

**St. Paul's United Church**

*Trinity Sunday - Sunday School Closing*

10:30 a.m. June 11th, 2017

\* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer \*

**Gathering Music**

**We Gather in Community**

**\*Call to Worship (Responsive):**

One: Let us offer praise to our one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.**

One: Through them we come to know the mystery of life.

**All: Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.**

*(Symbols are brought forward to the altar during the following.)*

One: We honour God as Father and Creator of all that is, all that is seen and unseen. All things come into being as an outpouring of the abundant love that the Father shares with the Son and the Spirit. Creation is a gift from the love of the Father.

**All: Glory to the Father!**

One: We honour God as Son who is the Word of God made flesh. Christ is more than words on pages; rather, Christ is the living Word of God spoken eternally from the heart of God and through all the ages. The Bible is a gift inspired by the Son who is the living Word of God.

**All: Glory to the Son!**

One: We honour God as Holy Spirit who lives in the Church and builds us up into the body of Christ. A church of brick and mortar is only a sign of the true Church made of living stones. We are those living stones that become the Church – the body of Christ – by the power of the Holy Spirit. The living Church is a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit who is working to transform all of creation into the image of God.

**All: Glory to the Holy Spirit!**

**\*Introit: Dance with the Spirit**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,  
work and hope for a new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prayer of Approach & Confession**

**Assurance of God's Love (Responsive):**

One: How much does God love us?

**All: Enough to send the divine Heart, Hope, and Spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.**

One: Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: This is God's Wondrous World**

**This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

#### **Time for the Young at Heart & Lord's Prayer**

#### **We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit**

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Richard

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Zacchaeus

Children's Choir

**Message** Trinity in Community

Rev. Richard

**\*Hymn of Praise:** We are Pilgrims

**We are pilgrims on a journey.  
Fellow travellers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

Kindred, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

**We Respond to the Spirit**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Dedication Verse:** Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
praise God all creatures high and low,  
give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

**\*Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

God of all creation,  
Thank you for the wonderful things you have made.  
Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets.  
Thank you for our world, full of life.  
Thank you for making each one of us.  
Thank you for loving each one of us.  
Take these gifts we now offer back to you.  
May they be used to the glory of your name.  
We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with.  
Take us and use us to share your love with the world.

**AMEN**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth;  
go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place;  
go live the word of God's redeeming grace;  
go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyful day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Choral Closing:** Sent Forth

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer its call.**

**Ministry of Music**

## Announcements

**Fellowship BBQ.** Following the worship service today there will be a BBQ at the Stepping Stones centre. (Wilmot Park)

**"Talk to Me" (June 25)** is an opportunity open to all members of the congregation to chat with the ministry team about the life and work of St. Paul's. This is an opportunity to bring up concerns, suggestions, new ideas, and to share celebrations in our life and work together. We are hoping to create opportunities for discussions like this throughout the year. In my short 34 days at St. Paul's it seems like there are many ideas about ministry for families and young children. As the minister whose terms of call explicitly states children and family ministry I would like to hear from you! What would the ideal children's ministry look like at St. Paul's? What are we doing well, in regards to welcoming children and families? What do we struggle with in regards to children and young families? What are your concerns? What would you like to see more of? What questions do you have about children and church? We are looking forward to these times to hear from you at our first "Talk to Me" Beginning at **10 am on Wednesday June 21st**, we'd like to pray together. The ministry team invites you to join them for weekly Wednesday morning prayer. Come and pray for the church, for the community, for one another as we live and work together in faith.

June 21, 5-7p.m. **Youth Group Supper and Planning.** Contact Rev. Michelle for more information (458-1183 or michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

### **"Maker Fun Factory, Created by God, Built for a purpose"**

St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program.

When: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30

Where: Wilmot United Church

Ages: Age 4 and up

We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go....SO... **Mark your calendars!**