

St. Paul's United

September 20th, 2020 - 16th 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.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Let us trust in God at all times, O people;

let us pour out our hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV 150

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

As the hymn says, "For every challenge that we face, we need your guidance and your grace." You know, O God, the many challenges we face, which have come our way all at once. Though we have days when we scarcely believe it, we know that your people have been through far worse. Forgive us when we cave in to fear and discouragement. Forgive us when we "shut down" and "zone out," refusing to face up to the inconvenient truths of living in these times. Reveal to us again the peace and reassurance that comes from admitting that we don't have all the answers, but that your love will somehow carry us through. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture:

Mark 5:1-20

Psalm 34

This is the Word of our Creator.

Thanks be to God.

Message Let's Talk. Let's Listen. Let's Pray and Hear From God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

O God, as one famous song writer tells us: "Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything; that's how the light gets in." Any offering we bring is imperfect. But we believe that when we offer all that we have and are to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who did make a perfect offering of himself to you, you can use our gifts in world-changing ways. May that be so now, In Jesus' name, AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

Let us throw off everything that hinders us, and the sin that so easily entangles us.

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God's throne.

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

Congregational Meeting:

At our annual meeting, we agreed to have a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 1 pm. This is just a reminder that this meeting is happening, but also to share with you the information needed to log in to Zoom (as it will be a Zoom meeting). Remember that Zoom now requires the use of a meeting password. It is included below:

- Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82500404018>
- Password:** 200188

Pastoral Concerns & Hospital Visitation

With the easing of restrictions means more opportunity for Rev. Richard to be there for you when you need him. As always, he is available to address pastoral care concerns over the phone (262-2150) or by email (rev.bowley@outlook.com), but you may want a visit after so long. If you would like to arrange a visit, contact Rev. Richard either by phone or email, and a time will be set up.

If you or someone you know is in hospital, restrictions have been loosened there as well. Clergy are now allowed to visit people who are in hospital so long as a direct request is made to the minister, with a room number. Call or email any time and Rev. Richard will get to the hospital as soon as he is able.

Annual General Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region:

On September 26th, your Regional Reps along with reps from across PEI, NB, and parts of the Gaspé will log on to Zoom to do some very important work for the church! We ask that you keep all those who have worked and will work to make things happen in your prayers this coming week and throughout the day on Saturday September 26th.

This is also the first Annual meeting that we are having as a region on our own (without our Region 15 kindred) since we moved to the three court model.

World Wide Communion Sunday

On **October 4th** we are going to be celebrating the Holy Sacrament of Communion, and yes, so long as we are safe to gather in the sanctuary, we will have elements (pre-packaged juice and wafer) for you! For those at home, we encourage you to get some bread and juice (or a suitable alternative) and join us on Zoom! ***Please note: The pre-packaged elements are not gluten free, and do contain red dye. Alternatives are being looked into but we do not have something ready at this time. More information will be forthcoming.

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