

# St. Paul's United Church

May 5th, 2019 - 3rd 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.*

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;'  
- Matt 9:36-37*

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**Prelude:** Prayer Guilmant

\* **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!**

### \* 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:** Worship the Lord VU 401

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

God calls us to travel the broken roads of this world, seeking the lost.

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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

**Faith5:** On Easter Sunday 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 two weeks, how has it been going? What do you like about it? Share your experience of this practice with at least one person today.

**YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**

*Today in Sunday School:* **Family Friends.** May Bible Verse: "Friends love all the time and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble." (Proverbs 17:17) **Special Guest:** We interrupt our regularly scheduled lesson plan to welcome Rev. Michelle for our special Stewardship and Giving Sunday. Rev Michelle will lead us today in teaching/discussions

**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 22-26, 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!

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. This event will be run by Rev. Richard and Rev. Michelle and a lunch will be provided. Come for the food, stay for the faith!

**God calls us here to show us how to walk.**

God calls us to go to those places in this world shrouded in darkness.

**God calls us here to show us how to be light.**

God calls us to go to those people who are on the edge of society, forgotten and alone.

**God calls us here to show us how to love.**

Let us worship God, who never lets us journey alone.

**Let us worship God, who guides us on the 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:** Promised Land - Vocal Collective Sleeth  
**Prayer of Illumination (Unison)**

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us 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:** Acts 10:1-17, 34-48 Mike Berry  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** The Places God Calls Us *Rev. Richard*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\* Hymn:** God of the Bible MV 28

**Prayer of Confession (Responsive):**

You call to us, O God, inviting us to go where we are needed.

**Forgive us when we hesitate because the road is too long, the way is too dark, the people are not our people.**

Remind us that Christ was raised not for a few, but for all.

**Remind us that all people are our brothers, our sisters, our kin; that you are the light to show us the way; that as long as the road might be it is worth walking because you are beside us.**

Give us courage to face what we do not understand knowing that you will guide us.

**Give us the compassion to embrace those we do not know because you have brought them into our lives. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love** (vs 5 tune VU 377) MV 162

**Christ in love recovered, Christ our hope revealed,  
Christ in faith discovered, Christ our tombs unsealed.**

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

**Offertory** Mary Don't You Weep - Vocal Collective McDonald

**\* 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:** God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

**\* Commissioning (Responsive):**

There are none in this world who are outside the love of God.

**There is nowhere in this world where God's light cannot shine.**

Because in loving our neighbour, familiar or strange, we share God's love.

**Because when we go where the Spirit is inviting us, we take God's light with us.**

So go, share light and love. Share the faith that you have found in this place

**with a world that is waiting, yearning for light, love, and hope.**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Closing:** As we Walked Home (vs 5tune VU 84)VU 184

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**As Mary and our sisters said,  
the Lord is risen from the dead.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Postlude** Psallite Houdie Vocal Collective Waggoner

**Greeters:**

**Collectors**

**Downstairs:**

**Upstairs:**

**Left Side:**

**Middle:**

**Right Side:**

**Coffee Hour**

(May 12):

John & Geraldine Gaskin

Steeves Family

Tammy and Dean Jones

Larry Buick

Betty Fitzpatrick & Eric Lakes

Senior Choir

Bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don & Phyl Peacock by their daughter's; Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne & Debbie Seymour.

Following the worship service today 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 just got back from attending a conference for Christ-centered clergy in the UCC called Cruxifusion. Ask them about their experience!

**Retirement Home Worship:** Big thanks to members of the choir for bringing worship to the residents of St. Anne's Court and Shannex. Later this month on Thursday, May 16th, St. Paul's will be going to Windsor Court to continue the sharing of worship and prayer.

**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 13:1-3; 14:8-18**. 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.

**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/482746737> (this is the link for the month of May). You should be able to hear the worship service and see what is on the screens.