

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

November 14 , 2021 10:30 AM Twenty-fifth after Pentecost

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AFFIRMATION THAT CHRIST IS WITH US

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Do any of you, dear friends, look at your life and worry?

Yes! This life can be full of trouble!

Do any of you, dear friends, look out into the world, and fret?

Yes! This world can be full of trouble!

Do you wish to be bold? Bold before God and confident in the face of life's ever-changing seasons?

Yes

Hold fast to Jesus my friends for he is our rock and salvation

Amen!

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Creator God, out of the depths of your infinite love you brought all that is into being. Time itself is a gift you give us. The very breath in our lungs is pure grace. All you ask of us, is that we turn our hearts to you, and trust in your Way, as we move through the many seasons of life. We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit during this time of worship. Move in our hearts and open us to receive the gift of salvation you have prepared for us from the beginning. In Jesus name, Amen.

HYMN: *Like A Rock*

MV 92

THE WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGE

PRAYER OF COFESSION: (unison)

God of Grace & Mercy, hear our prayer of confession. We live in a world filled with brokenness. All of us have grieved broken promises, shattered dreams, unfulfilled hopes, and the sting of betrayal. And, if we are honest, the brokenness of the world lives in us as well. We too, have failed to love and honour others, the way they deserve. We too, turn inward, and hurt the people we love the most. Forgive us when we fail to walk in the Way of Love. Soften our hearts, fill us with compassion and loving-kindness, turn us into disciples who are known by their extravagant love, for all people. Put the love of Christ Jesus in our hearts that we may know salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Jubilate*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God for our Scriptures.

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: *Spirit Open My Heart*

MV 79

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN: *Today we are called to be disciples*

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COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning to everyone and a warm welcome to our guest, Pastor Chris, who will be leading us through this special Anniversary Celebration Service.

- ❖ **FundScrip** Time to start your Christmas shopping? Do it with FundScrip gift cards. Use the cards to purchase gifts or give the cards as gifts to family and friends. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers, too! The November deadline is **TODAY, Sunday November 14th**. This next holiday deadline is **Sunday, December 12**. Contact Carole Peacock at cpeacock@bellaliant.net
- ❖ **Christmas Angel Tree** – Share the joy of Christmas with a child! Check out the Christmas Angel Tree at the front of the sanctuary after the service on today. It is decorated with angels bearing Santa wishes from 40 children whose families are being looked after by the Fredericton Food Bank (Greener Village) this Christmas. **Select an angel, buy a gift and return it to the Church or office by the next Sunday, November 21**. Let's continue this wonderful tradition as we approach the holidays.
- ❖ **The UCW** will be hosting a Take-Out Dinner on Saturday, November 27th. Pick up is between 11 AM and 1 PM from the Charlotte Street parking lot. Menu includes ham slice, potato scallop, coleslaw, roll, and carrot cake. Price \$15.00. Ann Raper will be taking orders in the Narthex and at coffee time today. Cut off date to order is Wednesday, November 24th.
- ❖ **St. Paul's Quilters** have been invited to participate in a Fabric and Yarn Sale with Wilmot United Church and Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers on Nov 20 at Wilmot. If you have some yarn or fabric that is just taking up space in your home, please bring it to St. Paul's before Nov 18 and we will find it a new home. All proceeds from items donated will be retained by St. Paul's Quilters.
- ❖ **Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers are selling wreaths again**. Nancy MacGarvie is selling them from her porch at 83 Grey Street. Double sided balsam fir, decorated \$16; Undecorated \$13. Deadline for orders is November 21st. Pickup Sunday November 28th. Call 455-3026 or email nancymacgarvie@rogers.com. Proceeds are in support of the African Grandmothers in conjunction with Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho.

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HYMN WORDS

HYMN: Like A Rock

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Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
 Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
 Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
 Like the river runs to the ocean, our home is in God ever-more.

HYMN: Spirit Open My Heart

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R: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
 As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
 Spirit, open my heart

1 God, replace my stony heart
 with a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear
 to your grace I now surrender. R

2 Write your love upon my heart
 as my law, my goal, my story.
 In each thought, word, and deed,
 may my living bring you glory. R

3 May I weep with those who weep,
 share the joy of sister, brother.
 In the welcome of Christ,
 may we welcome one another. R

Today we all are called to be
 disciples of the Lord,
 to help to set the captive free,
 make ploughshare out of sword,
 to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
 make love and peace our fast,
 to serve the poor and homeless first,
 our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
 ordained our human race
 to live as stewards of the earth,
 responding to God's grace.
 But we are vain and sadly proud,
 we sow not peace but strife,
 our discord spreads a deadly cloud
 that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
 as in a mighty stream,
 with righteousness in field and town
 to cleanse us and redeem.
 For God is longing to restore
 an earth where conflicts cease,
 a world that was created for
 a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
 act out the living Word,
 and walk the road the saints have trod
 till all have seen and heard.
 As stewards of the earth may we
 give thanks in one accord
 to God who calls us all to be
 disciples of the Lord.