

# St. Paul's United Church

April 14th, 2019 - Palm 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.*

*'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely'  
...Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.  
Ezekiel 37: 11b-13a*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Allegro Handel

### \* 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):

In the streets there is a murmur

**come and see**

In the streets people gather

**come and see**

In the streets the excitement grows

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## Office Hours

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

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

## Upcoming Weekly Activities

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

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 here, perhaps you are 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.

**St. Paul's Lenten Lunch Recital:** Wednesday, April 17th: 12:10-12:50. Spirituals by the Vocal Collective, Organ works by Dr. Sharon Pond featuring a Pedal Extravaganza by Leo Sowerby.

**Good Friday:** Join us in person or online at 10:30 a.m. on Friday April 19th @ St. Paul's United as we walk those final steps with Christ to the cross. For those tuning in from home or away, the link to join is <https://zoom.us/j/111903741>

**YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**

**Sunday School: Observing Lent with Your Family.** Bible Verse: "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18) Jesus enters Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11) The praises of the masses are good, but it is the disciples who truly submit to Christ's will, those who read his kingship in the light of the cross, who carry out his purposes in the world.

**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). **If you haven't paid for your order please talk with Rev. Michelle**



**OTHER NEWS**

**Lenten Rocks:** It is not too late pick yours up today at the door, 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.

**Faith5:** This is a new congregational practice that will be launched on Easter Sunday to help our congregation to dig deeper into our faith and integrate our faith into our lives. This daily practice has 5 steps and can take between 5-15 minutes. Our goal is to have everyone in the congregation participating....Just think about how God will use us as we grow together!

**come and see**

As God's people we now gather,  
**we come to see the king of king  
and follow in his way.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Choir:** Sing Hosanna Joseph Martin  
**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 creativity  
**when we are tempted to nest in our brokenness.**

Give us the imagination to appreciate how broken hearts, broken dreams, and broken promises can be mended without being fixed; how our actions, our thoughts, and our intentions affect everything and everyone we share this earth and life with; how words, breath, and the Spirit can bring life to dry bones.

**Give us the prophetic wisdom to speak to those areas in our lives that are dry, desolate, and separated from your spirit of creation.**

*(silent reflection)*

Forgive us for the inspired words and actions that we have allowed to die, and lead us toward abundant life.

**When we are tempted to take refuge in the shattered pieces of creation, certain that the brokenness is everlasting, may we search for and cling to your reconciling power and be uplifted by your ever-present grace. Amen.**

**Anthem:** Let Loud Hosannas Ring Williams/Drennan

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-17 Alexis Ervin  
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Message** What Kind of King?

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** When They Heard (vs 1, 3, 4, 7, 9) MV 128

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

**Offertory** All Glory, Laud, and Honour Hayes  
 \* **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:** Ride On, Ride On VU 127


\* **Commissioning (Responsive):**  
 Inspired by your word and life you call us  
**to stop being a bystander and join in your work.**  
 Through you spirit you drive us and inspire us  
**so we lay down our plans and our fear and join you**  
 Into the world you call us  
**through the road will not be easy we follow where you**  
**lead.**  
 For as we journey with you we find liberation and new life for all.

\* **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** Allegro Bach

**Greeters:** Barb Fletcher & Florence Bartlett  
**Ushers:** Upstairs: Susan & Graeme Spencer  
 Left Side: Bob Miller & Colleen Hanna Miller  
 Middle: Isabel Green  
 Right Side: Maude McNamara & Roger Miller  
**Coffee Hour (Apr 21):** Board of Trustees

 Prayers and Sympathy of the congregation are extended to Ted & Margie Boothroyd in the passing of Ted's brother, Gordon Mowatt Boothroyd of Covehead, PEI who passed away on April 7.

The **bulletin covers** for this Palm Sunday service have been donated by Lynne & Ron Naugler in memory of loved ones.

**Brown Bag Lunches:** Thank you to those who brought in items and stocked our shelves this past week! We continue to provide for the hungry in our community. In April so far we have given away 16 bags! Please note flip top proteins are always in demand.



**Hospital** Please advise one of the ministers or the office if you or someone from our midst has to go to hospital. You also need to inform the hospital administration that you want to be on the visitation list for St. Paul's so that Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard know. They are at the hospital approximately twice a week, 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 Evening is our final show, **Calvary @ 7pm.** Classified as a dark comedy it challenges us to think about what it means to live faithfully under trying circumstances. This film could be triggering to those who have experienced sexual violence, abuse and contains some strong language. That said as we approach Christ's Calvary, this film provides us ample material for reflection and discussion.

**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 21st the reading will be **Matthew 28:1-10.** 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. This week is the final gathering on 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 28:1-10.** May we walk with Christ on this journey through Lent. Rev. Richard is also considering

## ***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. Join Rev. Michelle as we pray, immerse ourselves in songs of healing, lift our prayers for healing to God with the light of candles and have the opportunity to receive anointing of healing. **Wednesday April 17th, 2019** service starts at **7:30 PM**. All who seek release and rejuvenation are welcome.

### ***Holy Week Services:***

Starting today we start off the action that is at the heart of our faith. We Greet Jesus with joy as we wave our palms but before the week is over Jesus will be dead. Join us as we walk through these vital days of our faith as we worship together.

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

Remember Rev. Richard's and Rev. Michelle's challenge to come to Good Friday service. For "without Good Friday there is No Easter Sunday" also note that Muriel will be sharing her gift of song with us at the Good Friday service.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS: LOOKING FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS?**

Vacation Bible School is changing! St. Paul's and Wilmot are partnering to host FULL DAY programming. From July 22-27, our Vacation Bible School will be running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The dates are firm, and pre-registration will open soon. Cost for registration is by free-will offering.