

St. Paul's United Church

6th Sunday in Easter

10:30 am May 21st, 2017

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

Gathering Music: Be Thou My Vision Hopson

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

We have come through many times of testing and trouble,
but through Grace God has made us one people.

We come as God's people to remember whose we are,
together we let our voices sing out in praise.

We worship today with joy and thanksgiving,
we worship today in hope, for God promises to be with us always.

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Praise:** I Love to Tell the Story VU 343

Time for the Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and for the demands we place on your response. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' 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 66 (VU 785, parts 2 & 3) Chris Walker

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God Getty/Townsend

Scripture: John 14:15-21 Pastor Sarah

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

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message I Will Not Leave You As Orphans Pastor Sarah

***Hymn of Praise:** Let My Spirit Always Sing MV 83

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Chorale Prelude on Vulpius Willan

***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):**

You, O God, send us the Holy Spirit, the greatest gift. Your touch and your guidance move in and through our lives reminding us that we are never alone, and so we are called to give of ourselves gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Bless them and us that we may live into your kingdom building work. AMEN

Prayers of the People

***Hymn of Praise:** Love Divine VU 333

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

Everyday God is present to us, in every face we meet, every hand we touch and in every embrace we share.

Through Christ God lives in us, We are the body of Christ here and now.

Go now to share the love of Christ with our world that craves to know God's love.

With God's blessing we go out to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ in our world.

***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: Partita No. 10 Bach

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters:	May 21	Cathy White
Ushers:	Left Side	Florence Bartlett and Marian MacKay
	Middle	Isabel Green
	Right Side	Allison Gorrill and Roger Miller
	Upstairs	Eric & Katie Lakes
Coffee:	May 28	Worship

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

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 10: 1-28. Peter and Cornelius: Peter took Jesus' message to the Gentiles because God had shown him that God shows no partiality. God's love is for everyone.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. On May 28th all are encouraged to share their faith and bring a friend to worship. Following the service there will be a pot luck lunch in Fraser Hall. Bring your favourite comfort food to share, but most importantly come and join in the fellowship.

We're hosting Presbytery! On June 8th we are hosting the meeting of Woolastook Presbytery. Work and worship begins at 11 am, there is lunch for the presbyters at 12:30, and we join again for work at 1:30. Drop in and see your Presbytery at work!

Worship in the Park and Fellowship BBQ. At 10:30 on Sunday June 11th we will be gathering at the gazebo at Wilmot Park as we mark the end of our Sunday School year. Following the worship there will be a bbq at the Stepping Stones centre. Bring a folding chair, a hat, some sunscreen and your voice as we sing praise to God in the midst of creation.

HELP!! We are in need of protein (flip top lids please) and juice for our Brown Bag program—snacks would be good too. Thanks

CONGRATULATIONS to Florence Bartlett, Tammy Coughlan, Shirley MacLeod and Lois Paterson in receiving "The Unsung Hero Award". You make us all proud!

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.

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 Please call Greg Morton at 455-8179 if more information is required.

Wilmot needs more volunteers for the Community Kitchen: We are reaching out to other churches to recruit help. *Would you like to join an existing team? Maybe St. Paul's would like to organize a team of 5-6 volunteers who could become part of the Sunday rotation making it part of your churches' Outreach ministry.* Please consider either joining one of the regular Wilmot teams or creating your own church team— it's a short commitment from 4:00 to 6:15 every 6th week. Under the direction of a staff cook, you will help with preparing, serving, and clean up. We also need people to be on a spares list. If interested please contact wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca 458-1066 to leave your contact info or contact either Beth Paynter beth.paynter.nb@gmail.com or Judy at judycoates@rogers.com 454-5631

Rendez-Vous is a national gathering of youth (going into grade 9 and above) and young adults (under 30) August 16-19th in Montreal. Participants will experience the richness of the United Church and return home ready to be the church, living out dreams of renewal and transformation in their own communities. For more information check out <http://www.uccrendezvous.ca/> or talk with Rev. Michelle.