

St. Paul's United Church

April 7th, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent & Scout Sunday

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.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at
the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will
judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*
-Psalm 98:7-9

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Hark a Voice Saith All Are Mortal Bach

Parade of Colours

* Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of the 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:** We are One (vs 2) VU 402

**We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.**

**We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

Welcome & Announcements

* **Gathering Hymn:** When I Needed a Neighbour VU 600

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

We have come to this place because Christ has been calling to us
**feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, welcome the
strangers.**

Invited to be part of the building up of the kingdom, Christ calls to us
clothe the naked, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned.

These are the ones that society forgets. These are the ones Christ
calls us to serve.

**These are our family. We come at Christ's call and are
made whole in our service to one another.**

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Sun.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Mon.:	9am - noon	10 am - noon
Tues.:	By Appointment	By Appointment
Wed:	12-2 pm	10:30-12:30 pm
Thurs.:	12-2 pm	12-2 pm
Friday:	Day off	Day off

*These hours are subject to change due to Emergency Pastoral Care,
meetings and other church business elsewhere.*

Upcoming Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	8:30 am-4 pm	Adult Learning Association
	8-5:30 p.m.	English Second Language
	11:30-1 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon., Wed., Friday	12-1 pm	Exercise Group - Gym
Tuesday & Thursday	1-4 pm	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
Mon., Tues. & Sat.	7-9 pm	AA - Downstairs Lounge
Mon-Thurs	6:30-8 pm	Taekwondo
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Floor Hockey - gym
Tuesday	6:30-8 pm	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 pm	F'ton Choral Society
	7 pm	Barber Shopper's Chorus
Wednesday	9 - 11am	Pantry
Thursday	7-8:15 pm	Senior Choir
	9 am-noon	Play Group - gym
Friday	7:30-9:30 pm	Youth Group (twice a month)
Saturday	10 am-noon	Taekwondo
Sunday	9:15 am	Bible Study - Conference Room

Support the youth: Looking to buy bulbs or seeds through Vesey's the youth group will be raising funds to support their programming and the wider work of the church again this Spring. Catalogues are available now, but our last day to take orders is Sunday, April 21st (Easter Sunday).



Helping Hands: Thank You to the Junior Sunday School who helped with the dishes following the pot luck lunch: Claire, Jorgia, Lilly and Sydney " ...and a little child shall lead them" Isaiah 11:6

OTHER NEWS

Lenten Rocks: Today at the door, you should have received a rock with your bulletin. We invite you to carry this small stone with you through the season of Lent. When you feel anger, frustration, sadness, grief—any emotions that draw darkness over the light in our lives—squeeze the stone. Remember you are not alone. We also ask that on Good Friday, you bring your stone with you to the 10:30 am worship service.

April is Cancer Awareness Month. St. Paul's has been asked to possibly cover some hours at the Superstore on Smythe Street to sell daffodils. The dates given are Thursday April 11th to Thursday April 18th (weekdays) from 10 AM to 6 PM. We are asking for 2 people at a time to cover a two hour shift, or longer if desired. If you are interested, please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP THROUGH LENT

Services of Healing & Release:

Lent is a great time to lift up to God that which is holding us bound and holding us back. This year we will be hosting 3 special services of healing and release in April, they will be held on the evenings of:

Wednesday April 10, 2019

Wednesday April 17th, 2019

These service start at **7:30 PM**. All are welcome

Holy Week Services:

Wave palms, sing praises, and come before the cross in prayer throughout Holy Week. Experience the triumph and the tragedy, and ultimately the glory of God revealed. On page 6 there is a list of the services happening through Holy Week.

We have come to this place because Christ has been calling to us,
let us answer the call in praise this day!

Prayer of the Day

Family Hymn: The Church is Wherever (vs 1) VU 579

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts – Reaffirmation of Promises

Presentation for Recognition of Service Jane Blakely

Karoline Barr (40 years)

Helen Craig (65 years)

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Family Hymn: The Church is Wherever (vs 2) VU 579

Lenten Liturgy:

God, help us to reach for your compassion

when we are tempted to hide from the brokenness in our world.

Give us the courage to face a broken world in which we benefit where others struggle; to see how the abundance of a few has led to the scarcity of many; to see Christ in the face of those that society has chosen to forget.

Challenge us to look beyond what is comfortable and safe. Transform us in our engaging with your children. Remind us that wholeness in you comes from wholeness as a people.

(silent reflection)

Forgive us the times when we have ignored the cries of your children. Lead us to a place of shared abundance. Lead us by your Grace.

When we are tempted to turn away, to harden our hearts to the struggles of your children, may we be reminded that these that you call family, even the least of these, we should call brother, sister, kin. AMEN

Anthem: Be Not Afraid Dufford, arr. Wagner

Today's Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 Marilyn Brewer

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Where Cross the Crowded VU 681

* **Moment for Community & Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory (piano/organ) Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* **Dedication Verse:** Your Work, O God VU 537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,

and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* **Closing Hymn:** There's a Spirit in the Air VU 582

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Christ is still calling us,

From prayer to action, from song to service, from worship to building the kingdom.

