

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome and Life of the Community: We are part of community worship today on YouTube and in the sanctuary of St Paul's United Church in Perth, Ontario. St Paul's offers worship in various formats: by emailed bulletin, YouTube at www.stpaulsperth.ca, Zoom on occasion, in print at the outer office door, and mail upon request. Please read "*What's Happening*" for additional announcements and news.

Covid Protocols for In-Person Worship Masking and distancing indoors continue to be advised by Public Health and recommended at St. Paul's. If you are experiencing any Covid symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has Covid, please join us on YouTube for the Sunday service.

This Sunday we welcome back Licenced Lay Worship Leader Allison Adamovits. Allison led several Zoom worship services for St Paul's during Covid times and we are please to have her join us in person this Sunday. We also welcome Flutist Maria Pelletier to our service. Maria is a member of the National Ballet of Canada Orchestra and the Esprit Orchestra and performs regularly with the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra. Her musical theatre experience includes a 10-year run in the pit for *Phantom of the Opera* in Toronto, *Anne of Green Gables* in Charlottetown, PEI, *Les Miserables*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Miss Saigon*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. She has performed at Lincoln Centre in New York City, in China and across Canada. Maria's parents reside at Carolina Suites where she and Brad presented a concert for the residents several months ago

New Minister Update St. Paul's has received the happy news that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of the United Church of Canada has approved our call to the Reverend Don McLean to be our new minister as of September 1st, 2022.

Don brings to St. Paul's years of experience as a congregational minister and a military chaplain. He enjoys many connections to our area. Some of his early years were in Kingston where his father was minister at Chalmers United Church. After his teen years in Scarborough, he attended Queens University where he earned a degree in music and then masters degrees in divinity and theology. His earlier ministries were in Eastern Ontario and most recently (the last 12 years) he has been the minister of Norwood-Westwood Pastoral Charge. He has many friends here through music, as he is a gifted cellist and has played professionally as a member of the Kingston Symphony for over 40 years. He knows Brad and Sue from years back and is looking forward to collaborating with Brad.

Possibly the icing on the cake of all these attributes is Don's wonderful family. He met and married Anna Deslauriers of Kingston 13 years ago. Anna has a very active United Church background and is a medical secretary. Don and Anna have 2 children, Evelyn and Ian, twins, soon to be nine years old, and a dog Bailey. They are looking forward to moving to Perth and are busily packing and preparing to move. There are exciting days ahead for St. Paul's!

UPCOMING WORSHIP (Services are offered in-person and on YouTube)

July 24 & 31 – LLWL Jeannie Page

August – Worship Holiday, there will be no in-person or YouTube services during the month of August. We will return in September.

Summer Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Land and Affirm United/s'affirmer ensemble

The land on which we live, and worship is the land of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Native People. We give thanks for their generations of stewardship of land and for elders who continue to guide us. As we mourn the loss of Indigenous lives, we seek to support reconciliation and hope with our actions.



St Paul's is a member of Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble, and continues education to live out the learnings of the blessing of God's creation of the diversity of humanity.

We Gather

Acknowledgments and Affirmation

Welcome Glenn Tunnock

Flute Prelude: Sonata in E minor, Grave - Handel

Lighting of the Christ Candle

This candle dances with the presence of Spirit,
Reminding us of the warmth of the community
Into which God calls us to gather,
And reminds us of Jesus' light that shines
With love, wisdom, insight, and clarity
During our time of worship.

Call to Worship

We come from the fields and pastures,
From summer homes and backyard pools,
From sports fields and campsites,
To this place of peace, sanctuary, and Holy communion with God.
Come to be still and worship,
To sing and pray and give thanks,
As we listen to the word of God.

*Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" VU 374

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
 in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
 find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
 clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
 be at peace, and simply be.

- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
 cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,

knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Affirmation Peace

Opening Prayer (read responsively)

One: We live in times of uncertainty.

All: And so, we come with many distracting questions and concerns.

One: Questions about the meaning of life and about the future of our world.

All: Concerns about the future of our world.

One: Questions about the ways in which our leaders govern.

All: Concerns about the value of faith in the face of hatred, prejudice, warfare and despair.

One: We are here because we cannot find peace in all the worlds' noise.

All: We are here to be still and sense your presence within us, around us and among us. Open our hearts and minds to listen to Your word and experience Your peace as we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen

Children and Youth Time: At the Feet of Jesus

We Encounter Sacred Story

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42 and 1 Kings 19: 1-15

Reflection: "Be Still and Know I am God"

Musical Reflection: Solo de Concours - Fauré

*Hymn: "Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind" VU 608

- 1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up, and follow thee.
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Our Response to Listening and Hearing

Offering Invitation

In these uncertain times, we have the assurance of Gods' faithfulness.

In silent moments, we discover Gods' love for us.

Let us respond to God, who has always responded to us with love.

Let us join together in making our offering of ourselves, our gifts and our tithes.

Prayer of Dedication

As we make our offerings today, we also recognize and offer the many acts of service of the “Martha’s and Mary’s”, the children, youth, and adults of this congregation. Bless our lives, bless these gifts and bless all our service to you, now and throughout the coming weeks. Amen

Flute Solo: Sonata, Cantilena (2nd movement) - Poulenc

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For this is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Go Forth to Be the Church in the World

*Hymn: “Here I Am Lord” VU 509

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

*Commissioning & Benediction

The world expects us, like Martha, to always be 'doing',
And 'do' we must.

But we must also, like Mary, remember to take time to be still, listen and learn the word
of God and always, first consider what God wants us to do – what Jesus instructed us
to do.

At all times, always act with compassion which is to love of God with all your mind,
heart, soul, and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself,

Flute Postlude: Sonata in F major, Vivace - Telemann

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