

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

May 1st, 2022

Easter 3

10:30 AM

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. – Matthew 6:24

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude #3 – Willan

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!
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We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!
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We will rejoice and be glad!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) *

To those who are zealous for their way of knowing God, Christ says:

Stop for a moment and listen.

To those who are sure they know how God sees others, Christ says:

Stop for a moment and listen.

To we who aren't sure whose voice is calling, Christ says:

I am Jesus, so come, for we are all one Body together.

To we who know and easily respond "here I am", Christ says:

Go where I send you, for we are all one Body together.

Let us pause and turn our attention to the One whose surprising Love has called us here.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

HYMN: *Open My Eyes That I May See*

VU 371

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.*

*Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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: Acts 9:1-19a

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: A Mighty Windy – S. Andrews

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: *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides*

MV 169

*When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
And bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,
Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.*

*When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one, our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.*

*When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,
For love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.*

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: Chorale Postlude #4 - Willan

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

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Deborah West, Jesus – Ron Naugler,
Saul – Andrew Steeves, Ananias – Carole Peacock
Greeters: Linda Burton & Chris Grant

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 Orders Due Today! 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 today, **Sunday, May 1**. Please give your order and payment to Carole. Gift cards will be distributed 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). *Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

TP the Town Fundraiser: Fredericton High School, Student Representative Council, is hosting the 7th 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 6th, 2022** when they are picked up.

Bible Study: What happens when 6-12 people join together to read the bible? Amazing discussion, deepening faith, and connection. Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the boardroom. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is Acts 16:16-34. Due to interest, you can also join online. Log in using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190

PAR Registration: PAR is an easy way to make your financial contributions to St. Paul's on a monthly basis. This pre-authorized bank withdrawal or credit card payment is processed on the 20th of each month by the UCC and deposited directly to St. Paul's. Please consider joining the PAR participants at St. Paul's and increasing your contribution. Please contact Meghan for registration information at 458-1183 or stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Brown Bag Lunch Program: The program needs **juice boxes, pudding cups and cans of proteins with flip top lids such as soups, meats, fish.** Thank you for your donations to this important program.

Hybrid Sunday School: We are EXCITED to welcome you 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).

The Lord's Prayer ~ a spiritual practice ~ I invite you to join me every morning at 8 AM, or sometime that is good for you (set your alarm), and sing or say the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father for World Peace and Personal Peace! Shalom, Barbara

Pantry: The pantry is in need of: miracle whip, canned ham, cooking oil, Mr. Clean, laundry detergent, peanut butter, Ritz crackers, salt, large juice (1L). Thank you for your continued generosity!

190 YEARS: You are encouraged to add significant events in our congregation's history to the timeline installed in Fraser Memorial Hall. There's a black marker sitting on the ledge just below it. On that same chart, you'll notice that our fundraising efforts have started!

Upper Room Daily Devotional: The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May-June and March-April are available for purchase in the office for \$2.

Youth Group for Pre-Teens: Simon Wilby will be starting a Sunday evening youth drop-in program for the pre-teen age group, starting Sunday May 22. This will be post supper for about an hour. Mark your calendar and keep watch for the time. If you are interested in attending or helping develop this program, please let us know.



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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 the right relationship with the first peoples of this land.