

St. Paul's United Church

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. March 19th, 2017

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

Gathering Music: Chaconne

Couperin

We Gather in Community

***Lenten Procession of Symbols**

***Introit:** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12 vs 4

**Come touch us in the moments we are fragile
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come, touch and bless our wills.**

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

Come and meet the ambassador of God's friendship for us.

**We will find Jesus waiting to meet us:
in classrooms, at the mall, on the street,
in all the common places and moments.**

Come and hear the One who speaks of God's joy in us.

**We will listen to Jesus, whose words of grace and peace
raise the rafters of our hope.**

Come and know how much God loves you.

We will discover Jesus, who offers us the gift of reconciliation.

Let us worship God!

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Praise:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559

Tweens Jesus Brought Us Love Sleeth

Time for the Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.

We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**But we believe that the water is limited,
not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water,
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,

Forgive us we pray.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of God's Love

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

Sung Prayer of Illumination: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV 85

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be,

set your seal upon my heart

and live in me.

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-11 Tricia Berry

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: How Marvelous are The Works Angerman/Martin

Scripture: John 4: 5-42 Pastor Sarah

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message The Woman at the Well Pastor Sarah

***Hymn of Praise:** Like a Healing Stream MV 144

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Elevation Couperin

***Dedication Verse:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU 544

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today.

To serve your cause and share your love

with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

in Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn of Praise:** By the Well, a Thirsty Woman MV 117

***Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):**

Let us go now, to meet all who are thirsting for God.

We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Let us go now, to listen for truth, as Jesus does with us.

**We will hear the stories and hearts of all
who are considered voiceless by our world.**

Let us go now, to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely,
even as they offer us hope and grace by their lives.**

***Choral Closing:** Go Make a Difference MV 209 (vs 2)

[Refrain] Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need

The face of God for all to see

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

[Refrain]

Ministry of Music: Les Cloches Le Begue

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Lois Walker in the death of her sister Marjorie Morton of Marysville, N.B.

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| Greeters: | March 19 | Sadie Miller & Shirley MacLeod |
| Ushers: | Left Side | Allison Gorrill & Colleen Hanna |
| | Middle | Bob Miller |
| | Right Side | Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones |
| | Upstairs | Barb & Mel McGuigan |
| Coffee Hour: | March 26 | Worship |

If you are an adult looking to join the church, we will be welcoming New Members on Easter Sunday. Contact the office or either of your ministers for more information.

“Bring A Friend to Church” next Sunday, March 26th. Please see the insert in your bulletin for your invitations to hand out to friends, family or acquaintances. If you don’t invite them into the fold—who will?

UCW Spring Rally: April 29th in Florenceville. Theme: Reaching Out With Purpose. Please watch for further details.

Grand or Baby Grand Piano Needed

The piano in Fraser Memorial Hall has seen its better days and is beyond repair. If you have or know someone who has a Grand or Baby Grand Piano that could be gifted to St Paul's please contact Greg Morton 455-8179.