

# *St. Paul's United Church*

7th Sunday in Easter

10:30 am May 28th, 2017

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

**Gathering Music:** Offertoire sur les grands jeux DeGrigny

## **We Gather in Community**

**\*Greeting**

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

The work of the creator is visible.

**Let us respond with praise.**

The example of Jesus is apparent.

**Let us respond with obedience.**

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**Let us respond with joy.**

The word of God is calling.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Deep In Our Hearts MV 154

**Time for the Young at Heart** Cathy Davis

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**Loving, calling, gentle God, you call us and we do not respond, or we respond only if we get around to it, and on our own schedules. God of grace, you call us and you have told us that we are worthy, yet we don't believe you. We listen to all the people, including ourselves, who tell us that we aren't good enough. Forgive us, God of love, and call us again so that we may respond in love. For our sake, and in Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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

**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:** John 17: 1-11

Barbara Cull Wilby

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Good To Me

trad. Spiritual arr. Hadley

**Scripture:** Colossians 3: 12-14

Bob Miller

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

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

**Message** How Fragile We Are

Bob Miller

**\*Hymn of Praise:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus # VU 644

### **We Respond to the Spirit**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

Chorale Prelude on Gibbons

Willan

**\*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):**

**You, O God, send us the Holy Spirit, the greatest gift. Your touch and your guidance move in and through our lives reminding us that we are never alone, and so we are called to give of ourselves, gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Bless them and us that we may live into your kingdom building work. AMEN**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

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

Everyday God is present to us, in every face we meet, every hand we touch and in every embrace we share.

**Through Christ, God lives in us, we are the body of Christ here and now.**

Go now to share the love of Christ with our world that craves to know God's love.

**With God's blessing we go out to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ in our world.**

**\*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:** Festival Alleluia

Wood

***We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music***

## Announcements

<b>Greeters:</b>	May 28	Cathy White
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side	Linda & Alastair Lamont
	Middle	Roger Miller
	Right Side	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Upstairs	Eric & Katie Lakes
<b>Coffee:</b>	June 4	Congregational Board

*Bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.*

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in loving memory of Robert Davis by Etta, Shaun, Lucie and Rafa (grand dog).

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Alastair & Linda Lamont on the passing of Linda's brother Tim Liston of Fredericton.

### Today in Sunday School

May unit: **Peter Rocks!** Anchor Point, Like Peter, we can tell the good news about Jesus. Bible Verse for the month, "I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock". Matthew 16:18. Bible Story, Acts 12: 1-17. Peter in Prison: Peter is arrested in Jerusalem but he escapes prison to carry on with his ministry and the Word of God continued to advance.

**We're hosting Presbytery!** On June 8th we are hosting the meeting of Woolastook Presbytery. Work and worship begins at 11 am, there is lunch for the presbyters at 12:30, and we join again for work at 1:30. Drop in and see your Presbytery at work!

**Worship in the Park and Fellowship BBQ.** At 10:30 on Sunday June 11th we will be gathering at the gazebo at Wilmot Park as we mark the end of our Sunday School year. Following the worship there will be a bbq at the Stepping Stones centre. Bring a folding chair, a hat, some sunscreen and your voice as we sing praise to God in the midst of creation.

**Used Books & Jigsaw Puzzle Sale:** June 4th in the Hall after the church service. Pick up your reading and puzzles for the summer. Put on by the St. Paul's Quilters.

**HELP!!** We are in desperate need of protein (flip top lids please) and juice for our Brown Bag program—snacks would be good too. Thanks

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Florence Bartlett, Tammy Coughlan, Shirley MacLeod and Lois Paterson in receiving "The Unsung Hero Award". You make us all proud!

**Toronto Recital Preview-** Dr. Sharon Pond has been invited to perform at St. James Cathedral in Toronto on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. St. Paul's congregation is invited to hear a preview of her recital on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Next Sunday is **Pantry Sunday** and the needs are as follows:

Coffee (instant and regular grind), cereal, pudding and fruit cups, granola bars, canned fruit, pancake syrup, juice (large), soda crackers, white sugar, cheese whiz, relish, cake frosting, soup (other than tomato), waxed paper, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies

St Paul's Student Summer Job Position: We have been successful in obtaining Federal Government funding for a Student Summer Job Position and we are soliciting applications for the post. The position is entitled Tour Guide and Maintenance Assistant. The latter includes painting, small repairs, cleaning and reorganizing the Sanctuary basement, etc. Interested parties should submit a letter indicating the dates they would be available accompanied by a short resume to be dropped off at the Church office or submitted by email at [stpaulsunitedchurch@nb.aibn.com](mailto:stpaulsunitedchurch@nb.aibn.com) Please call Greg Morton at 455-8179 if more information is required.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

#### **“MAKER FUN FACTORY – CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE”**

St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program.

When: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30

Where: Wilmot United Church

Ages: Age 4 and up

We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go....SO... **Mark your calendars!**

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a **“Breakfast & Yard Sale”**, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Breakfast \$7/person.