

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

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

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Easter 2

10:30 AM

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*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. The Lord upholds all who are  
falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season. – Psalm 145 13-15*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE:** Be Thou My Vision - Hopson

**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.**

**LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE:**

**INTROIT:** *This Is the Day*

**MV 122**

*This is the day that God has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
This is the day that God has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!  
We will rejoice and be glad!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

Wherever we gather,  
out in the open or behind closed doors,  
**Christ comes among us.**  
However we gather,  
in faith or in fear, in joy or in sorrow,  
**Christ comes among us.**  
Whatever we need from this time,  
reassurance or calling, sight or sound or touch,  
**Christ comes among us,  
and breathes his Spirit of peace into us.**  
Come and gather for now is the time to worship.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
Safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
Shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?*

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent, and teacher,  
But you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God you are with us wherever we go.*

*Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
Comforts protects us, and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
Challenging students to offer their best?*

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent, and teacher,  
But you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God you are with us wherever we go.*

*Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
Lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.*

*Yes, you are shepherd, parent, and teacher,  
But you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God you are with us wherever we go.*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**A NEW CREED:**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,**

to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** John 20:1-19a

**MESSAGE:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day - Shepherd

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

O God who breathes life and peace, breathe your blessing on the gifts we offer to you, and make them a force for healing and blessing the world. Combine our offering of money and our offering of ourselves with your power to heal broken hearts and wounded souls; work in and through us, O God to be a blessing for the world. 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:** *I Danced in the Morning*

**VU 352**

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on. R*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. R*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. R*

*They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R*

**SENDING FORTH:**

**CHORAL CLOSING: *As Those of Old Their First-fruit Brought***

**VU 518 v2**

*A world in need now summons us  
to labour, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.*

*The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.*

**POSTLUDE:** Prelude & Fugue in G Minor - Willan

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

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**Scripture Readers:** Narrator – Donna Chauvin, Jesus – Ann Krause, Disciple – Patty Trail,  
Thomas – Barbara Cull-Wilby  
**Greeters:** Linda Burton & Tammy Coughlan

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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.

**FundScrip:** Welcome and thank you to three new supporters who ordered gift cards recently! Who would like to join us on our next order? The deadline is **Sunday, May 1**. Please take your order and payment to the office before that date or bring it to church on May 1. I will have the gift cards for you the following Sunday, May 8 . . . Mother's Day . . . a chance to treat your mother or yourself! Order forms are available in the narthex, at the office or [click here](#). If you have questions, speak to Carole Peacock (452-1016 or [cpeacock@bellaliant.net](mailto:cpeacock@bellaliant.net)). *Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

**Property Committee Needs Your Help!:** To the St Paul's family: Each year we have worked to keep the grounds of our family church looking well loved. We do this by sweeping the sand off the parking lots and front stairs and working on the gardens. We save the sand to reuse the next year so we will to be environmentally conscientious. It is that time of year and **we need more help**. Please join us with your brooms, gloves and rakes at **9AM, April 23**. Rain date April 30, 9AM. The more help, the faster we can complete the job (ladies and your children are encouraged to participate).

**Hybrid Sunday School:** We are EXCITED to welcome you back to Sunday School. You can join us in person or through the Zoom platform virtually. For now, our Sunday school lessons will be delivered in a hybrid fashion (simultaneously in person and on Zoom).

**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 Acts 9:1-19a. 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 program needs **cans of proteins with flip top lids such as soups, meats, fish and pudding cups**. Thanks for everything you wish to donate.

**Pantry:** **The pantry needs sugar, flour, coffee, large juice, jam, ketchup, corn flakes, cereals, chez whiz, pancake mix, syrup, salted crackers, cookies, tea**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 1832-2022** - For 190 years, St Paul's United Church has adapted with the changing times. And after 2 years of global pandemic influences, we are called to rise to another challenge. Our community of faith is exploring avenues that will lead to greater coordination with other congregations and to greater financial stability through different uses of our property. While these routes are being explored, we need to ground ourselves securely to move forward. The most recent budget calls for raising \$25,000 in this, our 190<sup>th</sup> year. 190<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser ideas and plans are needed. Already, **4** projects have been committed and more are expected - plant sales, hymn sings, raffles, auctions (silent or noisy), breakfasts, and the possibilities go on.

**GET STARTED ON A 190<sup>th</sup> FUNDRAISER NOW - SHARE YOUR IDEAS** WITH DONNA CHAUVIN [jogrunt@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:jogrunt@nbnet.nb.ca) 458-5885 OR ALANNA PALMER [palmeralanna@gmail.com](mailto:palmeralanna@gmail.com) 449-1931. We can help get your seed of an idea to bloom.

**TP the Town:** Fredericton High School, Student Representative Council, is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> annual TP the Town fundraiser with a goal **collecting 25,000 rolls of toilet paper** as well as feminine hygiene products. These will be donated to various service organizations across Fredericton. If you are able to donate any TP rolls, they will be collected in the church office until **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022** when they are picked up.

**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 [stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com)

**Upper Room Daily Devotional:** The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May-June has arrived! Both the May-June and March-April booklets are available for purchase in the office for \$2.



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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.