



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
June 29, 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

Come gather in this sanctuary of worship.

We come to have the Spirit unify and strengthen our faith.

Come sing and share in worship.

We come to worship God, who gifted us with melody and senses.

Come this day, which God has made, to worship and be renewed.

We come grateful for each day God has made, because in each of these days, we can worship and be renewed.

(written by Leigh Sinclair, Gathering:Pentecost 1 2025 p.36)

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

A pillar of fire in the desert, the words of faith and Scripture, a candle shining in our worship,

all reminders of the God who leads, guides, challenges, and supports us.

As the candle glow reminds us of God's steadfast light we center ourselves for worship...

OPENING PRAYER

In Christ's name, we come, O God, ready to be attentive to your voice.

Help us to find that still place inside our celebration,

to feel the quiet rhythm of your love, echoing the rhythms of our souls.

Remind us that we are a part of your love.

Remind us that all are a part of your love. Amen.

(written by Richard Bott, Gathering:Pentecost 1 2025 p.40)

Gathering Hymn MV24 Breath of God, Breath of Peace (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

❖ Galatians 5:1-26

SERMON *Freedom!!*

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 VU700 God of Freedom, God of Justice (1L)

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

THE OFFERING

Mission & Service Story Healing with Horses

<https://united-church.ca/stories/healing-horses>

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 Flowers Shall Bloom in the Desert (1L)

COMMISSIONING

In worship, we find out more about God, the great Mystery.

We go now to the world, to find out more about God!

In worship, we find out more about Spirit, the great Percolator.

We go now to the world, to find out more about God!

In worship, we find out more about Jesus, the great Redeemer.

We go now to the world, to find out more about God!

Go blessed, God's beloved ones.

We go to be a blessing as God's beloved ones.

(written by Leigh Sinclair, *Gathering: Pentecost 1 2025* p.36)

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV 214 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’ – “Discipleship is about listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and learning to keep generosity at the heart of our actions. We are called to do our best to redistribute God’s abundance so that all who need help will not only survive but will thrive!” (Stewardship Seconds UCC).

Your giving does matter!

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

🔴 **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!

✦ **Newsletter Editor & Contributors Needed!** Are you gifted in putting words and pictures together? We're looking for a Newsletter Editor for 2025 to share all the exciting events, activities, and goings-on for St. Paul's United Church. You'll work closely with our Communications Team, who are ready to support you every step of the way!

If you're interested or would like more details, please contact Carla in the church office.

Going to an event? We would also love people to contribute photos and/or individual write ups!

Share them with us at communications@stpaulsuc.ca

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](https://canadahelps.org). (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!