

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. June 7th, 2015

90th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada

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)

Choices in our past. *God was there.*

Choices in our present. *God is here.*

Choices in our future. *God will be there.*

In our choices – for good or ill *God is present.*

Asked or unasked – *God is here.*

And so we gather, knowing that

God is with us.

God is with "them."

God is with all.

And all God's children say, **AMEN**

Reading: Revelation 21:3-5a

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV 12

***Time of Confession (Unison)** VU 918

Assurance of God's love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages

Hymn "Take, O take me as I am" (x2) 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.*

Minute for Mission

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** "We Are Pilgrims" VU 595

Invitation to Offering

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 (Unison)

God of deep grace, with gratitude we honour the 90th year of this United Church of Canada. We pray, bless these offerings brought today and the heritage of faithful ministry they equip here in Fredericton and far beyond. Bless your church in its future that we might lead boldly and offer sensitive care to one another. In the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN

Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Anthem

Message

***Hymns** (*see insert*)

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

“O God of Bethel”

“All People That on Earth do Dwell”

***Commissioning** (*Unison*)

May God's love guide our journey.

May Christ's peace show us the way.

May the Power of the Holy Spirit light our way.

***Benediction**

***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

our souls arrive in peace.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.*

O God of Bethel

*O God of Bethel, by whose hand
your people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
have all your servants led:*

*O spread your covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's beloved abode*

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

*All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.*

*Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.*