

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. June 19th, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Faith of our Fathers

arr. Smith

We Gather in Community

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Let us turn to our order of service and offer together our call to worship:

Holy God, the Father of us all, we gather to worship you and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

With fatherly care, God welcomes us to our shared experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.

Renewing God, we gather to be recharged in our worship, and in the witness and relationships that flows from worship.

Together and individually, we will be cleansed and refreshed by the holy winds of God's Spirit, as it blows around and within us.

God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

***Blessings, honour, glory and power belongs to our God, the Father of all humanity – who claims us all as beloved children.
Amen.***

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 (Responsive):

Let us pray:

God Most Gracious, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

***We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance to balance work,
family and faith in joy and sacrifice.***

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

***We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide
us with love and advice.***

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** Are you a Shepherd

MV 126

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

In this time, we open our hearts to the one who knows us so well. Let us pray.

***Faithful God, you are as near to us as a breath and as constant
as the waves on the shore. Yet how often our lives fail to mirror
your ways. We are sometimes absent from our children, giving***

into pressure at work or yielding to the lure of success and money. We are at times distant from one another, for though we are in the same place, our hearts and minds wander and stray. We choose not to listen, to only half-hear the words of another. Father of all humankind, restore our sense of belonging to each other. Heal our relationships and encourage us to be caring fathers, strong mothers, and wise friends. Teach us the way of love and the path of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

God's word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. God's love reaches out to heal and revive us, and to reveal again a love that will not let us go. Believe and claim for your life the Good News:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God forever more.

Children's Choir: Clap Your Hands All You People Lee Dengler

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 Reading:	Genesis 12:1-3	Roger Miller
Second Reading:	Luke 8: 41-42, 49-50	Chris Walker

Message Dad-isms

***Hymn:** Faith of our Fathers VU 580

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offering

I Lift my Eyes to the Mountains Above

Mendelssohn

***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 (Unison):**

Let us bless these gifts together:

*God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that
you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly providing
for us, caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for,
so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do, the
work of the church, the care for those who are poor. Accept
these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

One: Lord God our Father,

All: reach out in love.

***Hymn:**

This is My Father's World

(tune VU 296)

*This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

***This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.***

***This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!***

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

As you go from here, remember this:

God's love is from everlasting to everlasting,

from generation to generation.

Just as a father has compassion on his children

***so God has compassion on those who yearn for the divine, who
listen to his voice, and live into God's will.***

Go out in the knowledge that the everlasting love of God goes with you.

Amen.

***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

Hornpipe

Handel

Announcements

Sunday School Picnic: Following worship today at Stepping Stones in the Park. We are gathering from 12 PM – 3 PM at the park. 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.**

Downtown United starts on Sunday June 26th. We will be gathering with our brothers and sisters at Wilmot from June 26th – July 24th. All are encouraged to join in these times of worship and fellowship as we celebrate the Christ who walks beside us.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 14th, 7 PM in the Ladies' Parlour

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St, will be hosting a **"Steak & Chicken BBQ"** on **Wednesday, June 22, 4 – 6 pm**. Cost \$13/adult and \$3/child. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.