

# *St. Paul's United Church*

10:30 a.m. June 5th, 2016

## *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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

**Prelude**

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### **We Gather in Community**

#### **\*Greeting**

Strangers meet.

***Oil and grain turn to bread.***

The sick are healed.

***The weary are lifted up.***

The prisoners are set free.

***The everyday becomes a miracle.***

This is God's work.

***We are its witnesses.***

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

***For God keeps faith forever!***

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

***God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.***

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

***God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.***

People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

***for God keeps faith forever!***

**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 a new life a-bornin',***

***Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.***

**Prayer of Approach (Unison):**

***Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. AMEN***

**Lord's Prayer**

**Time for the Young at Heart:**

Baptism of Kate Lynne Lenehan (*see insert*)

**Statement of Purpose**

**Presentation of the Candidate:**

*Congregational Elder:* On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, I present for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism - Kate Lenehan, daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey Lenehan.

**Profession of Faith and Promises:**

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

***I do, by the grace of God.***

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

***I will, God being my helper.***

Will you join as part of this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

***I will, God being my helper.***

Will you share your faith with Kate, growing with her in faith, hope, and love?

***I will, God being my helper.***

Family and Friends:

Will you pray for this child and take care that she may learn and live the faith?

***We will, God being our helper.***

**Congregational Commitment:**

We have heard the will of this family.

We receive Kate in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received.

We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support Kate, with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

***We will, God being our helper.***

**Affirmation of Faith**

***We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:***

***who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God.***

***We are called to be the Church:***

*to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.*

*We are not alone.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

**Act of Baptism**

**Laying On of Hands**

**Lighting of Baptismal Candle**

**Presentation of a Bible**

**Presentation to the Congregation**

**Choral Blessing**      May God Who Creates

VU 454

**\*Story Time Hymn:**      Praise the Lord

VU 245

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

*Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan. In their midst we find you, your prophets, and your miracles. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Join us at your table, as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people. Amen.*

## Words of Assurance

### We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

**\*Sung Prayer for Grace:** (Tune VU #437)

*We come to you with hearts that are open,*

*To you, and to each other here.*

*We seek, dear Lord, your grace upon us,*

*That we may love you and know you are near.*

**First Lesson:** Luke 7:11-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Praise be to you, O Christ***

**Anthem**

Canon of Praise

Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

**Second Lesson:**

1 Kings 17:8-24

Rev. Richard

One: Herein is Wisdom

***All: Thanks be to God***

**Moment for Community:** Finance

**Message**

Our Scarcity, God's Abundance

**\*Hymn:**

The Church's One Foundation

VU 331

### We Respond to the Spirit

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering**

**\*Dedication Verse:** Grant Us, God, The Grace

VU 540

***Grant us, God, the grace of giving,***

***with a spirit large and free***

***That ourselves and all our living,***

***we may offer faithfully.***

**\*Dedication of the Offering**

*As crowds spread the word of Jesus' power, O God, so may we spread the word of your grace, as we share these gifts and our very lives with those in need. May these offerings be instruments of your healing, your justice, and your good news, in this community and around the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** Walk with Me VU 649

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

Bless us and lift us up, O Lord.

*As we go from this place, give us courage and strength to witness to your love and power.*

**\*Choral Closing:** Spirit of Life VU 381

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.*

*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.*

*Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*

*Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.*

*Roots hold me close; wings set me free;*

*Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

**Postlude** Come, Children, Join to Sing arr. Englert

## Announcements

<b>Greeters:</b>	June 5:	Marian MacKay
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side:	Dow Johnston & Cathy Simpson
	Middle:	Isabel Green
	Right Side:	Bob Miller & Roger Miller
	Upstairs:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	June 12:	Congregational Board

A donation has been made to St. Paul's Operating Fund in loving memory of Robert Davis who passed away on June 8, 2015 by Etta, Shaun, Lucie and Rafa.

The bulletin covers for this week's service have been donated in loving memory of Phy & Don Peacock by their daughters, Carole Peacock, Debbie Seymour and Judy Thorne.

**Visioning Team Meeting:** today at noon in the Sanctuary. Feel free to grab a coffee and join us—all are welcome!

**Stewardship Meeting:** Monday, June 6th at noon in the Ladies Parlour.

The **UCW** will be going out to lunch on Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30 a.m. to "Sweet Belgian Desire" (Ashton Court off of Valcour Drive). Please RSVP to Donna Chauvin at 458-5885. Gluten Free menu available.

**Men's Discussion Group:** Monday, June 6th at 6:45 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting:** June 12th following the Worship Service

Many thanks to those who came by yesterday morning to help with the property clean-up.

**Sunday School Picnic:** June 19th at Stepping Stones in the Park. Watch for further details—there will be a BBQ, games and cake!

**Do you have questions?** About Jesus? Christianity? The United Church? Or anything else??? Well, we have questions too! And we think questions are awesome! That's exactly what our new recurring series is all about - *asking questions*. "Coffee Talk" will be a recurring Sunday morning forum, held at **9am at Read's Newsstand & Cafe**, where we will address, discuss, and wrestle with *your* questions. There is no better way to learn than by asking questions and engaging in discussion. At Downtown United we're all about creating an environment where both inquiry and conversation can take place. So, if you've got a question you're just itching to discuss, throw it our way! Just write it down and toss it in our question pot during coffee hour, or get it to Rev. Richard or Pastor Sarah via the church office. **First Coffee Talk will be Sunday, July 10th, 9am at Read's Newsstand & Cafe.**

**PANTRY NEEDS:** toilet tissue, Kleenex, flour, white/brown sugar, soda, salt, baking powder, canned vegetables and fruit, soup, canned meats and fish, granola bars, juice boxes, litre size juices, pasta sauce, mustard, relish, ketchup, waxed paper, tin foil, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies, coffee, cereal, oatmeal, soda crackers, pancake mix and syrup, pudding and fruit cups. We presently have 71 clients registered, they are broken down in categories as follows: 12 single women, 2 single men (seniors), 26 single parents with children, 22 families with 2 parents. If any client has not visited The Pantry in the past year their name is removed. Pantry Sunday is the first

Sunday of each month. It will be closed for the summer. June 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day before closing until August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several people have asked for a “reverse offering” again. After the Offering, Pantry volunteers will pass around plates containing names of items for which we have the greatest need. Please return that item next week. The plates will be left at the doors afterwards. If you would like to take another or exchange the one you picked. The Pantry volunteers wish to extend a thank-you for all your support. Clients thank us as they leave, they appreciate your help. Pantry leaders: Ivy Bujold, Sheila Baird, Lois Walker and 15 volunteers.

Friday, June 10 at 7 pm **Deborah Park Piano Concert** will be held at Wilmot United. The concert will include selections from Faure, Liszt, Beethoven, Louie, featuring Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 with accompaniment by Nhat-Viet Phi (Université de Moncton). Special Guest, Classical Guitarist Steven Peacock Admission (door only) - adult \$20, student \$10 (some proceeds to support UNB & STU Campus Ministry) Plan to attend and enjoy an evening of beautiful music. CDs for sale following performance.