

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.
Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 3rd, 2021 10:30 Nineteenth after Pentecost

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." – John 8:58

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 gather as members of St. Paul's United Community of Faith; to pray, to praise, and to remember.

bread and wine unite us

We gather in solidarity with Christians of every continent, Christian of many denominations

bread and wine unite us

We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ, to hear words of truth, compassion and justice

bread and wine unite us

In the bread and wine, we remember whose we are and what we are called to do. So let us worship, mindful that through the Holy Spirit we worship with those all over the world

May the bread and wine unite us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN:

Just As I Am

VU 508

THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGE

CHOIR ANTHEM: With Grateful Heart

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Exodus: 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE: Why Not You?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: Who Am I?

I will send you to the Pharaoh
God of Mercy said to Moses
So that you can free my people
Who am I to say no?

R: Who am I? Who am I?
Who am I? Who am I?
Oh.....who am I?
Who am I to say No?

I will send you to Nineveh
God of Mercy said to Jonah
So that you can free my people
Who am I to say no? R:

I will send you to the palace
God of Mercy said to Esther
So that you can free my people
Who am I to say No? R:

I will send you to the world
God of Mercy said to Jesus
So that you can free my people
Who am I to say No? R:

I will send you to the nations,
God of Mercy said to us!
So that you can free my people.
Who am I to say No? R:

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING: (in unison)

O God, you have provided us with everything we could possibly need, even when we ourselves cannot see it. Take now these gifts, our treasure, our time and our talents, presented in faith to you, and use them for your mighty work in the entire world. Amen.

COMMUNION LITERAGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face VU 459 (vs 1-3)

GATHERING:

God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise

THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, (..), to give you praise and glory;

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Heaven and earth praise you,

O God most high!

On the night before he died, (...) as we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BLESSING OF ELEMENTS

Send, O God, your holy spirit upon us and upon these gifts, Unite us at this table and strengthen us to live the resurrected life of Christ in the world.

PRAYER OF COMMUNITY

At this time, we also remember all those, (...), all of this we pray...

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all glory is yours, God most holy,

now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who Art in Heaven

hallowed be thy name

**Thy kingdom come they will be done
on Earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

**as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver Us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

The body of Christ, broken for you

The blood of Christ, Shed for you

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

These are the gifts for God for the people of God. 1 It is time, all things are ready

Jesus Christ, **Bread of Life**

Jesus Christ, **The True Vine**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we thank you that

**you have called your people from east and west,
and north and south,**

to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

Unite us with all who are fed by this life,

**that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love
and that your church may be a rainbow of hope**

in this uncertain world;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray.

Amen.

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I see You Face to Face

VU 459(vs 4-5)

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (responsive)

God promised to be with Moses,

Through Christ, God has promised to be with us,

Faithful from generation to generation,

Guiding and sustaining followers her and around the world.

The God of the burning bush is still calling

Commissioned we go out to the holy ground on which we serve.

Go now leaving behind all uncertainty and doubt

for YOU are equipped to spread the Good News and share God's love.

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READERS

NARRATOR
GOD

DERRICK GRANT
CHRIS GRANT

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR
TOP OF STAIRS

CHRIS GRANT & CAROLE PEACOCK
TAMMY COUGHLAN & DEAN JONES

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION:

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.

Covid-19 Update: We were given a revised directive last Friday, September 24th, in response to concerns about the lack of clarity in the previous communication regarding vaccination proof for regular church services. We were given two options (the letter is linked on our website under Covid-19 Updates) and we have decided to require proof of vaccination to attend worship here at St. Paul's. Had we followed the other option (not requiring proof) there would be stricter requirements for church service.

Sound System Volunteers: We are in need of more volunteers to help operate the sound system for Sunday Service. The goal is to have 4-5 ppl on a rotation so that

each person would be required for an hour one Sunday a month. The schedule is flexible. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. If this interests you, please contact the church office at 458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Sanctuary Deep Clean: We are curious if anyone may be interested in getting together to clean the sanctuary. We know it's a BIG task and hard work so we're thinking the more people, the more fun, the easier the work! We could split it over two days (or a couple weeks) – we're open to suggestions. If you are interested please reach out to Melissa in the office.

Fundscrip: October Promotions are here! Retailers like Ultramar, Boston Pizza and Home Hardware are increasing their donation percentages for the month of October. Please consider taking advantage of these increases as it just helps increase total donation amount to St. Paul's. These cards make great stocking stuffers for Christmas! Yes, the festive season will be here before you know it. The **deadline for October orders is Sunday, October 17th** and we'll have the cards back to you the following Sunday. Order forms are available in the office and the Narthex. If you have not used FundScrip before and would like to know more about this fundraising program, Carole Peacock will be happy to speak with you. Thank you for your September orders and happy shopping!

12 Neighbor Project: Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church (512 Charlotte St) invite you to join them as the "12 Neighbor Project" asks the most important question of our time; what does it really mean to love our neighbor. This 7-part film series was developed so that people might gather together as a group, watch the films, discuss appropriate action in their own communities, and then act together as a group. They will meet (following COVID protocol) once a month beginning Oct 10, offering small groups at various times. ZOOM option available. Contact Sheila Black at sapc@sapc.ca or call 455-8220 for more information. <https://www.12neighborsfilms.com/watchthefilms>

St. Paul's Contact Information

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REV. MICHELLE ARMSTRONG

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MELISSA HOWARD

Wishing you a lovely week ahead!

HYMN LYRICS

Hymn: Just As I am VU508

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face VU459

- *1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

* Verses 1-3 will be sung before communion, verses 4, 5 after.