

**ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

October 17, 2021 10:30 AM Twenty-first after Pentecost

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." – John 20:21-23

THE PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

GREETING

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

And also with you

AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS WITH US

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

We come today with our dim eyes and fading hearing

We come longing to see and hear the Lord

We come because God has called our name

We come even though sometimes we are afraid and unsure

We come to seek God in prayer and praise

We come to worship God

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN: Lord, Speak To Me

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THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGE

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Be Thou My Vision

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: Jesus You Have Come to The Lakeshore

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PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)

Compassionate God, help us to answer your call to love and to serve and to heal. Help us to hear the shouts of the hungry, and to answer with food and nourishment. Help us to hear the cries of those in pain, and to answer with comfort and healing. Help us to hear the sobs of the lost, and to answer with your welcoming love. Let our gifts offered to you answer the cries of all those in need in our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: Open my eyes, that I may see

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COMMISSIONING: (responsive)

We have heard a word from God

In the spirit we are called to action

We are given a message to share

May we cast of all fear to share it boldly

God now for our service of worship has ended

but our service to God has just started,

Go now to share the Good News of Christ's love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READERS

NARRATOR

CAROLE PEACOCK

ELI

TAMMY COUGHLAN

LORD

ANN KRAUSE

SAMUEL

PATTY TRAIL

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR

CHRIS GRANT & CAROLE PEACOCK

TOP STAIRS

TAMMY COUGHLAN & DEAN JONES

Land Acknowledgement :

We remember that St. Paul's sanctuary and our worship here is on the unceded territory of the Wolastoqey peoples. Long before this building was here, the land was considered sacred and tended to with respect and care. May our faith drive us to seek to be in right relationship with the first peoples of this land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in-church or by Zoom.

The **monthly board meeting** will take place today, Sunday Oct. 17th. Please hold the Board in your prayers as they meet to discuss and review committee reports & future plans.

The UCW is selling 500ml jars of mincemeat for 12\$/each. Nothing says Christmas like a mincemeat pie or tart! Contact Donna at 458-5885 or 458-1898 to arrange delivery.

Vaccination Cards: Thank you to those who got their vaccination cards laminated this week – **We'll be continuing to offer this service for \$5 indefinitely.** Just drop by the office M-F and we'll resize & laminate your card for you!

Lectionary Bible Study: Rev. Michelle has been hosting bible study every Wednesday at 11:11am in Lady's Parlor – and we've had a lovely turnout! Reminder that no experience is necessary just an open heart and open mind.

Rummage Sale At Wilmot United Church On Fri Oct 22 from 9-6 and Sat Oct 23 from 9 - noon, Wilmot United Church is holding their annual fall rummage sale. Please wear community mask and bring proof of full vaccination.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to clean the sanctuary yesterday! We appreciate your time and hard work ♥

St. Paul's Contact Information

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~ Wishing you a lovely week ahead ~

HYMN WORDS

HYMN: Lord, Speak To Me

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.

O lead me, so that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, so that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

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HYMN: Jesus You Have Come to The Lakeshore

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Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

CLOSING HYMN: Open my eyes, that I may see

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Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!