

St. Paul's United Church

May 19th, 2019 - 5th 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.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

-Matt 9:10-13

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Ciacona Buxtehude
*** 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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Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu, Singing hallelu,
we will rejoice and be glad!
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*** 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:** We Have This Minsitry VU 510

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Office Hours

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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

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Reflective Bible Study: Spend time with the word of God, think about what it is saying through the scriptures 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 **Romans 5:1-11**. 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.

Faith5: Join in this congregational faith practice, If you don't have the green insert you can find one in the narthex and Fraser Memorial Hall. How have you seen God bless your family or friendship through use of this practice?

The **UCW** will meet on **Monday, May 27th**, in the Ladies Parlour at 10 AM. Our guest speaker will be Brent Lockhart from NB Power. He will discuss ways to improve energy efficiency in the home. Please answer Roll Call with writing journals or summer socks for the Women's Shelter. All are welcome to join us. Bring a friend!
- Donna Chauvin 458-5885

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! Let us know if you are coming so we have enough food for all.

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

We were created to be God's people, free to love and serve God with all our minds, all our hearts and all our strength.

So we come to worship God, laying aside the things that bind us; our doubts and fears, our arrogance and our hopelessness.

We gather together because life is not meant to be lived alone. Through Jesus, even God, was born into the loving embrace of a family. As an adult Jesus shared love, laughter and tears with those he called friends. And shared the love of God with all who would receive it.

So we come having experienced that love to honour God, celebrating God's presence within the companionship of fellow disciple of Christ.

Drawn together by the Holy Spirit we lift our voices in praise and prayer as together we worship God!

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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing Mueller

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: Romans 1:1-17 Beth Henderson
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message The Power of God in Community

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** I Have Called you by your Name MV 161

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

You show us how to walk a life of faith and righteousness, O Christ,

Giving praise to God, being humble in spirit and opening our hearts to the world.

You show us what it means to act with God's power and authority,

You offered yourself in service to others, you refused to give up on love and mercy even when it meant death.

You model for us a life of vulnerability within faithful relationships and a pattern of life that seeks justice.

And yet Holy one, we often neglect to follow your pattern for life, instead of mutuality and interdependence, we think first and foremost of ourselves. Using our positions and power to get what we want, we neglect the ways that our striving spreads injustice. Not wanting to show weakness we hid our true selves; our hopes and pains, our fears and failures and end up being bound by them.

Break the bonds we have created and bind us to each other instead that in this resurrection community we may experience new life yet again. This we pray in the strong name of Christ,

Amen

Assurance of God's Love (vs 5 tune of 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 Chorale Prelude Willan

*** Dedication Verse:** Hallelujah, give thanks (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:** All the Way my Saviour Leads Me VU 635

*** Commissioning (Responsive):**

As we leave this gathering of God's people we return to a world that is often isolating and cold, but we go with a commissioning to be God's own.

To encourage and support each other as we seek to follow Christ's way. To reach out in love to those in our inner circle and beyond. To allow the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower us to be an active part of God's kingdom here and now.

Beloved in Christ, the service has ended, but the work and life of faith has just begun, go out to the world as servants of the Lord, spreading the circle of God's grace.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Closing:** As we Walked (vs 5 to tune VU 84) VU 184
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude Toccata Boellmann

Greeters:		Etta Davis & Maude McNamara
Collectors	Upstairs:	Susan & Graeme Spencer
Downstairs:	Left Side:	Linda & Alastair Lamont
	Middle:	Isabel Green
	Right Side:	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
Coffee Hour	(May 26):	Property

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.

Rev Richard is away on continuing education this week and both Rev. Michelle and Rev. Richard will be attending the Regional Meeting May 23-26th. Chris Walker will preaching and leading worship with Eric Hotte.

Bulletins for those who cannot make it out to church are available through the mail, also CD's of the services. Please contact Cathy at 458-1183 if you are interested.

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) **Bible Story:** Best Friends (1 Samuel 18:1
-5; 20:1-42), the strong friendship between David and Jonathan.

You are invited to join the Board in a financial planning workshop
on **21 May from 5:30 - 9:30**. The purpose of the workshop:
develop a 3 - 5 year strategic financial plan to be introduced to the
congregation on June 2, 2019. Rev. Roger Janes, the Stewardship
& Gifts Officer – Atlantic Region for the United Church of Canada
will be joining us at the workshop and as an advisor on an ongoing
basis. This is your chance to make an important contribution to the
future of St. Paul's. RSVP: to the church office before 4:00 on 14
May 2019

Bring-a-Friend Sunday, May 26th and join us before service for
a sing-a-long and to musically prepare for the service - singing
begins at 10:10 AM.

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 Starts this week. Contact Rev.
Michelle for registration form. Cost for registration is by free-will
offering.

Are you free during the day? Do you like young children? Rev.
Michelle is looking for a back-up babysitter to care for Reid in the
event that he is unable to attend daycare due to illness or other
daycare closures and her presence is required at an unmovable
church commitment such as a funeral. If you are able to help out,
please contact Rev. Michelle at 458-1183

Hospital Please advise one of the ministers or the office if you
or someone from our midst is in hospital. we would rather hear 10
times that someone is in hospital than not to hear it at all. Thank
you!