

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



***Sunday, July 31, 2022. 10:00 AM
Eighth 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.

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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 & Life of the Community

Welcome to this sacred place of belonging where we embrace the sacredness of life and recognize the dignity of each person, spirit-filled with the image of God, the Mystery in whom we live and move and have our being. Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts. Welcome to visitors and to new and old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, youth, couples and single people. Welcome to people of all colours, cultures, abilities, gender identities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

This day, we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice.

Prelude: "Gentle Shepherd"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to symbolize the presence of Christ's Spirit, alive within us, this day and every day.

Call to Worship

We come here from the world
whose siren song tells us
that we do not have enough –
we do not buy enough –
we are not enough.

Here we re-learn God's wisdom –
that we have enough if we share;
that security cannot be found in the marketplace;
that we are always enough.

Centre us once again, Holy God.
Ground us in your love.
Grow us toward your sense of abundance:
abundant listening

active love
fullest life.

Opening Prayer:

Living God,
open our hearts to the real treasures in life:
may we seek the love that lasts,
the song that echoes,
and the life everlasting.
Open our hearts to the Christ,
the Spirit of life,
and you, the Creator of all –
the Eternal One.
Amen

*Hymn: "God of the Bible" MV 28

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: (repeat 2 times)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,

small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Prayer of Confession

Blessing, blessed God,
we pray to you for “our daily bread,” for what we need.
But in our worrying, we crave even more.
In our fear that there may not be enough,
we desire more than we need.
In our hope to evade trouble,
we look for refuge and rescue in amassing more and more things.
Forgive us, dear God, for the times when our anxieties outweigh our sense.
Forgive us when we think of ourselves but forget to think of others.
Forgive us that we do not seek our safety in you.
Unclench our fists. Open our hearts.
Amen.

Words of Affirmation

One: God is our refuge, our rock, our strength.
God hears our repentance,
All: and we know ourselves forgiven.

Children and Youth Time: Wanting Too Much

Hymn: “Today We All are Called to be Disciples” VU 507

- 1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

- 2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
we sow not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.
- 3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.
- 4 May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

We Encounter Sacred Story

Scripture:

Psalm 49 VU #774

Gospel Luke 12: 13-21

Anthem: "The Prayer"

Meditation: "Fools Gold"

Musical Interlude: "Meditation"

Our Response to Listening and Hearing

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: "Take My Life" VU 506

- 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 5 Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Be the Church in the World

*Hymn: "Christ Has no Body Now but Yours" MV 171

Refrain:

Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours, here on this earth,
yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion. R

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.

2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God. R

3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God. R

5. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction be to the people of God. R

Blessing

Postlude: "Jerusalem"

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Council Corner: Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, member of the Heiltsuk First Nation, was appointed this week as the 44th moderator of the United Church of Canada. Dr. Lansdowne describes the UCC commitment "To walk together every day in repentance and reconciliation", which coincides with words in the Pope's apology this week to the Indigenous peoples across Canada praying that "civil society in this land may grow in the ability to accept and respect the identity and the experience of the Indigenous peoples"... "so that all may walk together to achieve healing and reconciliation".

The task is not exclusive to any one church or denomination. We must be cognizant of the universality in the cause within our own church and our own community and our own selves, as we strive together for equity and inclusiveness in all we do. - Glenn Tunnock, Chair of Council

Give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace.

Congregational Life is excited to tell you we have arranged a new photo directory for 2022. The dates for photo sessions are planned for October, a timely choice with our new minister and his family settling in. There have been changes to our faith community with the loss of cherished members and the arrival of new members since the last directory was done in 2017. A free photo directory will help us get to know one another.