

St. Paul's United Church

June 13th – United Church of Canada 96th anniversary

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):

Our story of faith and ministry is colorful and vibrant.

We herald our history with pride and delight.

Yet, we also remember our failings with lament and sorrow.

We have adapted to changing needs and ever-shifting demands.

**We celebrate the many decades of learning, growing and
adapting. We pray that the Spirit will continue to inspire us in
the changes and adaptations we yet need to embrace.**

Celebrating 96 years as The United Church of Canada, we worship.

Praise God!

Laura Turnbull Gatherings Pentecost 1, 2021 pg 36

Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Hymn The Churches One Foundation VU 331

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

Our God is a God of forgiveness.

Let us come together as we raise our confessions:

**Loving God, we come to you this morning with all the
wrong things we have done –**

Those we have done knowingly,

Those we have done in ignorance,

Those we should have done, but did not.

We have kept these transgressions to ourselves.

In our silences, separated from you,

We have felt the weight of our guilt.

We have been as a dried-up river,

So we come to you now

For refreshment and forgiveness.

(time for silent prayer)

As we acknowledge our sin

We pray for your unfailing forgiveness.

Reconcile us in your love.

Let your mighty healing stream flow.

Refresh us with your living waters.

This we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen

Assurance of God's Love

Today's Scripture: Mark 4:26-29, 1 Corinthians 5: 6-9, 14-15

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message: Walking by faith

Preaching Reverend Michelle Armstrong

Hymn:

Deep in our hearts

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Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

A New Creed (Unison):

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Creator of our hearts,
Christ of our lives,
Spirit of Each moment-
We aren't very good at bending our knee,
But we know, God of all,
That we are yours,
Heart, mind, and soul,
To love and protect,
And cherish and challenge.
Guide us, O God,
As we live our part
And give our generous portion for you.
In Christ's name, bless these gifts, **We ask it. Amen****

Richard Bott gatherings Pentecost 1 2021 pg 52

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;

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bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning and Benediction (Responsive)

**96 years of life.
96 years of ministry.
96 years of possibility.
96 years of story.**

96 years that are a part of 2,000 years gone by.
People of God, know this—
in the coming year,
in the coming decade,
in the coming century,
in the coming millennium...

**we will continue to be Jesus' people,
living out his call.
We don't know where that will take us.
We don't know what it will look like.
But we do know this—
we will never be alone in this journey.
God is with us. All ways. And Always.**

The peace of Christ holds us,
and the love of the Creator enfolds us,

and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us,
carry all creation,
now, and forever.
Amen!

From the June 10, 2021 anniversary Service

Postlude

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