# St. Paul's United Church

2nd of Easter Earth Sunday 10:30 a.m. April 23rd, 2017 \* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer \*

Gathering Music: Prayer Guilmant

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):

Christ is risen.
God is alive...
Hope is alive...
Joy is alive...
Love is alive
We are alive...
The church is risen, indeed.
New birth is given.
A new age is dawning.
Redemption is here.
Death cannot harm us.
New life is within us.
God's spirit is within us.

God of life, we worship you.
God of creation, we praise you.
God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Prayer of Approach

\*Hymn of Praise: I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

# Time for the Young at Heart

# We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

# **Prayer of Confession (Responsive):**

O God, help us!

Help us!

From virgin birth to bodily resurrection....

From walking on water to "Lazarus, come out!"

You call our scientific minds to non-rational thought.

You call us to believe the unbelievable.

Help us in our unbelief.

#### Help us in our unbelief!

Make us into your Easter people...

that we might see the truth of your presence in the life that surrounds us.

For this we believe:

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

Alleluia.

Alleluia! Amen.

#### **Assurance of God's Love**

Sung Payer for 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: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Emma Heslop

One: Herein is wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: This Joyful Eastertide Alexis Ervin

Scripture: John 20: 19-31 Pastor Sarah

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

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

# Message

\*Hymn of Praise: You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen VU 185

# We Respond to the Spirit

# Invitation to Offering

Offertory In Death's Strong Grasp the Saviour Lay Bach
\*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 God, in the confidence of our faith, we know that we do not have to earn your love and care. It is ours by grace. This makes our offering a gesture of thanksgiving for all of the ways in which we are blessed. In thanks and praise, we offer ourselves and our gifts for your service. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

\*Hymn of Praise: The Risen Christ VU 168

# \*Blessing and Sending Forth

\*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: He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him Bach

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

#### **Announcements**

**Greeters:** April 16 John & Geraldine Gaskin **Ushers:** Left Side Linda & Alastair Lamont

Middle Roger Miller

Right Side Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones Upstairs Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce

Coffee: April 30 Colleen Hanna

There will be a **congregational meeting** following the worship service today. Please join us in Fraser Memorial Hall.

"Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday: April 30

# **Today in Sunday School**

Anchor Point, We Celebrate Jesus. Bible Verse for the month, "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9. Bible Story, John 21: 1-14 Come to Breakfast! This story of Jesus and his disciples is a picture of Jesus as the giver of gifts and the source of life-sustaining nourishment.

# 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,

Our **Annual Exterior Spring Cleanup** day is scheduled for **May 13** at 8:30 a.m. and we invite all that are able to come and help. The more workers we have the quicker we finish! The work involves raking, sweeping, gardening, and junk pickup. Please bring rakes, shovels, and brooms. Thank you in advance. We need your assistance.

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.

**Our refugee family** requires furniture and linens for an apartment. Hope you can help! Please contact Lynne Naugler at 459-5142.

# A Celebration of Harmony Featuring Maritime Barbershoppers

On Friday, April 28, 7:30 pm,

Tom Morrison Theatre (Fredericton High School)

Barbershop choruses and quartets from around the Maritimes will present an evening of amazing ringing harmony.

Special guests from Halifax/Dartmouth, Kentville, Moncton, Saint John, and from Fredericton, the FHS Glee Choir, the Elm City Echoes, and your hosts, the River Valley Chorus.

Tickets (\$15) are available from members of the River Valley Chorus, at the Lighthouse Family Resource Centre (60 Bishop Drive, Fredericton), and at the door.

**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 <a href="mailto:com">councillorlindseyfraser@gmail.com</a>

# **Oromocto United Church Spring Turkey Supper**

May 6th from 4--6.00 PM, Adults \$14.00, Children under 12-- \$6.00 Preschoolers – Free Everyone welcome

"The AMUsing Comedy & Music Tour" will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. This program is for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office; \$15 at the door, or online at

https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/amusingfrederickton