

St. Paul's United Church

October 1, 2017

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Be Thou My Vision Hopson

Greeting:

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

And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Introit: MV 122

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Stop and notice

stop and notice what?

Notice God present in the world

in extra-ordinary ways like the burning bush?

In every day ways like the breaking of bread in community, the raising of voices in song, the stories that we tell each other.

God is all around us, we just need to stop and notice.

Let us take this moment to stop and worship God who is revealing himself in the world and in our lives.

Prayer of the Day

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

* **Family Hymn:** I Have Called You By Your Name MV 161

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Today's Scripture: Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-17

Marguerite MacAlpine

Herein is wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Holy Manna arr. Raney

Sermon What Are We Doing at This Table?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn: Bread of Life Fill my Soul MV 194

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music Chorale Prelude Willan

Dedication Verse: VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made known.
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion: see insert

* Closing Hymn: Sent Forth By God's Blessing VU 481

SENDING FORTH

* Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):

Having felt God's presence, having tasted God's goodness, having been told God's name, go now to the world.

We go, to be a living expression of the great "I AM",

Following God's call, sharing our lives

we bear witness to the ultimate love

Don't hesitate, Go and join Christ in the world,
healing and speaking words of freedom,
witnessing to the Sacred in the midst of life. Amen

Choral Closing: God Be with You (vs 1) VU 422

**God be with you till we meet again,
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

Ministry of Music: Trumpet Tune Hoffman

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music

Announcements

Greeters:		Sadie Miller & Shirley MacLeod
Ushers:	Left Side:	John Gaskin & Dow Johnston
	Center:	Roger Miller
	Right Side:	Ann & Harold Raper
	Upstairs:	Hope Brewer & Darrell Bruce
Coffee:		Trustees
Coffee:	October 8	Pantry

Congregational meeting: TODAY following worship.

The bulletin covers for today's service have been donated in loving memory of Rod White by his daughter Natasha and family.

A donation has been made to the Music Fund in loving memory of Rod White by Natasha White and family.

A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in memory of Gil MacKenzie by Frank & Lyla Lawrence.

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Today in Sunday School: October unit: : From Shepherd to King. Anchor Point: We can love and serve God. Bible Verse for the month: "The Lord sees into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7. Bible Story: David the Musician, 1 Samuel 16:14-23. Music was very important to David who is credited with writing at least half of the psalms—a hymnbook for the Israelites who sang about what God had done for them.

St Paul's Stained Glass Windows: You will have noticed used stained glass windows on display around the Church and the Hall. As you may know, they were recovered from the Sanctuary basement when we did a major cleanup this past summer. We have had inquiries from outside parties offering to purchase some of these items but before agreeing, we would like to give St. Paul's members first choice. Please contact Gregory Morton 455-8179 if you have an interest.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour, Chris Grant will lead this group.

Spirit Sisters will be exploring what does it look like to follow Jesus using the book ***Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus***. We meet on Mondays from 7-8 pm. All women of the congregation and community are invited to join us as we explore what a Christian life looks like through 6 markers - spiritual practices, worship, community, serving, giving and sharing Christ.

Men's Conversation Group: **Wednesdays at 7 pm** in the **Ladies' Parlour**. Our focus for the fall will be *Bullseye*, a study resource that maps out six markers, including spiritual practices,

serving, giving, and sharing, that are signs of a Christian life. Men of the congregation, wherever you are on your faith journey, are invited to join in this study and conversation time.

Monday, October 30 at 7 PM will be a very different 'night out' for concert goers at St. Paul's United Church! A unique cinema experience with a twist is offered when we show one of the greatest silent films ever made, the classic 1925 film version of **The Phantom of the Opera**, starring Lon Chaney, together with live, improvised organ accompaniment from international recitalist David Drinkell. This was cinema as it used to be with a musician trying to capture the mood as the silent movie's images flash across the silver screen. Free will offering. Produced by Dr. Sharon Pond, "A Silent Haunting" it is a unique event as St. Paul's United Church transforms itself into the world of silent film and, accompanied by David on our 70-year-old Casavant organ, provides a heady and exhilarating evening's entertainment.

St Paul's currently has **space for rent**, that being the room (14' x 27'=348 sq. ft.) off the lower level gym. This includes access to the gym, the lower level kitchen and the washrooms. The area would appeal to a Daycare operation (pre-school or after school), exercise class, dance class, etc. If you know of potential tenants please contact Greg Morton at 455-8179.