

St. Paul's United Church

June 6th – Season 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 (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):

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
**calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.**

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Amen.

Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer (Unison):

**God, you touch our lives
with mystery and hope.
We come to this place today,
ready to see your power working through us.
Help us to be open to your Word,
and to answer your call among us.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn

Three Things I Promise

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Three things I promise, Holy God, in age and youth, in life and
death: to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space, and life,
and all that life became, and so, with thankful heart
and voice, through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ amid our culture's
tides and trends, for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken,
and renew, I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades, and family and
friends are gone, three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day,
until my death, I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Prayer of Illumination

O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message Discipleship: The Way of Love

Preaching Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin

Anthem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Gracious God, you have called us to be your own.
We long to respond to your call: openly, fully, lovingly.
Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray.
Reveal yourself in Spirit and in truth.**

Prayers of the People

God our creator, our centre, our friend,
we thank you
for the blessings of life,
for those who are dear to us,
for those who have died,
and for all who have helped and influenced us.
Most of all, we thank you for the faith that is in us,
for our awareness of you,
and our hope in you.
Keep us, we pray,

thankful, faithful, and hopeful
until our lives shall end. Amen.

We call to mind our concerns and commitments,
and join our prayers for peace and well-being
to the prayers of the whole church
as they are offered this day for the whole world.

Let us pray:

We remember the people we know
who are in trouble,
and pray for healing and happiness for all.

silence

We seek God's encouragement:
for honest trade and just commerce;
for medicine and education;
for the gifts and aptitudes in every person
which serve justice in community living.

silence

We pray for peace on earth:
for the generous sharing of the earth's resources
and the responsible sharing of the earth's problems;
for understanding of others
and willingness to regard the diversity of human culture
as more stimulating than threatening;
for the turning of swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning
hooks.

silence

We pray for the church,
by all its names and in all its places:
for its continuing usefulness as a channel of grace and hope;
for its rescue from bureaucracy and stagnation;
for its witness to unity and justice;
for its commitment to hospitality and compassion.

silence

We commend to the Lord our families and friends;
and let us ask God to help us in the days of this coming week.

silence

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and Praise.

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning:

Be the living expression of God's kindness:
kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.
In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.
To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely,
give always a happy smile.
Give them not only your care,
but also your heart.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Benediction (Unison):

**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

