

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 27th, 2022

10:30 AM

Lent 4

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. - Psalm 145:10-13

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Chiacona - Pachelbel

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) *

We expect demonstrations of power

But Jesus gives us a different vision of authority.

We expect to have to fight

But Jesus shows us self-giving love.

We expect to be afraid

But Jesus is the truth that sets us free.

Come let us worship the One who shows us the kin-dom's way.

CENTERING PRAYER: *

HYMN: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

VU 147

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison) *

You are not the king we expect, for you rule from love without the violence or coercion upon which this world relies. We confess that we have been seduced by the propaganda of this world's powerful. We have allowed our attention to be captured by power and status, we have brought the lie that violence will bring us safety, and we have given airtime to "truth" created to serve the few. We admit, O God that we are afraid, scared of what others will think, afraid of being seen as weak, and fearful for our own position and prosperity. We are anxious about what allowing your word to be alive would mean for our comfortable routines. We confess that we have let fear be our driver, and we do not like where it has taken us. Forgive us, Lord, and change our direction. May the truth of your love overpower the inertia that drives so much of our lives, that we may turn again to your way of abundant Life. We ask in the name of the One who is the way, the truth and the life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy - Turner

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 18:28-40

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: *Jesus Christ Is Waiting*

VU 117

*Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.*

*Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.*

*Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.*

*Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.*

*Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: *

The shadow of death may loom,

But the light shines

Take heart and be brave in the way of Christ

Empowered by the Truth only he can share we go into our week letting love be our guide.

May you know that blessing of living in God's kin-dom now, the grace of Jesus who stands up to the powers that would keep you bound, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit as you grow your faith. **Amen.**

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 - Buxtehude

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

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Ann Krause, Jesus – Jane Banks, Pilate - Michael Berry, Jews – Alanna Palmer
Greeters: Tammy Coughlan and Dean Jones

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.

Fellowship Coffee Hour: Just a reminder that coffee hour takes place following our service each Sunday. All serving of treats and beverages will be done at the kitchen window then folks are to be seated at the tables provided.

Reminder of Annual Meeting – Continuation: The continuation of the Annual Meeting will take place this Sunday at 1pm in the sanctuary. The **2021 Financial Statements** are available on our website under Resources – Publications & Reports, in the Church Office, at the meeting or [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the page.

The Zoom link for those unable to join us in person is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86498696887> Meeting ID: **864 9869 6887** Passcode: **599311**

Join our Zoom Meeting by phone, dial **+1 647 558 0588** Meeting ID: **864 9869 6887** Passcode: **599311**. Long distance charges may apply.

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 John 19:1-16a. Due to interest, you can also join online. Log in using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190

Brown Bag Lunch Program: The Brown Bag lunch program is in dire need of the following items: **proteins with flip top lids, juice boxes and pudding cups.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FundScrip: Deadline for our next gift card order is **Sunday, April 3rd**. If you are expecting the Easter Bunny to stop at your house, maybe he should have a few gift cards in his basket! Now is the time to order them.

Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!

Website Updates: Updates to www.stpaulsunited.ca were made on the Resources page to include pages for **Publications & Reports** (Annual Reports & Financial Statements): [CLICK HERE](#) for more information,

Scholarships & Bursaries: [CLICK HERE](#) for information on eligibility & application guidelines and

Newsletters: [CLICK HERE](#) to view the latest newsletter.

Database Update - Personal Contact Information: Please 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 stpauloffice224@gmail.com

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

World Day of Prayer Thank You! Many thanks to those who attended and supported the World Day of Prayer service on March 13. Donations amounted to \$347 which have been forward to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada to be applied to their women's grant program. Rev. Michelle did a wonderful job putting this service together. Ann Raper, Coordinator.

Memory Sharing Event: Join us after church on April 3rd 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.

Messy Church: Messy church is an intergenerational worship experience that is engaging for all ages. Mark your calendars as Wilmot will be hosting a Lent themed service on April 8th. More details next week.

Dates to Remember:

- **Lent 6: Palm Sunday & Sunday School Begins** – April 10th at 10:30am
- **Maundy Thursday @ Wilmot** – April 14th
- **Good Friday** – April 15th at 10:30am



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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.