paul’s.

Every little bit adds up—thank you for supporting our community!

✦ **PowerPoint Tech Help Needed!**

Do you enjoy technology or want to lend a helping hand on Sunday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to assist with running the PowerPoint slides during our worship services.

- **No experience necessary** – we'll provide all the training you need!
- A great way to serve and be part of our worship team.

Interested? Contact the Church office - Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our church community!

✦ **Seniors Service – Volunteers Needed!** St. Paul’s is scheduled to lead a Seniors Service on:

Sunday, August 17th at 6:00 PM @ Wild Rose

At this time, we have **no volunteers** to lead the service or play the piano.

Can you help? If you’re willing to assist in any way, please contact the church office **as soon as possible**, so we can notify the facility in advance if we are able to proceed. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity!

Financial Donations

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.)*

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!