

# St. Paul's United Church

April 28st, 2019 - Second Sunday of Easter

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.*

*I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. -Psalm 40:9-10*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:**

\* **Introit:** This is the Day MV 122

**This is the day that God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad!  
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we will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu,  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu,  
We will rejoice and be glad!**

\* **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**

**Welcome & Announcements**

\* **Gathering Hymn:** Crown Him With Many Crowns VU 221

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

In Christ's kingdom there is a great communion  
Where seekers and believers,  
Wonders and wonders  
People of certainty and people of uncertainty  
**Seek to follow Christ's way.**

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## Office Hours

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<b>Sun.:</b>	By Appointment	By Appointment
<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

**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.

**Faith5:** Last week we provided you with everything you needed to join in this congregational faith practice. If you missed last Sunday get your green insert this week from greeters or in Fraser Memorial Hall. So after one week, how has it been going? What do you like about it? We would love to know. Each time we use a spiritual practice it becomes easier and more natural.

**YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**

*Sunday School:* April's Bible Verse: "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18) This Week Jesus, the Good Shepherd, called Peter to care for the flock that belonged to Jesus. Peter Received a commission from the Lord for leadership in the church (John 21:1-19)

**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.

**Accommodations:** If you plan to have a meeting or event here on the church premises please inform the office so space can be made available for you. We have many activities here everyday now and we would appreciate knowing of events allowing us to accommodate everyone! Thank you—Cathy

**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!

In Christ's kingdom there is a great communion  
Where Marthas and Marys, Peters and Thomases  
Disciples of every kind

**Grow in Christ's way.**

In Christ's kingdom there is a great communion.  
Stop and take notice of the people gathered today.  
Many faces. Many possibilities. Many questions and answers.  
Many hopes and dreams and doubts.

**All Worshiping God, which is Christ's way.**

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Family Hymn:** Sing a Happy Hallelujah (vs 1) VU 224

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart & Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem:** For Where Love Is, There Is God Wagner

**Prayer of Illumination (Unison):**

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened us to the light of eternity. Kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Today's Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20 Gail Stephenson

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Message: At the Heart of the Churches Mission**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Hymn:** Lord of the Dance VU 352

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**We confess, Lord, that too often we hesitate to go into the world and share the invitation to your grace. Our fears and doubts distract us from moving forward in your name. We worried about how we will look or sound to a world that doesn't know you. Yet your call is so clear, go forth and share the grace, love and joy that we have found through Christ. Give us courage and the boldness to not hide our relationship with you, but glorify your name in our word and actions. Amen.**

live the resurrection life. Forgive us when we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Love:** MV 162 vs 5 (Tune VU 377)  
Christ in love recovered, Christ our hope revealed,  
Christ in faith discovered, Christ our tombs unsealed.

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

\* **Dedication Verse:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah (vs 2) VU 179  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**  
**Prayers of the People**

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Closing Hymn:** Go to the World VU420

\* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

We have glorified God as we worshiped.

**In our midst this day, there has been good news proclaimed**

Now we are commissioned to be part of the building of the kingdom

**To take our place in the great communion in Christ.**

We now leave this sanctuary of worship and renewal

**With the faith that breaks open tombs,**

**To share the Joy, love and hope found in Christ.**

Christ's way has led us here, Christ now leads us out into the world.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Closing:** As we Walked Home (vs 5, tune VU84) VU 184  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
**As Mary and our sisters said,**  
**the Lord is risen from the dead.**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Postlude**

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**Greeters:**

**Ushers:** Upstairs: Susan & Graeme Spencer  
Left Side: John Gaskin and Larry Buick  
Middle: Isabel Green  
Right Side: Tammy Choughlan and Dean Jones  
**Coffee Hour (May 5):** Worship

On May 5th following the worship service there will be a **congregational meeting** in Fraser Memorial Hall, come hear about the upcoming plans for the congregation and updates on ongoing work of the congregation.

Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard will be attending a conference for Christ-centered clergy in the UCC called Cruxifusion from April 30th -May 2nd. During this time Ellen Beirsto will be providing emergency pastoral care should you need please contact her at 206-1943

**Retirement Home Worship:** Big thanks to members of the choir for volunteering to lead worship this month upcoming worship at retirement homes:

Wednesday May 1st at 3 p.m. @ St. Anne's Court  
Thursday May 2nd at 10 a.m. @ Frederick Hall (Shannex)  
Thursday May 2nd at 10:45 a.m. @ Governor Hall (Shannex).

**SERVICES & ACTIVITIES**

**Reflective Bible Study:** Spend time with the word of God, think about what it is saying through the to you today. No bible experience needed. Join Eric Hotte at 9:15 am until 10am in the church office. Next Sunday, the reading will be **Acts 10:1-17, 34-48**. 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.

**Campus Ministry AGM:** On Monday April 29th, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. St. Paul's will be hosting the annual general meeting for the Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry on Campus. All those interested in attending are welcome to do so.

**Next Sunday is Pantry Sunday! Bring your items May 5th.**

Thank you for your continued support of this program that provides not only food but hope to people struggling with food security in our community. Current Pantry needs include: tea, coffee, juice boxes, canned meat, puddings, cereal, soda biscuits, white sugar, relish, sardines, dish detergent, laundry detergent, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and toilet tissue.

Mark your calendar. **Sharing Faith, Living Faith workshop. June 1st, 11am -1pm.** Equipping us to share the joy and passion we have with each other and the world around us.

Other community events:

**Community Prayer Breakfast:** Everyone is invited to come to a Community Prayer Breakfast at Morning Gate Church, on Saturday, May 4th from 9-11 am, A continental breakfast will be provided. Come join us for worship music under the leadership of Pastor Deb MacDonald, a devotional by Rev. Peter Lohnes and a time of prayer for our elected officials and community leaders.

The [2019 KAIROS Atlantic Gathering](http://www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering), May 2-5 at Mount Allison, will include a public Mass Blanket Exercise with hundreds of people, a daily sunrise service and continuous Sacred Fire, elder care by Andrea Cofler, opening keynote/theological workshops by Executive Director Jennifer Henry, a Latin American feast with global partner Kelly Campo, an opportunity to delve deeper into a Stream of KAIROS' work (acknowledged with a certificate of completion) with the help of regional elders and guest speakers, advocacy workshops and more! Children's program available. 40 subsidies left. Details & registration: [www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering](http://www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering)  
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