

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. May 31st, 2015

The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.

May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

***Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Introit

"Dance with the Spirit" (x2)

MV 156

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

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 139 (VU 861 with refrain) – Guy Vezina

Opening Prayer

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still & know that you are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, & guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour, that we might become makers of your

peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Guide me o thou great Jehovah" VU 651

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Unison*)

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, Lord, when we fail to recognize you in the day-to-day of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. AMEN

Assurance of Gods love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages (with Ron Buck)

Hymn "Take, O take me as I am" (x3) MV 85

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I will be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" VU 716

Offertory

***Dedication Verse** VU 549

*For all your goodness God, we give you thanks
Thanks for the food we eat and for the friends we meet
And each new day we greet, we give you thanks.*

Dedication Prayer (in unison)

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. AMEN

The Good News: - 1 John 4:16-18 - Roger Miller
- 23rd Psalm

Anthem

Message

Fear Not

*Hymn

I Feel the Winds of God

VU 625

We invite everyone from Wilmot, St.Pauls and any visitors to join us in the hall for coffee, tea and conversation immediately after the service. Just follow your friends & neighbours through the door to your left.

Let's read together the

***Commissioning (*Responsive*)**

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love,

We go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness.

Love one another in truth and action.

With God's abundant blessings we go into the world sent by the great Shepherd.

***Benediction** – "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

***Choral Closing**

"Take up this song"

MV 213

Take up this song of love and go into the world

Take up this song of love in every moment

In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives

Lay them down in love, lay them down and take up this song.

Postlude

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Postlude