

St. Paul's United Church

September 10th, 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.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude:

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 1 (vs 5)

Welcome & Announcements

***Gathering Hymn:** *All things bright and Beautiful*

VU 291

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created the world out of a formless void.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created people in the image of God.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

Prayer of Approach

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

* **Family Hymn:** *I am the Dream*

MV 106

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

First Scripture: *Genesis 1:1-2:4 (adapted)*

Rev. Richard

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

Anthem

Second Scripture: *John 1:1-5*

Herein is good news. **Praise be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** *It's a song of praise to the Maker* *MV 30*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

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**

* Reaffirmation of Faith

VU 918

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn: *Go to the world*

VU 420

SENDING FORTH

* **Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):**

At the dawning of the world

God was there.

In the moments of our birthing

God was there to hear us cry out.

As we part from here to begin our service again

God goes with us.

Now go, with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hands, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your back to share the good news you have heard this day. AMEN

Choral Closing: *Behold*

MV 115

Behold! Behold, I make all things new

Beginning with you, and starting from today.

Behold! Behold, I make all things new,

My promise is true for I am Christ the way.

Postlude:

Announcements

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Greeters:

Ushers: Left Side: Colleen Hanna & Roger Miller
Center: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Upstairs: Katie & Eric Lakes

Coffee: M&P

Coffee: Sept. 17 Congregational Board

Welcome Back Worship and BBQ. Today we gather once again as the people of St. Paul's United Church. Following our regular worship, come to the George St. parking lot for a BBQ. There are hotdogs & hamburgers (both meat and veggie), fruit & vegetables, iced tea & juice, and the good company of one another.

Today in Sunday School: September unit: Judges and Kings. Anchor Point: We listen to God. Bible Verse for the month: "Speak, Your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10. Bible Story: God Calls Samuel—1 Samuel 3:1-21. While still a child, Samuel responded to God's call to be the prophet of Israel. God was raising up new prophetic leadership to lead Israel through times of great crisis.

Please take the time this week to drop by and bid farewell to **Joe Robicheau**, he will be retiring on Friday, September 15th. We wish Joe all the best in his semi-retirement.

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday is coming back! On September 24th all are encouraged to share their faith and bring a friend to worship. Following the service of worship there will be a pot luck lunch in Fraser Memorial Hall. Bring your favourite comfort food to share, but most importantly come and join in the fellowship.

Prayers in the Parlour: This summer we started having weekly prayers on Wednesday mornings in the ladies parlour. All are encouraged to come and pray for whatever is on their hearts and minds—no experience required! Prayer begins at 10 am every Wednesday Morning.

7th Fredericton **Beavers and Cubs** (co-ed) will be registering on Tuesday Sept. 12th from 6:30 to 8 pm at St. Paul's Church. We have leaders with lots of room for youth. Beaver age 5, 6 and 7. Cubs are 8, 9, and 10. There is funding for registration thru Scouting if needed. See Scouts Canada - No one left behind fund for details. Email contact for more information is jocraighenry@mail.com

Seniors Bible Study: Beginning on Tuesday, September 12th Chris Grant will lead this group through the book "Aging Gracefully"

Spirit Sisters will be exploring what does it look like to follow Jesus using the book ***Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus***. We will have our first meeting at the church on Monday September 18th 7-8pm. 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 will be starting again on Wednesday, September 20th 7 P.M. 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.

Youth Group will be meeting by-weekly this fall starting on Friday September 22nd from 6:30-9pm, we will meet at the church for games, popcorn and video exploration of spiritual gifts. Youth are also invited to join the new Sunday morning class for grade 5 and up where the program will be exploring a variety of topics including why do we do what we do in church, how do we respond to world events around us, and practices that help us deepen our practices of God.

UCW Rummage Sale: Saturday, September 30th from 9-12. Your items may be dropped off anytime, Looking for clean, wearable clothing, bedding, small household articles, lamps, children's toys, jewelry, glass ware, no large appliances, TVs, or computers please.

Financial Contributions

September, 2017

2017 Weekly Budget for September	\$ 7,250.
Envelopes (Sept. 3)	238.25
PAR	2,448.73
	\$ 2,686.98 - \$4,563.02

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.

Commitment to community, With or Without God: Promoting respectful dialogue as we look to the future of the United Church of Canada. Gretta Vosper and a couple of congregants are coming to Fredericton on September 27th. Forest Hill United Church will be hosting a day of discussion and questions. During which Rev. Chris Levan (former Minister at Wilmot) will be listening and taking feedback from the presentation back to Toronto. The organizers hope to "take a reading" of your feeling about whether or not the united church can be a place where both clergy and congregants and pursue their spiritual journey even if that doesn't lead to affirming belief in God as a supernatural being who intervenes in the world. They invite all people regardless of whether you classify yourself as traditional or atheist or any where in between and respectfully share your thoughts and questions. Lunch and refreshments provided. Please register by emailing Owen Washburn at owenw@nbnet.nb.ca. The evening of September 27th there will also be a public dialogue between atheist Gretta Vosper and theist John Valk from 7-9 at Dineen Auditorium in Head Hall of the UNB Campus. Suggested donations for full day session is \$30.00 and for Evening discussion \$10.00.

Over the summer we welcomed a new baby through Baptism at Wilmot United. Muriel Anne Rodgers, daughter of Sarah and James Rodgers and sister to Emma.

We said goodbye to some friends:

Milton Kerr
John Blackmer
Ken Dauphinee
Geraldine Barr

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to all who have lost loved ones.

Bequests were made to the church by the following people:

John Blackmer Organ Chimes Fund
Joan Whelpley General Fund
Dorothy McClure Upkeep of Baptismal Font
John Richard Millican General Fund

The following donations were made in memory of loved ones:

- **John Blackmer** by Mary Dingee Jacobs to the Memorial Chimes Fund
- **Norma Pepper** by Etta, Shaun & Lucy Davis to the General Fund
- **Norma Pepper** by Etta, Shaun & Lucy Davis to the Pantry
- **Norma Pepper** by Carole Peacock to the Pantry
- **William & Hazel Fraser** (parents) and **Muriel Wallace & Helen Belyea** (sisters) by the estate of Dorothy McClure to be used for the upkeep of the Baptismal Font which was donated by the family in memory of William Fraser.

If you wish to donate the bulletin covers for a Sunday service in memory of a loved one please contact Cathy at 458-1183. A form has been placed on the bulletin board indicating which dates are left to choose from. (\$40 per week)