

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Easter 7

10:30 AM

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*No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. Luke 6:43-45*

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE:** Choral Prelude On "O wie selig" - 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!  
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) \*

We come together in Christ  
**one Body, encouraged and comforted by the Spirit**  
We come together in Christ  
**one Body, loved and challenged to a new way of life.**  
We come together in Christ  
**one Body, re-orienting ourselves to align with God's mission**  
We come together in Christ  
**one Body, to seek his mind and live his abundant life.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Come touch our hearts  
that we may know compassion,  
From failing embers build a blazing fire;  
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
To seek a world more gracious,  
come touch and bless our hearts.*

*Come touch our souls  
That we may know and love you  
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
Create a space for Spirit to grow in us,  
Let life and beauty fill us.  
Come, touch and bless our souls.*

*Come touch our minds  
And teach us how to reason,  
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
Help us to open doors of understanding  
To welcome truth and wisdom,  
Come, touch and bless our minds.*

*Come touch us in  
The moments we are fragile  
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
That we may rise to follow and to serve,  
Steady now our nerve,  
Come, touch and bless our wills.*

*Come touch us now,  
This people who are gathered  
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
That we may love you with our heart, our soul  
Our mind, our strength, our all,  
Come, touch us with your grace.*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** How Very Good and Pleasant – Clark

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** (In Unison)

**O God for whom there are no barriers,  
no stones too big to remove,  
roll away our resistance to you.  
Let your words fill us with new life  
and bring us out from the tombs we create,  
that we may be alive again in you.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**TODAYS SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 2:1-13

**MESSAGE:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**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 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**

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.*

*O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace R*

*Crown him, you martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod, R*

*Let every tongue and every tribe,  
responsive to the call,  
to him all majesty ascribe R*

*O that, with all the sacred throng,  
we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.*

**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: Figue En LA – Czernohorsky**

*\*written by Rev. Teri Paterson from the bible worm collective.*

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**Scripture Readers: Narrator 1 – Jane Banks, Narrator 2 - Jane Blakely**

**Greeters: Dean Jones Audio Visual - John Davis**

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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 Orders:** The deadline for the next FundScrip order is next **Sunday, June 5**. Cards will arrive for distribution before Father's Day, June 19. This is also a good time to stock up on cards for your summer travels and shopping! Order forms available in the Narthex, church office or click [here](#). Thank you for your continued support of this fundraising program.

**Youth Group for Pre-Teens:** Simon Wilby is starting a Sunday evening youth drop-in program for the pre-teen age group, starting Sunday May 29 from 6:30-7:30pm. Mark your calendar! If you are interested in attending or helping develop this program, please let us know!

**Pentecost Sunday:** Next week is Pentecost. Please wear your yellow, orange and red colours to the service!

**Plant Sale:** Plant sale at St. Paul's on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> in the George street parking lot - 8am until noon or until plants are all gone. Please bring your own bags and boxes to take your new treasures home. For more information please contact Donna Chauvin at 458-5885.

**Congregational Meeting:** Please join us June 12<sup>th</sup> after worship. This is an opportunity to hear updates on projects and activities of the church.

**Spring Concert:** There will be a Bel Canto concert at Christ Church Cathedral on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 each or \$40 per family and can be purchased at the door.

**Hospital Visitation by Clergy:** Hospitals are still at the RED level of Covid protections. This means if you find yourself in hospital and would like Rev. Michelle to visit, you need to let us and the hospital know. There is no way for us to find out if you are there, except direct contact and visits are by requests only.

**Youth Volunteer Opportunities: Are you part of the Youth or a Young Adult? Do you have gifts and talents that can be shared? Do you have spare time this Summer or next Fall?**

If so, please contact Rev Michelle, Office Admin or Erin Hayes ([hayes.erin11@gmail.com](mailto:hayes.erin11@gmail.com)).

List of possible volunteer opportunities:

- Sunday School (Leading, Assisting or Attending)
- Youth Group (Leading, Assisting or Attending)
- Lighting the candle on Sundays (Rev. Michelle - is this an okay option to add?)
- Environmental Stewardship (generate ideas the church could implement for reducing our ecological footprint)
- Greeters on Sunday
- Scripture Readers on Sunday
- Help with coffee hour after church
- Help folding bulletins or light office duties
- Any other passions you might have!

**Bible Study:** Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the board room. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is Acts 2:1-21 and Philippians 4:4-7. 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**. Thank you for your donations to this important program.

**Pantry:** The pantry is in need of: **hamburger helper, jam, cans of corn, chicken noodle & creamed soups (i.e. chicken, mushroom), molasses, coffee mate, and coffee.** Thank you in advance for any contributions.

**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).

**Upper Room Daily Devotional:** The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May-June is 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.