

St. Paul's United Church

Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m. April 16th, 2017

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

Gathering Music: To A Lily

Hodson

We Gather in Community

***Introit:** This is the Day

MV 122

**This is the day that God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad.**

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**Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
we will rejoice and be glad.**

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

Don't weep! Don't mourn! There is great Good News!

Christ the Lord is risen today! ALLELUIA!

Put away your garments of mourning; let the light of God's love flood into your lives.

Christ the Lord is risen today! ALLELUIA!

No more do we have to fear the darkness; it has been overcome by God's light.

Christ the Lord is risen today. ALLELUIA!

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Approach

***Hymn of Praise:** When the Green Blade Rises

VU 186

Tween Singers This Blessed Easter Day

Sleeth

Welcoming New Members (*see green insert*)

Statement of Purpose

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, I present the following persons whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith.

Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on these people, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Commitment of New Members

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, with your brothers and sisters in this place, seek to spread the peace of Christ and the Good News of God's great love for all?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and

serve others, seek justice
I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment (Responsive)

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Presentation of Gifts

Laying on of Hands

Profession of Faith

VU 918

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.

Welcome (Responsive)

Let us offer a heart-felt welcome to our siblings in faith:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this community of faith. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing (Responsive)

The grace of Christ attend you,

the love of God surround you,

the Holy Spirit keep you.

AMEN

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see yellow insert)

Invitation to the Table

Greeting

May God be with us.

God is here among us on this day of resurrection.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open ourselves to the spirit of new life.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

A few short days ago we recalled Jesus gathered with friends
sharing in what we have come to call "The Last Supper."
Today we are a new community,
rooted in the resurrection's promise.
Out of chaos and fear God brings beauty and hope.
Out of despair and death the Spirit creates courage and new life.
And so, with the risen Christ,
who makes all things new
by the power of his resurrection,
we join in the song of a new day,
to sing your praise.

Sung Communion: Melody "Hymn To Joy"

232 VU

We give thanks to you Creator,
maker of the heavens and earth.
You have formed us in your image,
breathed in to us holy breath.

**With your people on the earth and
all the company of heaven.
Now we lift your holy name and
join in their unending hymn.**

Holy, Holy God of power,
heaven and earth are full of thee
Bless-ed is the one you sent us,
hos-an-nah give highest praise!

**Holy are you, and most bless-ed
Is your Son, Lord Jesus Christ.
Through your Spirit you anointed
Him to be our saving grace.**

By baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection life.
You gave birth to Christ's new body,
Spirit born and water blessed.

**You delivered us from evil,
from our slavery to sin,
and have made of us new creatures
now the church with faith professed.**

In remembrance of these acts,
we give ourselves in thanks and praise.
Holy living sacrifices,
we proclaim faith's mysteries:

**"Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again one day."
Pour your Holy Spirit on us,
gathered in this place today.**

Breathe your Spirit on these gifts

of broken bread and cup poured out,
make them be for us the body
and the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Source of grace and fount of blessing
let your light upon us shine
teach us how to love each other
lift us to the joy divine.**

Through your Son, our Saviour Jesus,
with the Holy Spirit's power,
may the Church that you created
honour you in every hour.

**Ever singing march we onward
victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the bread and wine

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now, for all has been made ready.
sharing of the meal

Prayer for the Community & Lord's Prayer

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

Sung Prayer of Illumination: Come and Seek MV 10 (vs 2)
**Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.**

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-6 Kirsten Simpson

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Glorious, Risen Christ Burke & Larson

Scripture: John 20:1-8 Pastor Sarah

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

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message Pastor Sarah

***Hymn of Praise:** Crown Him With Many Crowns VU 211

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Thine is the Glory Hayes

***Dedication Verse:** Grateful!

MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

VU 155

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

When others dismiss your story as an idle tale, who will you be?

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

When the world seems to be crumbling around you, remember who you are:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

When despair would seem to squelch all hope, believe in who you have become:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

When it is hard to persevere against all odds, trust in God who names you:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

As we follow Christ into the world, may God help us remember who we are . . . resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

***Choral Closing:** Because He Lives

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;

because he lives all fear is gone;

because I know he holds the future,

and life is worth the living just because he lives!

Ministry of Music: Toccata on the "Easter Hymn"

Long

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters:	April 16	
Ushers:	Left Side	Linda & Alastair Lamont
	Middle	Roger Miller
	Right Side	Colleen Hanna & Bob Miller
	Upstairs	Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce
Coffee:	April 23	Senior Choir

This morning we welcome Emma Robinson & Jay (Jordan) Best into St. Paul's Church family through Profession of Faith.

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Donna Chauvin and her family on the death of her husband Joe. Joe's funeral will be held at St. Paul's on Monday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

The bulletins for today's Easter service have been donated in loving memory of Bob Keiver by Anne and family.

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary this morning by the following families:

Lynne & Ron Naugler and family in memory of loved ones.

In loving memory of Kenneth Irving by wife Dorothy, Blaine, Elaine and families.

In memory of my parents Bud & Louise Warman and my grandparents Oswald and Effie Merrithew and Egbert and Pearl Warman by Douglas Warman.

Memorials

Memorials have been made to the Foundation in memory of the following people:

Becky Watson	by	Ralph & Caroline Simpson
		Marilyn & Doug Brewer
		Sadie Miller
		Carole Peacock
Ruth Nealis		Ralph & Caroline Simpson
Tom Barwise		Mary Dingee Jacobs
		Ralph & Caroline Simpson
Joe Chauvin		Ralph & Caroline Simpson
		Mary Dingee Jacobs

Today in Sunday School: Anchor Point, We Celebrate Jesus. Bible Verse for the month, "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9. Bible Story, Matthew 28-1-10, Alleluia! The Easter Story, from the sun coming up to Mary Magdalene and Mary telling the disciples they had seen Jesus, is today's focus.

Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23 in the Hall

"Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday: April 30

Pantry Sunday: May 7

In need of: puddings, applesauce, macaroni (elbow), rice, apple juice, instant coffee, cake mixes and frosting, ketchup, mustard, relish, cookies, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cereal, baked beans, salad dressings, granola bars, Kraft Dinner, tooth paste, brown sugar, white sugar, jam, crackers, canned fruit, Chez Whiz, deodorant, sanitary pads, dish soap,

Are you interested in joining the **Organist's Assistant Program** for youth ages 11 and up? Duties would include assisting the organist on Sunday mornings by turning pages, pulling stops, etc. Email Dr. Sharon Pond at spond@bellaliant.net for information. I will meet interested youth at the organ after Sunday service.

Lifeguard Position: Camp Wegesegum is looking for a lifeguard for a period of ten weeks during camp season. Rate of pay is \$12.50 per hour. The position is for 40 hours per week plus room. Scheduling of hours will depend on the nature and schedule of the rental camp for each wee of the season, to be agreed upon by the Lifeguard and the Personnel Director. Please email resume by April 30 to Lindsey Fraser at councillorlindseyfraser@gmail.com

"Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, is presenting an evening of entertainment, talent auction, and desserts at 7 pm, Saturday, April 22. Free admission. Come prepared to acquire some bargains and enjoy yourself. For information please contact Janice or Reg 444-8002 or Larry or Helen 457-1338."