

# Downtown United

The Season After Pentecost - September 2, 2018

\* Indicates that everyone should please stand as you are able.  
**Bold** indicates that everyone should please say/sing words out loud.

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

**Prelude** Chorale Prelude Sittard

### \*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.**

\***Gathering Hymn:** "Come All You People" (x3) MV 2

### Welcome & Announcements

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

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,  
**and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

God has called us together,  
God has called us to be part of a community.

**God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,  
**may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**  
allowing us to see deeper,  
**helping us to live in the world**  
while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

### \*Lighting the Christ Candle

\***Introit:** "O God We Call" (X2) VU 411

**O God we call. O God We call.**  
**From deep inside we yearn.**  
**From deep inside we yearn.**  
**From deep inside we yearn, for you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**Family Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" (vs. 1) MV 48

### Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

**Family Hymn:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" (vs. 2) MV 48

\***Affirmation of Faith** VU 918

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Prayer of Illumination (Unison):** *based on John 6:68-69*

**Loving God, to whom do we turn? Where do we look for wisdom? It is to you we turn, for you have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One, the highest power, the wisdom we need for living. Bless to us your word and wisdom this day. AMEN**

**Today's Scripture:** Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Gary Llewellyn  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
Mark 7:1-6

### Message

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\***Hymn:** "All Who Hunger" (vs.1-2) VU 460

### \*Invitation to Offering

**Offertory Music** "Dear World" *Muriel Falkenstein*

\***Offering Verse:** "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (Tune VU 530)

**In gratitude and humble trust**  
**we bring our best today**  
**to serve your cause and share your love**  
**with all along life's way.**  
**O God, who gave yourself to us**  
**in Jesus Christ, your Son,**  
**teach us to give ourselves each day**  
**until life's work is done.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Communion** (See Insert)

\***Closing Hymn:** "All Who Hunger" (vs. 3) VU 460

### \*Commissioning & Benediction

\***Closing Music:** "Olde Irish Blessing" *-Muriel Falkenstein*

**Ministry of Music** Prelude in Fugue in E minor Bach

**Greeter:** Mary & Earl Staples  
**Ushers:** Left Side: Linda & Alastair Lamont  
Center: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Gary Llewellyn & Roger Miller  
**Coffee Hour:** Christian Education

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## *Announcements*

The bulletins for this service have been lovingly sponsored in honour of the marriage of Anthony Gerald Chauvin (youngest son of Donna Chauvin) and Jessica Leigh Bennett (daughter of Pam and Paul Bennett, Kentville, NS). The wedding took place on August 25th in Petawawa, ON. Blessings to granddaughter Charlie as well!

**Happy Anniversary** to Greg & Adrienne Morton as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary today. Congratulations!

### **Fall Kick-off: On September 9th we start the fall in a big way!**

- ◆ Before worship at around 10:10 AM, all are invited to come and join in a sing-a-long. Let us warm our voices up as we get ready to praise God together!
- ◆ A service of worship and praise will begin at 10:30 AM in which we hear the story of Noah and the Rainbow
- ◆ Following worship there will be a BBQ held in the George Street parking lot.

Come and share in faith and fellowship as we dive into the fall season.

Our summer has been blessed with combined worship with Wilmot United and we look forward to opportunities to praise God together in the upcoming seasons.

**An Organ Odyssey:** My Adventure in Haarlem, Netherlands. A Recital and Talk by Dr. Sharon Pond. Sunday, September 23, 2:30 PM, St. Paul's United Church

**St. Paul's Brown Bag** program is in need of food items for our folks who come in off of the street for a meal. We need protein, puddings/fruit cups, snacks and juice boxes. We appreciate all you contribute towards this much needed program and thank you so much for what you are able to donate.

## *Holy Sacrament of Communion*

Let us gather our hearts  
**our hearts are at home in God.**  
Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love.  
**God's love endures forever.**  
Let every heart be lifted up  
**let us prepare to receive our Christ.**

God of all creation, from the beginning (...) and distance in the great cloud of witnesses that is your living Church, we sing a unified chorus of praise:

***O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name  
always!***

All glory and honour are yours, O God, (...) And as we remember, we proclaim together the mystery of our faith, as we sing:

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!***

Gather us now at your table, O God, (...) we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.

***Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!***

The gifts of God for the people of God;  
**let us keep the feast.**

*(The body of Christ given and the cup of love poured out for you)*

### **Prayer after communion:**

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. And you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Eucharist. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## Senior Choir Announcement



Did you know that besides being fun, singing in a choir has positive physical and mental benefits.

It improves cardiovascular fitness (including lung function), as well as improving mood and general alertness.

One study even suggested singing in a choir increases life expectancy!

Come and see what the Senior Choir is all about.....

You are invited to our Welcome Back Choir Rehearsal and Party on Thursday, **September 13 at 7 PM** in Fraser Memorial Hall.

Try singing with us for a night and enjoy food and drinks after.