Be the hands and feet of God beyond these walls,

following the Holy Spirit wherever it might lead us.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Closing:** God be With You (vs 4) VU 423

**God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude Vivaldi Concerto Movement Bach

Greeters: Scouting Movement

Ushers: Scouting Movement

Coffee Hour (Apr 14): Board

It's Scouting Sunday! We are excited to welcome the Scouts to be a part of our worship and fellowship **today**. We are eager to celebrate our Cubs/Beavers/Scouts and program leaders. Following the service there will be a fellowship time hosted by the Scouts. There will be cake! Come and share.

Brown Bag Lunches: We are low on proteins, puddings, juices and individual snacks such as granola bars, cheese & crackers, etc, Flip top lids please. Thank you for thinking of these folks as you do your weekly shopping. We all appreciate your help in feeding those in need of food.



Hospital Please advise one of the ministers or the office if you or someone from our midst has to go to hospital. You have to let the hospital administration know that you are in and from what church, then they place your name on a list that Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard look at each time they go for hospital visitation. We would rather hear 10 times that someone is in hospital than not to hear it at all. Thank you

LENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Lenten Film Series This afternoon we will be showing the family friendly movie **Inside-Out**. It will begin at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary so arrive a few minutes before and get your seat. Feel free to bring some snacks and enjoy the movie. The last adult/mature audience movie is **Calvary** and will be showed at 7 p.m. on April 14th.

Reflective In-Person Bible Study: Spend time with the word of God, think about what it is saying to you today and what God may be saying through the scripture. No bible experience needed. Join Eric Hotte at 9:15 am until 10am in the church office. Each week the focus on the scriptures for that day, participants say the service takes on a new meaning. Next Sunday April 7th the reading will be **Matthew 21:1-17**. Following the study, there will be a prayer group until 10:20am. Absolutely everyone welcome! Come to one or both of these exciting and faith building opportunities.

On-Line Bible Study: Join Rev. Richard online and share the Good News as we engage with and experience the Word together. We will be meeting online on Monday's at 7:30 p.m. until April 15th. The link to the study is <https://zoom.us/j/280179122> and you can check any time before the meeting to make sure your computer/phone/tablet works. The reading for this week is **Matthew 21:1-17**. May we walk with Christ on this journey through Lent. Rev. Richard is also considering extending the Online study to the end of June. Your feedback would be appreciated.

Streaming Sunday Worship: We want you to feel like you can worship with us even when you can't be in the sanctuary. If you can't be with us for some reason - maybe you're travelling, maybe you're sick, or maybe you get a little anxious in a new place and want to see what we are about - we hope that you tune in by following this link <https://zoom.us/j/955672091> (**this is the link for the month of April**). You should be able to hear the worship service and see what is on the screens.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Today in Sunday School: Observing Lent with Your Family. Bible Verse: "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18) Story: Peter pretends. (Matt 26: 69-75) Peter denied the Lord he had promised never to deny. Matthew presents Peter's response to his failure as an appropriate model for disciples. The exposure of our weakness is cause for repentance. Peter's example challenges us to start fresh if we have failed and show mercy to those who have already failed.

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 14th @ 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday (Wilmot): Thursday, April 18th @ 6:00 PM
Good Friday: Friday, April 19th @ 10:30 AM
Sunrise Service (Pedway): Sunday, April 21st @ 7:00 AM
Easter Communion: Sunday, April 21st @ 10:30 AM

Lenten Lunch Recitals: Wednesdays 12:10 – 12:50 pm Free Will Offering will be received.

April 10th: Featuring a Love themed vocal and piano duet by Dianne Roxborough Brown and Kathrin Welte.

April 17th: Spirituals by the Vocal Collective, Organ works by Dr. Sharon Pond and featuring a Pedal Extravaganza by Leo Sowerby.

UCW NEWS

The UCW will meet on Monday April 8th at 10 AM in the Ladies Parlour. Please answer Roll Call with writing journals or light socks for spring and summer for Grace House, the Women's Shelter. All women of the congregation are welcome to join our meeting. It's not too late to sign up to sell daffodils at the Superstore on Smythe Street for Cancer Awareness Month. Donna Chauvin 458-5885

This past Sunday, there was a paper insert in the bulletin asking for **congregational feedback** for the Ministry & Personnel Committee. Thank you to the over 30 people who responded. If you didn't have an opportunity to respond on paper, please do so using this electronic link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N63HB89>. Your feedback is invaluable.

“When Love Hurts: Understanding & Healing Domestic Abuse” will be held from 7-9 PM on Tuesday's April 2 - 23 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church. This 4-week support group offers hope and help to those caught in the cycle of abuse. Register at 458-8527 or gracem@nb.aibn.com. No cost.

Delicious **Chili Take-Out Supper**, Friday, April 5, pick-up 4-6pm, Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. Enjoy chili (mild beef), roll, side salad and dessert for \$12. Reserve your take-out meals by April 3 with Rindy or Tom Austin, 450-7151.