

# **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*A spiritual hub for creativity, discovery and growth*



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Creation 3 in the season of Pentecost***

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## Welcome and Life of the Community

We are part of community worship today, at home and virtually in the sanctuary of St Paul's, Perth, ON.

St Paul's offers worship in various formats during this pandemic time:

- via emailed bulletin with MP3 music files
- On St. Paul's YouTube channel – go to [www.stpaulsperth.ca](http://www.stpaulsperth.ca) and click on the YouTube icon.
- On Zoom occasionally – check upcoming worship notes below for dates
- During the stay-at-home restrictions, in print at the church door or by mail upon request, please call the office 613-267-2973

If you know someone who has been unable to access these worship options, please contact the office so we can find a way to stay connected to all members of our faith community.

Please read "***What's Happening***" for additional group announcements, dates to remember, team meetings, and upcoming events. Subscribe at [admin@stpaulsperth.ca](mailto:admin@stpaulsperth.ca) or call 613 267 2973

## Upcoming Worship

October 3, 10, 17: "***Called to be the Church***", congregational giving program

October 3 - **\*\*ZOOM\*\*** service - Worldwide Communion Sunday; please prepare your elements at home

October 10 - Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Mya Lillian Eve Hitchcock, daughter of Kathryn Mary Millicent Bowes and Brent Matthew Hitchcock

October 24 - Anniversary Sunday

November 14 - **\*\*ZOOM\*\*** service

## Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 30 - Orange Shirt Day; honoring those affected by the residential school system

**THANK YOU** to congregation members for your offerings via PAR, envelopes and online donations.

- Drop a cheque in the outside locked mailbox at the church. Mail is checked regularly.
- Mail a cheque to: St. Paul's United Church, 25 Gore St. W. Perth, ON K7H 2L9
- Sign up for PAR - contact the Office: [admin@stpaulsperth.ca](mailto:admin@stpaulsperth.ca)
- Send an e-transfer to [bookkeeper@stpaulsperth.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsperth.ca)
- Click the Donations link on the website: <https://www.stpaulsperth.ca/donate.html>

## *Acknowledgement of Land and Affirm United/s'affirmer ensemble*

*The land on which we live and worship is the land of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Native People. We give thanks for their stewardship of land, and we seek to learn and live in reconciliation and hope. We give thanks for elders who guide and show us the way.*



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

## **We Gather**

### Acknowledgements - Projected on screen

\* = stand, as able

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you... **And also with you.**

Piano Prelude: Breathe on Me, Breath of God – Jackson, arr. by Hayes

### Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle representing the light of Christ to shine in us and around us.

### Call to Worship

Here we gather as a church family to share in worship.

**To encourage and care for one another as we have been taught to do.**

**We work together for one common good for all.**

Come let us worship our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

**Let us be inspired by the Spirit of God the Holy One.**

\* Hymn: VU 619: “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding,  
how your grace is still unfolding.  
Give us all your vision, God of love. R
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. R

- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. R

Prayer of Approach:

Light of our heart, who clears all the shadows away, we gather together in this between time- the time between one season and the next, the time between reflection and action, The time when there is breath space to pause and rest in your presence where pure love is found. In this sacred place, we gather to receive your message of love and transformation. We are grateful for this time to be opened, filled and strengthened by you. Bless us, light of the World, as we dip our cups into your well of living water. Amen

Children and Youth Time: Prayer

### **We Encounter Sacred Story**

Scripture :

James 5:13-20

**13** Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup>Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: <sup>20</sup>Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Senior Choir Anthem: MV179 'Sisters Let Us Walk Together' (Snowdon)

1. Sisters let us walk together, sharing sadness, loss and grief,  
we will move through pain to wholeness, brokenness transformed to peace.
2. Brothers let us work together, seeking justice, healing shame,  
filled with hope, imbued with courage, ev'ry violence we will name.

3. People let us love together, joining spirits, linking hands,  
we are God's unique creation, clothed with dignity we'll stand.

**Meditation : The power of prayers!**

**\*Hymn:** VU649 "Walk With Me"

Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.

- 1 When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, 'Lord, don't send me.'  
But God told Moses, 'You're the one  
to set my people free.' R

- 2 Now Peter was a most unlikely  
man to lead the flock;  
but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. R

- 3 Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. R

- 4 And when you share your faith with me  
and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. R

**Our Response to Listening and Hearing**

**The Offering:** We now offer our gifts - financial, time and talents to our congregation and the greater community.

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

### **We Go Forth to Be the Church in the World**

"Thanks for the worship, folks!" 

Hymn: MV 209: "Go make a difference"

Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God for you and me. We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. R
2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. R
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. R

### Commissioning:

As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become neighbors to each other and to the earth.

**For in Christ we are all kin. We are called to be neighbors, to share generously with each other.**

As we learn more, respect more, love more, we all can gain, not lose!

**God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be our guides.**

Benediction

Organ Postlude: Variations on HYFRYDOL - Theme - Prichard arr. by Bish

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