

St. Paul's United Church

May 26th, 2019 - 6th 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.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'
-Matt 11:28-30

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Allegro Whitlock

* **Introit:** This Is The Day MV 122

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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:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing VU 559

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

When we fall or fail,

We stand in God's grace.

When we strive and stumble in life,

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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

for the month of June). You should be able to hear the worship service and see what is on the screens.

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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.

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

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.

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.

Thanks to the contribution of many of you in baking, buying and working at our recent fund raiser for local and international missions, the Sunday School exceeded the goal of \$400 by raising \$527. The money was distributed as follows: \$200 to Bicycles for Pastors in Zambia (Gifts with Vision project) which will buy 2 bicycles; \$200 to the Nellie MacKay Memorial Fund, established in 1934, to support the work of the Sunday School; remaining \$127 divided between The Pantry and the Brown Bag Lunch programs. Thank you to all who participated and supported the children in this.

ATTENTION PARENTS: NEED SUMMER PROGRAMS? Vacation Bible School is changing! St. Paul's and Wilmot are partnering to host

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we find our hope in Christ.

When we grow weary of the long road and the trials we face,
we claim the strength given by the Holy Spirit.

In every part of our lives,
the love of our Creator has been poured into our hearts.
Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

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 Shout To The Lord Darlene Zschech

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 5:1-11 Noreen Barwise
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message Who Is The Center? Chris Walker

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

God of Grace, in the words of Paul we hear again that Christ bridges the gap between our brokenness and your embrace. Forgive us when we ignore that wonderful truth or worse, when we think the bridge unnecessary. Remind us that our brokenness is not something to fear or hide, but something that we should lay before you. Enter into that brokenness and guide us to wholeness. This we pray in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

AMEN

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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 May Jesus Christ Be Praised DeCou
Piano/Organ Duet

* **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:** Walk With Me VU 649

* **Commissioning and Benediction (Responsive):**

The Good News we have received this day is even when we are
far off, even when we run from God,

Christ meets us and guides us home.

Strengthened by our faith, we go to the world inspired to act.

We carry the love of God shown in Christ to the world.

Go now, empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the joy of a people
reconciled in Christ.

AMEN

* **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 Choral Prelude Willan

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Greeters: Etta Davis & Maude McNamara
Collectors **Upstairs:** Susan & Graeme Spencer
Downstairs: **Left Side:** Maude McNamara & Dow Johnston
Middle: Isabel Green
Right Side: John Gaskin & Larry Buick

Coffee Hour (June 2): Christian Education (new list on
fridge)

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.



Big thank you to Chris Walker and Eric Hotte for leading in worship
today. Would you like to try presiding at a service? Pray for the
people? Step into the pulpit? As we enter into the time of
sabbatical for Rev. Richard, there will be exciting opportunities to
lead in worship. If you feel called to this talk with a member of your
worship committee or ministry team.

Bring-a-Friend Sunday, Today, please join us in the hall
following the service for a fellowship meal - everyone welcome!

There will be a continuation of the May 12 **congregational meeting** at
12:00 June 2nd in the Sanctuary. Agenda: Financial Update and
Financial Plan. This is an important meeting - please attend.

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 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

Our greatest needs for this month at the **Pantry** are: canned fruit, juice “1 L size”, granola bars, pudding cups and fruit cups, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup, cheez whiz, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies, tin foil, hamburger helper. Thank you very much for your donations.

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

HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT - The Adult Handbell Choir of Brunswick Street Baptist Church invite you to a concert of classics, hymns and popular songs to be offered at the church on Sunday, May 26, 6:30 pm. A freewill offering will be taken in support of the church's roofing project. All are welcome.

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.