

# St. Paul's United Church

May 16th – The Season of Easter

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 (Responsive):

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

#### Call to Worship (Responsive):

Jesus said: Love one another.

**We come to worship God who is love,  
that we may learn to love one another.**

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants;  
now I call you my friends.

**We come to worship God,  
whose friends we are in Christ.**

Let us sing praise to God,  
and live in love and friendship;  
through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle (Unison):

**O God,  
you pour out the spirit of grace and love.  
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,  
that with steady minds and burning zeal,  
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.**

#### Opening Prayer (Responsive):

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;  
**encircle us with your love.**

Bless us with your sustaining presence;  
**surround us with your grace.**

Draw us 'round your living Word,  
**and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,**  
whose Spirit is in our midst. Amen

### Hymn:

We Are One

VU 402

We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.

We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.

We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.

We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.

We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.

#### Prayer of Illumination:

O God, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

#### Today's Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-11

This is the Word of our God.

**Praise be to you, O Creator.**

**Message** Discipleship: First Principles  
**Preaching Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin**

**Anthem**

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Prayer of Dedication:**

God of the hungry,  
make us hunger and thirst for the right,  
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied,  
and hunger has gone from the earth. Amen

**Hymn:**

"Who Is My Mother?"

**MV 178**

Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel sit at the table,  
round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status  
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human derailing  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, her is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

### SENDING FORTH

**Prayers of the People (Responsive):**

Caring God,  
we thank you for your gifts in creation:  
for our world,

**the heavens tell of your glory;**

for our land, its beauty and its resources,

**for the rich heritage we enjoy.**

We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

**that we may use your gifts responsibly;**

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

**that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours**

**and marvel at your creation;**

for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

**that through their work we may see creation afresh.**

*silence*

We thank you for giving us life;

**for all who enrich our experience.**

We pray:

for all who through their own or others' actions  
are deprived of fullness of life;

**for prisoners, refugees, those differently able,  
and all who are sick;**

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,  
and for your Church;

**for all who seek to bring life to others.**

*silence*

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

**Give us reverence for life in your world.**

We thank you for your redeeming love;

**may your Word and Sacrament  
strengthen us to love as you love us.**

*silence*

God, our Creator, bring us new life.

**Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Commissioning:** Go make a difference. MV 209

**Go make a difference.**

**We can make a difference.**

**Go make a difference in the world.**

**Go make a difference.**

**We can make a difference.**

**Go make a difference in the world X2**

**Benediction**

May the blessing of God,  
the giver of every good and perfect gift;  
and of Christ, who summons us to service;  
and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love,  
be with us all.

**Postlude**

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One day at a time sweet Jesus  
That's all I'm asking from you.  
Just give me the strength  
To do everyday what I have to do.  
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus  
And tomorrow may never be mine.  
Lord help me today, show me the way  
One day at a time.

One Day at a Time Lynda Randle

