

St. Paul's United Church
10:30 a.m. June 14th, 2015
Third Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.
"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son, David, to be king.
"Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

We join with Christ and are a part of God's new creation.
O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.

Gather us in, O Holy One, for we would be your people.
AMEN.

Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Opening Prayer

***Hymn** "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" VU 18

Prayer of Reconciliation (Responsive)

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

Forgive us when we shape the world to serve us rather than shape ourselves to serve the world.

Assurance of God's love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages *What could we do?*

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** "Soil of God You and I" MV 174

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)

*Holy God, magnificent, sustaining farmer of the future, receive these gifts, we pray. Through our offering, help us know in some surprising way that you are bringing into being something wonderful and new.
AMEN*

Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Anthem

Message *Can't keep an underdog down!*
***Hymn** "Each Blade of Grass" MV 37

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

Life is a mystery. We walk by faith.

God calls us when we least expect it, inviting us to be in Christ.

Walk out into the world, knowing that you are part of God's life-giving new creation.

Life is a mystery. We walk by faith. AMEN

***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

Announcements

Greeters: Lyla & Frank Lawrence

Coffee Hour June 21: Congregational Board: Derrick Grant

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. We invite everyone to join us in the hall for coffee, tea and conversation immediately after the service. Just follow your friends and neighbours through the door to your left. *Fraser Memorial Hall can be reached by elevator through the Charlotte Street entrance.*

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Etta Davis and family in the death of her husband Robert who passed away last week.

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in memory of Fraser Ervin by St. Paul's Senior Choir.

There will be a Stewardship Committee Meeting on Monday, June 15th at noon in the Ladies Parlour.

Starting on June 28th and through the month of July, we will once again be worshipping with our brothers and sisters at Wilmot United Church. All are encouraged to be a part of this partnership, and during the shared services Rev. Bowley will be participating in the worship leadership, both at Wilmot and at St. Paul's. Come and see what we can accomplish together!

Memorial Gifts may be made at any time. You may specify the fund, such as the Operating Fund, Foundation Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund or some other need in our church. Memorial Cards are sent to the families on your behalf. Please make a note on your envelope if you are making a memorial donation on a Sunday morning. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and are truly grateful for your donations.

My Summer Donations: Summer is a great time to travel and while you are away we all continue to support your church and your church's activities. You can help out by contributing for the time you are away with this special offering envelope. Please drop it in the collection plate or mail it to us at your convenience. Your contributions are very much appreciated and needed. **Thank You**

Financial Contributions for the week of June 7, 2015

2015 Weekly Budget		\$4,500.00
Envelopes	1,987.25	
Loose	57.00	
PAR	<u>1,807.09</u>	
	3,851.34	-648.66
Thanks for Special Summer Envelopess		\$745.00 (to date)

Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

April

It's April
and bright are the days
Spring is in the land
the flowers are blooming
the grass is green
the birds are singing
The drabness of winter is gone
Our spirits rise
as we watch butterflies and bees
suck nectar from the blossoms
The butterflies such gorgeous colours
once caterpillars crawling
on the ground
then encased in cocoons
dead to the world
come alive and free
fluttering high in the air
So in our lives
death comes
But God has promised us new bodies
that we shall rise again
free as the birds and butterflies
We shall be in paradise
For now April is here
Oh, the gladsome days of Spring
God is with us
Thanks be to God

by Marguerite MacAlpine