

St. Paul's United Church
4th Sunday in Easter
10:30 a.m. May 7th, 2017

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

Gathering Music: Subdue Us By Your Goodness Bach

We Gather in Community

***Greeting**

***Introit:** This is the Day MV 122

This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.

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**Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
singing hallelu, we will rejoice and be glad.**

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

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Praise:** Come O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559
Tweens I Feel the Spirit arr. Besig

Time for the Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Patient God, we stand at the gate of blessing and abundant life yet instead of walking forward we stop short of entering with thanksgiving. Instead of following the Shepherd's invitation, we ignore the voice of the one who would guide us to peace and hope. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our best interest but instead find ourselves wandering lost. Help us to stop and listen to the Great Shepherd's voice, that we may put our trust in the One who has never failed us, who loves us and guides us. Forgive us God when we are as stubborn and foolish as sheep. This we pray in Christ's name. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

Sung Prayer of Illumination: Come and Seek MV 10 (vs 2)
**Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness take place.**

Scripture: Psalm 23 (VU 749 Refrain 2) Chris Grant

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: In His Presence Tunney, arr. Wolaver

Scripture: John 10:1-10 Rev. Michelle

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message Trusting the voice... Rev. Michelle

***Hymn of Praise:** Are You a Shepherd MV 126

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offertory March Handel

***Dedication Verse:** Grateful! MV 182

Grateful for the life you give us,

thankful for your Holy Son,

joyful in your Spirit flowing

over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,

thankful for your Holy Word,

joyful in your mercy flowing,

we will praise you.

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Your voice, O God, is calling us to action:

to speak out for the needy,

to affirm the seekers,

to comfort the distressed,

to encourage the downhearted,

to challenge the complacent.

These gifts enable your voice to be heard; bless them! **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise:** All the Way My Saviour Leads me VU 635

***Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):**

Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ!

He is calling us by name, calling us to give thanks, convincing us to listen carefully, challenging us to live justly, promising us peace within the struggle, and assuring us life, in all its fullness.

Listen to the Lord of Life, our good shepherd, then walk boldly from this place knowing that the love of God surrounds you, the grace of Christ surrounds you and the Holy Spirit will uphold you every step that you take. Amen.

***Choral Closing:** Because He Lives

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;

because he lives all fear is gone;

because I know he holds the future,

and life is worth the living just because he lives!

Ministry of Music: Finale Symphony No. 6 Widor

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters: May 7 Alma & Walter Bidlake
Ushers: Left Side John Gaskin & Dow Johnston
Middle Isabel Green
Right Side Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs Katie & Eric Lakes
Coffee: May 14 M&P

This morning we wish to welcome our new minister **Rev. Michelle, her husband Mike and their son Reid.** All are encouraged to stay after the service to greet them and welcome them to our church family!

Bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.

Today in Sunday School

Today in Sunday School: May unit: Peter Rocks! Anchor Point, Like Peter, we can tell the good news about Jesus. Bible Verse for the month, "I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock." Matthew 16:18. Bible Story, Acts 3:1—4:22. Peter was concerned about the crowd understanding that healing the lame beggar wasn't an attribute the disciples cultivated over time. He reminded the people that he healed by the authority of Jesus, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth".

Our **Annual Exterior Spring Cleanup** day is scheduled for **May 13** at 8:30 a.m. and we invite all that are able to come and help. The more workers we have the quicker we finish! The work involves raking, sweeping, gardening, and junk pickup. Please bring rakes, shovels, and brooms. Thank you in advance. We need your assistance.

Are you interested in joining the **Organist's Assistant Program** for youth ages 11 and up? Duties would include assisting the organist on Sunday mornings by turning pages, pulling stops, etc. Email Dr. Sharon Pond at spond@bellaliant.net for information. I will meet interested youth at the organ after Sunday service.

Bulletin Announcements: Please ensure that all announcements reach Cathy in the church office (458-1183) by Wednesday morning to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. Many thanks—Cathy

Lifeguard Position: Camp Wegesegum is looking for a lifeguard for a period of ten weeks during camp season. Rate of pay is \$12.50 per hour. The position is for 40 hours per week plus room. Scheduling of hours will depend on the nature and schedule of the rental camp for each week of the season, to be agreed upon by the Lifeguard and the Personnel Director. Please email resume by April 30 to Lindsey Fraser at councillorlindseyfraser@gmail.com

TAKE-OUT Chicken BBQ

Friday, May 12, 4:00-6:00 Nashwaaksis United Church

We invite you to start your week-end with a delicious BBQ boneless chicken breast, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, roll and a tart. Cost is \$10. Please reserve your take-out order by Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm by calling Rindy or Tom at 450-7151. Some will also be available at the door.

"The AMUsing Comedy & Music Tour" will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. This program is for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office; \$15 at the door, or online at

<https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/amusingfrederickton>.

35th Annual Lobster Dinner

Keswick Ridge United
Saturday, May 27, 4:30 and 6 p.m. (two settings)
Tickets are \$20 and are in advance only.
Take outs available
Contact C. Sheppard at 363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739