

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

*Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and Serving others in Christ's name*

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:30 AM**

**Lent 3**

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*If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love. O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. - Psalm 17:3-7*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE:** Elegy-Thalben - Ball

**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.**

**INTROIT:** *Now Quit Your Care*

**VU 109 Vs 1**

*Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;  
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.  
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication;  
God brings new beauty nigh;  
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high;  
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) \*

When the time is right, Jesus calls us to follow  
**Sometimes, he calls us to wait.**

When the time is right, Jesus calls us to speak.  
**Sometimes, he calls us to listen.**

In every time, Jesus gives us what we need to be faithful,  
**and to look past our fear towards Life anew.**

**CENTERING PRAYER:** \*

**HYMN:** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

**VU 357**

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.*

*Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.*

*Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!*

*Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (In Unison) \*

Faithful God, you have made us in your image and called us your own. We confess that we have not lived up to our potential, and we admit that the gap between your kingdom way and our daily lives is larger than we can bridge. We have tried to do it under our own power, proving our strength and earning our place, even as you teach us to rely on your grace in our weakness. We confess that in our attempts to be worthy, we have actually lost our way. Through we know you are near, we cannot hear you over the voice of fear roaring in our ears, telling us lies about who we are. Forgive us for denying who you made us to be, in favor of projecting an image that pursues our won instant gratification. Forgive us for meeting your "I am" with our own scared "I am not". Bridge the gap between our ability and your vision, that we may hear you clearly and obey your word. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** God Be in My Head - Clarke

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD IN OUR SACRED TEXTS:**

Let us prepare ourselves to be touched by the witness of scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open, Holy Spirit work in us.**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** *John 18:12-27*

**MESSAGE:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (Responsive)

We try O God to look at our lives through your eyes, to see the gifts that you have given us and ponder the call you lay upon us to come and be like you. There is so much we have to offer for the building of your realm, our time and compassion, our skills and our labour, our experience and the financial resources to make your dreams possible.

**Collectively we have all that we need. So, we respond to your call, committing our offerings and our tithes, our hearts and our actions that you may bless them all in your name, service and love. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father who Art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come thy 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

**HYMN: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**MV 271**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.*

*There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.*

*Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?*

*For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.*

**COMMISSIONING: \***

Listen

**The time is always right to hear and obey the One who calls us his own.**

Go into your week with courage,

**We will stand firm in who God created us to be.**

Faithfully seeking to follow Christ who draws all people to himself

**We will be empowered by the Spirit to speak and live truth, even when our voices shake.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**CORAL CLOSING: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery***

**VU 121 vs General Lent**

*Light of life beyond conceiving,  
mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word,  
give us faith to live your word.*

**POSTLUDE:** Fugue in C Minor - Bach

*\*from our adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson bible worm collective.*

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**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Khris Grant, Peter & Police – Ron Naugler, Jesus – Alanna Palmer, Bystander & Slave – Donna Chauvin

**Greeters:** Front Door – Tammy Coughlan and Dean Jones

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**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 person and by Zoom.

**Upper Room Daily Devotional:** The Upper Room Daily Devotional for March-April has arrived! Available for purchase in the office for \$2.

**Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the parlor. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is Sunday, John 18:24-40. Due to interest we will attempt a hybrid bible study to join online you can log on using this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** The item of priority this week is **proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Pantry:** Items that are need this **week laundry detergent, white and brown sugar, flour and pudding cups**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Database Update - Personal Contact Information:** We are beginning to update our church member database and are requesting that you forward your contact information (names of family members, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, envelope # [if known] and whether or not you would like to be included in mailouts or email updates. You can forward this information either by completing a Family Information Form for each member of your household while at the church or by email to Meghan at [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com). Also, if you know someone that has switched to another church and wishes to change their membership as such, please send that information forward.

**Bulletin & E-News Announcements Deadline:** Please note that going forward, the deadline for all announcements is Wednesday at 3pm.

**Memory Sharing Event:** Join us after church on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the hall to share your memories and experiences of your time at St' Paul's. Collectively this will help ground our celebration of our 190 years of history.



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**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.*