

# *St. Paul's United Church*

5th Sunday in Easter - Mother's Day

10:30 a.m May 14th, 2017

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

**Gathering Music:** Chorale Prelude on Quem Pastores Willan

## **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):**

The spirit of God calls us from many places; some of us come from busy homes with many people, some of us live alone.

**We are a part of the family.**

This week has been different for each of us; some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate, some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

**We are members of God's family.**

Yet we all come to this same place; all of us seeking God's presence in our lives all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

**Together we become God's family.**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Come To My Heart VU 661

**Children's Choir** Thank You For Family

### **Time for the Young at Heart**

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

Lord, many of us read the promises you offer in Your Holy Word and are inspired, encouraged, and grateful. But some of us are tempted to doubt that Your grace could ever produce miracles or resurrection in our lives. Some of us are tempted by resentment and un-forgiveness because of those who have let us down. Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings, and all of us remember times when we have fallen short. Forgive us for doubt, resentment, unforgiving hearts, self-condemning attitudes. Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ. In Spite of our failures and sin, we trust in Your power to transform our lives. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus, so that our lives may bring Joy to Your world and Praise to Your 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 embrace.

**Scripture:** Psalm 31 VU 758 (Part 1 & 3) Eve Walker  
One: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** My Song Doth Bless the Lord Martin

**Scripture:** John 14:1–14  
One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**All: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Message** My Three Mothers Rev. Richard  
**\*Hymn of Praise:** Who is my Mother? MV 178

## We Respond to the Spirit

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** Crown Him With Many Crowns Gaspard  
**\*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):**

**Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives; for those who love us and nurture us, for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. AMEN.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Walk With Me VU 649

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

If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who can be against us?

**We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**

Step out into the world in humble confidence: there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen, and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor, will be with you now and always.

**Hallelujah! 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:**                      Postlude alla marcia

Grey

*We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music*

## Announcements

<b>Greeters:</b>	May 14	Kevin, Julie, Hailey & Emma Heslop
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side	Florence Bartlett & Marian MacKay
	Middle/Isabel	Green
	Right Side	Roger Miller & Greg Morton
	Upstairs	Katie & Eric Lakes
<b>Coffee:</b>	May 21	Facilitators

*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.*

*Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary this morning in loving memory of Peggy Bird from husband Bud and all in their family.*

*A donation has been made to the UCW in loving memory of Audrey McGuire by her children Connie, Paul, Keith and their families.*

All women from the church are invited to a Baby Shower for Pastor Sarah on Sunday afternoon, June 4th from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fraser Hall. Please RSVP to Donna Chauvin at 458-5885. Some suggestions are “Toys R Us” or “Room II Remember Kidz” gift cards.

## 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 9: 36—43. Peter’s power to heal Tabitha was not an exercise of magic but a function of his close communion with the Lord.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Please ensure that all announcements reach Cathy in the church office (458-1183) by 10 on Wednesday morning to be included in the following Sunday bulletin. Many thanks—Cathy

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](mailto:spond@bellaliant.net) for information. I will meet interested youth at the organ after Sunday service.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, June 11, 12 noon, at Wilmot Park, Stepping Stones Centre, for our Sunday School Picnic with a BBQ, fun and games. See you there to celebrate our past Sunday School year. Thanks—Mary for the CE Committee.

**St Paul’s Student Summer Job Position:** We have been successful in obtaining Federal Government funding for a Student Summer Job Position and we are soliciting applications for the post. The position is entitled Tour Guide and Maintenance Assistant. The latter includes painting, small repairs, cleaning and reorganizing the Sanctuary basement, etc. Interested parties should submit a letter indicating the dates they would be available accompanied by a short resume to be dropped off at the Church office or submitted by email at [stpaulsunitedchurch@nb.aibn.com](mailto:stpaulsunitedchurch@nb.aibn.com) Please call Greg Morton at 455-8179 if more information is required.

**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](mailto:councillorlindseyfraser@gmail.com)

“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 on 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