

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for  
creativity, discovery and growth*



**Sunday, November 5, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Remembrance Sunday**



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**23<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost**



✠ *invites us to rise in body or spirit*

**God Calls Us Together**

Lighting the Christ, Affirm and Prayer Candles

One: We light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's Spirit alights us all:

All: **this day, this moment, and every moment.**

One: We light the Affirm candle to remind us to be a place of belonging and acceptance,

All: **to learn and grow together in love that protects and celebrates and uplifts.**

One: The Prayer candle reminds us to hold one another in prayer:

All: **to raise prayers of thanks and concern for one another, and any in need.**

Gathering Song: "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing:  
 there is room for all sheltered in God's love.**

**And I rejoice and sing,**

**"My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."**

**There is room for all,  
 there is room for all.**

All Our Relations: "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

phonetically: AW GWAY NYAH DAY DAY WAY NAY REN

Affirming

Life of the Community

Organ Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE - attr. to Croft, arr. by de Jong

Gathering Prayer

One: On this Remembrance Sunday, O God, we give thanks:

All: **for peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait. We give thanks for those who believed, and all who still believe, the world could be a better place.**

One: We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others would

carry the torch.

**All: We give thanks that many who once were enemies have become friends and allies.**

(adapted from a call to worship by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker)

**†Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past” (Psalm 90) VU 806**

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time like an ever-rolling stream  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.



**Time of Remembrance**

Introduction (Rev. McLean CD)

**†The National Anthem: “O Canada” VU 524**

English  
**O Canada!**  
**Our home and native land!**  
**True patriot love in all of us command.**



**With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The True North strong and free!  
 From far and wide,  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land glorious and free!  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

French

**Ô Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,  
 Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!  
 Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
 Il sait porter la croix!  
 Ton histoire est une épopée  
 Des plus brillants exploits.  
 Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,  
 Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.  
 Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.**

ST. PAUL'S HONOUR ROLL (Tony Nichols CD)

(Remembering those who fell and in honour of all who served, whose names are entrusted to us:)

**To the Glory of God and in Loving Remembrance of  
 Twelve Men of this Congregation Who Laid Down their Lives  
 in World War II 1939 – 1945**

R. Elmer Drysdale  
 John L. Dunlop  
 James A. Easton  
 Royden B. Fournier  
 William D. Hagyard  
 John O. Munroe  
 Robert C. Millikin  
 Norman F. Ready  
 Earl D. Rowe  
 Leslie N. Tetlock  
 J. Arthur Walker  
 George A. White.

**To the Glory of God and in Honour of  
 the Men of this Congregation (Methodist)  
 Who Fell in the Great War 1914 – 1920**

Pte. Thomas Beatty  
 Pte. Fred Carr  
 Sig. Hubert Dowson

Pte. Russell J. Dickson  
 Pte. George N. Dickson  
 Pte. Thomas Fletcher  
 Pte. J. Denzil Mitchell  
 Pte. Orville Publow  
 Pte. Robert Publow  
 Sgt. Roy Wilson

**To the Glory of God and In Honor of the Men  
 of Knox Congregation (Presbyterian)  
 Who Fell in the Great War 1914 – 1920**

Capt. John Heron McDiarmid  
 Lieut. William Fisher Brownlee  
 Lieut. William John McLean  
 Lieut. Campbell Craig Scott  
 Lieut. Lindsay McNab Sinclair  
 Pte. Thomas Earl Butler  
 Pte. Walter McKenzie Cowie  
 Pte. Alexander Ralph Dodds  
 Pte. Alvin Smith Wilson  
 Pte. Archibald Henry McDiarmid M.M.  
 Pte. Stuart McIntyre Moodie  
 Pte. Norman Gould Presant Scott

**Roll of Honour of the Men  
 of Asbury Church  
 who Served God King and Country  
 in the Great War 1914 – 1920**

J. Evarts Adams  
 William Baird  
 Allan A. Campbell  
 Wilford Charlton  
 Sidney Davidson  
 George W. Dietrich  
 Frank E. Finlay  
 William Fletcher  
 A. Stewart Hanna  
 Richard Holmes  
 Homer M. Kerr  
 John Mars  
 Gordon Mitchell  
 Byron C. Reynolds  
 Harry A. Sabiston

Kenneth M Sabiston  
 William J. B. Soper  
 Fred L. Thompson  
 Lawrence Thompson  
 Elmer G. Finlay

✦ The Last Post (Monty Kirkpatrick)

✦ Silence

✦ Reveille (Monty Kirkpatrick)

✦ Act of Remembrance (Tony Nichols CD)

One: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.



**All: We will remember them.**

✦ Laying of the Wreath (Tony Nichols CD)

✦ The Royal Anthem: “God Save The King”

**God save our gracious King  
 Long live our noble King,  
 God save The King:  
 Send him victorious,  
 Happy and glorious,  
 Long to reign over us:  
 God save The King.**

*The Sunday School proceeds to their time together.*

## **We Listen for God’s Word**

From the Epistles: Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 NRSVUE      Mary Oliver

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield

of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.  
<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

One: For the wisdom that guides us, the word that inspires us  
 and the truth that enlightens us.

**All: We praise you, O God.**

Sermon:

“Paul’s Call to Arms”

Rev. McLean

✠ Hymn: **“Safe in Your Hands, O God” (Psalm 27)** VU 753

- 1     **Safe in your hands, O God, who made me,  
 what can there be that I should fear?  
 You are my light and my salvation,  
 strong is your help when foes are near.**
- 2     **This I have prayed and will seek after,  
 that I may walk with you each day;  
 then will you give me your protection,  
 no trouble shall my heart dismay.**
- 3     **God of my life, my help, my saviour,  
 father and mother now to me:  
 come, shield me from the threat of evil,  
 lift up my soul and set me free!**
- 4     **Teach me your way and lead me onwards,  
 save me from those who do me wrong;  
 give me the grace to wait with patience,  
 help me to trust, hold firm, be strong.**

## **We Respond to God**

Prayers of the Community

Choir Anthem: **“Abide With Me”** Lyte, arr. by Locke

Abide with me fast falls the eventide;  
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
 Change and decay in all around I see;  
 O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

Abide with me, abide with me.  
 O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

I need your presence ev'ry passing hour;  
 What but your grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
 Who like yourself my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I have no fear with you at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?  
 I triumph still, if you abide with me.

Abide with me, abide with me  
 O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
 Heav'n's morning breaks. And earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Abide with me, abide with me  
 O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.  
 O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

## Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory Hymn

*TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH VU # 822*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 In Heaven and on Earth below,  
 One God, Three Persons we adore,  
 And sing our praise for evermore.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful and faithful God: to you we present the work of our hands, the fruit of our labours, the love of our hearts. Bless the gifts we give, by envelope, through PAR, online, and in other ways. As we remember the cost of freedom and peace, grant us generous spirits. As we seek your will with joy and gratitude, help us be your people in**



the world. Amen.

## God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

☩ Hymn: “For the Healing of the Nations” VU 678

- 1 For the healing of the nations,  
God we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life’s brief span.
- 4 You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service,  
earth its destiny may find.

☩ The Blessing

☩ Sung Blessing: “When You Go From this Place”

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**When you go from this place be true.  
May the blessing of life find you.  
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,  
'cross the ocean of all your days.  
May the seeds of your love - your life  
a-dorn the Way.  
A-dorn the Way.**

**A-dorn the Way.**

Organ Postlude: Variations on SAINT ANNE (I,IV) - attr. Croft, arr. by Dykstra

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