

# Downtown United

July 5th, 2020 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

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## THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Greeting:

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me MV 18 X3  
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,  
Sanctuary for you.

Opening Prayer

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Hymn: Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love VU 574  
Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true,  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.  
Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame,  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.  
Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home!  
Wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.  
Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!  
Come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**God of Love and Fellowship, we are religious about many things in our lives, but when you invite us to come away with you, we act as if you are being unreasonable. We freely give our time away without even thinking about it, but when we are called to pray, to engage with our divine partner, we often ignore the opportunity to commune with you. We sacrifice our money and our labor for material items, make space for them in our hearts, but when You call us to serve the needs of others, to love others, we wait for the perfect set of circumstances that never arrive. You have given us so much, but our faith is often more defined by what we withhold than by what we give to You. Forgive us when we turn from your call. Forgive us when we recoil from your hand. Speak again to our hearts, call to us in love, and we, in hope, will answer. AMEN**

Assurance of God's Love

Illumination Verse: Teach Me God To Wonder VU 299 (vs 4)  
Teach me God to know you,  
hear you when you speak,  
See you in my neighbour  
when we meet.

Praise to you be given,  
love for you be lived,  
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Today's Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me VU 365  
Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

**Dedication Verse:** What Can I Do? MV 191  
What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!  
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

### Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

You give us so much, the Earth that bears us, the life we live, the very air we breathe. But of all the gifts from you, O God, the one for which we are most grateful is your love. It is a love that saturates our lives and calls us to share it with others. May what we have given of our time, talents, and treasures spread your love to all. When you call to us in love, may we answer in kind. We offer this and all our prayers in the name of Christ, our companion on the way.  
**AMEN**

### Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

### SENDING FORTH

**Closing Hymn:** Wherever you may Go MV 216  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too,  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true  
Say the word and I will stay,  
I will never go away,  
We will travel side by side,  
And God's love will be our guide.  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too,  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true

From beginning to the end,  
I will always be your friend,  
When you need me I'll be there,  
You can trust my faithful care.

Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
And your people shall be my people too,  
Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.

### Commissioning & Benediction

**Choral Closing:** Go to the World VU 420 (vs 4)  
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### Postlude

## *St. Paul's United Contact Information*

**Annual meeting will be July 12th at 12:00pm virtually on Zoom,** here is the link to all the reports and Zoom information <http://www.stpaulsunited.ca/annual-meeting-information/>

**Eric Hotte Church Manager** will be off for **2 weeks July 6th-19th**  
Tuesday July 7th Debbie Allison, Thursday July 9th Cathy Davis  
Tuesday July 14th Chris Grant Thursday July 16th Debbie Allison.  
They will be in 10-2. If you would like to drop anything off please call 458-1183 during those hours. Thanks

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**Rev. Richard** will be on vacation from Monday July 13th to Sunday July 19th, **For Emergency Pastoral Care** contact **Ellen Bearisto: (506) 206-1943**

June 9th at 10:04 AM, Rev. Michelle, Mike, and Reid welcomed Ella Grace into the world. Mom and baby are doing well. Let us all extend our blessings and offer prayers for the family of Rev. Michelle, Mike, Reid, and now Ella Grace.