

St. Paul's United Church

June 2nd, 2019 - 7th 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.

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

-Matt 6:24

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Tell Me The Story Of Jesus McDonald-Rondo-Purcell

* **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,
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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:** Welcome, Happy Morning VU 161

* Call to Worship (Responsive):

Once we lived in the dark of the night

Then the light of the world came

Once we were dead in sin

Then God's mercy came and found us

but we turned our back on Him

He still called us to be God's people.

Our rejection, our death dying ways, our preference to stay in the dark, God's grace covers them all.

Now we are God's resurrection people

God's resurrection people, gathered for prayer and for praise.

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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

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:** Courageous Friends (Daniel 31-30). When the three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, emerged unharmed from the fiery furnace, King Nebuchadnezzar declared there was no other God who could deliver like this. To the Jews, this meant there was only one God.

Youth Group will be meeting on Friday, June 7th in Fraser Memorial Hall. **Please Note the change in meeting time to 7:30 PM**

ATTENTION PARENTS: NEED SUMMER PROGRAMS? Vacation Bible School is changing! St. Paul's and Wilmot are partnering to host FULL DAY programming. From July 22-26; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration Starts this week. Contact Rev. Michelle for registration forms. Cost for registration is by free-will offering.

If you have not already done so, seed and bulb sales from youth are in and available for pickup in the Fraser Memorial Hall. The planting of your garden has raised \$250 for youth programming. Thank you so much for your care and generosity.

OTHER NEWS

Summer Employment Position: St Paul's Church Tour Guide, Summer Camp (VBS) & Administration Assistant. Position available for 11 weeks - 35 hr week, \$13/ hr. Age criteria - 15-30 years old Note – no need to be a student. Dates of Employment: -- 11 weeks between June 10 – Aug 23 Responsibilities including Tour Guide, Administrative help, light custodial and children's summer camp planning & implementation assistance. Applicants: – able to work independently & multitask, take initiative, self –disciplined carrying out a variety of responsibilities needing computer skills to physical labour abilities, interest in the history of St Paul's building/church, experience working with children, enthusiastic, welcoming, hospitable & friendly personality, flexibility, need to work Canada Day and NB Day, dependable, responsible, punctual; French and other languages an asset. Emergency First Aid training an asset; CRC required How to apply: - Email covering letter & resume to: morton@nbnet.nb.ca

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: Holy Manna arr. Raney

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 6:1-14 Chris Grant
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message The Walking Dead

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Lift High the Cross VU 151

Prayer of Confession (Unison):
Christ, you tell us that we can not serve two masters, yet often without even realizing it, we are trying to do just that. We shift our focus between placing you at the centre of all we do and letting our desires drive all we do. We are sorry when we make ourselves, money, our ego, power, and privilege masters in our lives over your love, mercy, and grace. Help us to trust that as we die to the ways of the world that we will find new life, abundant joy, and the peace of purpose in our life with you. Amen

Assurance of God's Love MV 162 (vs 5 tune of 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 Andante Con Moto Shubert arr. Cappellpo

* **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:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today VU 157

* **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Christ has risen, death was overcome

We have been freed to live lives free from fear of sin and death

Free to live lives that matter, full of love and grace for Christ's sake

Empowered by Christ, we go to reorient our whole lives, to put Christ at the centre of all we do.

* **Benediction**

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

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude **Alegro Energico** **Cappello**

Greeters: John Davis, Sydney & Abby Henderson
Collectors **Upstairs:** Susan & Graeme Spencer
Downstairs: **Left Side:** Roger Miller & Larry Buick
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: Tammy Coughlan and Dean Jones

Picnic Next week

Coffee Hour (June 16): Congregational Board

The Bulletin for today has been dedicated to the memory of Robert C. Davis from Wife Etta, Shaun & Lucie

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

There will be a continuation of the May 5 **congregational meeting** at 12:00 today in the Fraser Memorial Hall. Agenda: Financial Update and Financial Plan. This is an important meeting - please attend.

PARTY!!! This afternoon from 2-4 pm you are invited to join in celebrating our own **Cathy Simpson** as she nears retirement. Come and share in fellowship, stories, and offer your best wishes and prayers for Cathy who has been integral to the life and work of St. Paul's United Church for **25 years!** See you later today!

Worship & BBQ in the Park! Next Sunday we are worshipping in Wilmot Park @ 10:30am. Come and sing praise to God as we celebrate the birth of the church in the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost! Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or

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 6:1-14.** 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: Are 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- Come worship with us online tune in by following this link <https://zoom.us/j/652187918> (this is the link for the month of June). You should be able to hear the worship service and see what is on the screens.

Faith5: What have you noticed about this practice with your family or friends? One thing happening at Rev. Michelle's house is that Reid is taking the initiative to gather us to share our highs and lows! Need more info. Check out green Faith5 pamphlet in the narthex and Fraser Hall.

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. 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. Also inform the hospital admin 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. Thank You

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.

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

After many years of faithful ministry, Grace Memorial Baptist's **office administrator is retiring** in August. They are prayerfully seeking the right person for this important role in the life of the church. If you are interested or know someone who might be suitable find the link to the job description and how to apply at gracememorial.ca. Email gmbcjobopening2019@gmail.com or call 458-8527.