

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

June 19th, 2022

Indigenous Day of Prayer

10:30 AM

Quote for Contemplation:

Hospitality means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines... The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adore the lifestyle of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own. – Henri Nouwen

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: The Fifers - Dandrieu

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTROIT: *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

***Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.***

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

In the presence of Creator, we gather:

People carrying burdens we may not know about looking for comfort, folks needing their spirits refreshed.

We draw together hoping for that touch that will enliven us, longing to be embraced in arms of love and understanding.

We seek help us to put aside our differences and see the earth as God sees it, boundary free.

Our souls long for the eternal one who by day proclaims steadfast love
And whose song sounds within each one of us at night.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Responsive)

Creator, in love and through love, you have called all things into being. We thank you for mother earth, our home. We thank you for the heavens that watch over us and the starlight that warms and guides us. We thank you for all the plants—for those that are medicine, for those that nourish us, for those that express your delight through their beauty and diversity. We thank you for all of our fellow creatures; may we share this earth with them in respect, with reverence. We thank you for soil, water, fire, air; for forests, plains, and mountains, deserts and tundra and oceans. And now, when so much of the world is threatened with destruction, help us to walk in humility with gratitude among all these sacred gifts from you.

We thank you for being a God of liberation, for you are ever seeking to bring us into the joy of your salvation; into a just, equitable, and holistic celebration of life.

We thank you for your compassion, which holds each and every one of us. We thank you for coming to us as Jesus, our teacher, brother, and friend—for dying on the cross and breaking the power of death in order to bring us back into harmony with you and all of Creation.

Creator, thank you for your truth and wisdom, and for inviting us to travel the healing path with you; we offer you our hearts and minds so that we might embody your grace and share your blessings with all who live upon the earth. Amen

HYMN: *Open Our Hearts*

MV 21

*Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.*

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (In Unison)

**Living God, Eternal Spirit,
Let your bright invigorating energy
which fired the first disciples
fall on us.**

**In Christ Jesus, you turned this world around.
Speak to us today, as we hear from holy scripture
open the past, present and future,
that we may be set on fire with your vision and way. Amen.**

TODAYS SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-29

MESSAGE:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'*

*I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'*

*I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'*

*I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison)

Bless, O God, the gifts of time, talent and treasure, we give this and every day as we strive to be representatives of your love in this world. May we and our offerings seed love into the world in your name and for your sake. 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: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

VU 288

*Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R*

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL CLOSING: *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

VU 424 v1

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE: Postlude on Drumclog - Noble

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Deborah West, Messenger & Man – Andrew Steeves,
Elijah – Ann Krause, God – Barbara Cull-Wilby

Greeters: Florence Bartlett & Maude McNamara

Audio Visual – Rob Burton

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: It's time to stock up on gift cards you will need this summer! We'll have an order on **Sunday, July 3** but none in August, then returning in September. If you are planning a trip, why not buy a few gift cards for gas? Need groceries for the visitors you're expecting? Gift cards are available for Sobeys and Superstore. If you are looking for a break from grocery shopping, FundScrip has cards for Hello Fresh and Chef's Plate meal kits. Order forms are available at the church office, in the narthex or [click here](#). Our next order deadline, July 3, falls on Canada Day weekend. If you would like to place your order early, feel free to bring it to church on June 26 or take it to the church office before June 30. Have a great summer! Stay safe! Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!*

Messy Church at Wilmot United: Join Wilmot for Messy Church – interactive workshops, crafts, food, games and fun for all ages. **June 24th, July 22nd and August 26th from 5pm-7pm.** For more information and to register, please contact the Wilmot office at 458-1066.

Pantry Update: I wish to thank everyone who has donated non-perishable food, gift cards, and monetary donations to the Pantry over the past year. All the volunteers working in the Pantry appreciate your contributions. Thank you all so much. We have served 87 families over the past year. Included in these families are 65 children. When I do the count, I break it down into single women, 24, single men, 27, couples, 7, single parent, 18, families, 11, children, 65. Three volunteers work each Wednesday. There are 11 volunteers in total. We will remain open all summer. ~ Lois Walker, for the Pantry.

Brown Bag Lunch Program Update:

Needy people can pick up a brown bag lunch every morning when the church hall is open. I keep 20 bags made up all the time. Each bag contains a can of protein with a flip-top lid, a juice box, a pudding cup or a fruit cup, a granola bar, a napkin with a plastic fork and spoon. Meghan hands them out from the office. She hands out 4 to 6 bags daily. Items for the brown bag are paid for from the Benevolent Fund. Also, many members of the congregation donate food every week for the brown bag. Thank you all so much for your contributions. I really appreciate it. ~ Lois Walker, for the Brown Bag.

"One Toonie at a Time": While you are away this summer, don't forget about St. Paul's 190th Birthday. Please pick up a vial to collect your TOONIES over the summer holidays. Bring them back in September. Each vial will hold over \$50.00. Wouldn't it be great to collect \$1900.00 for our special year. The donation will be tax deductible and go towards your yearly givings. There will be vials in the entry way at the main door and in the Hall. Make it a "Tooniful Summer". Contact Donna Chauvin 458-5885 for more information.

Office Closure: The office will be closed from Friday July 1st through Sunday July 10th. Rusty will be available on the premises between 8am – 12pm. Michelle will be away June 29-July 6 for pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Rev. Lori-Beth at 262-6752

Youth Group: Youth drop-in program on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Mark your calendar! If you are interested in attending or helping develop this program, please let us know!

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.

TAKE-OUT Picnic Meal with Strawberry Shortcake: Wednesday, July 6, pick-up 4:00-5:30pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, please use front door. The take-out meal includes a deli meats sandwich, coleslaw, dill pickle, chips and homemade strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream for \$15. Advance orders only, reserve with Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151, by noon Friday, July 1.

Summer Downtown United + Worship Schedule:

At St. Paul's United Church

- June 26th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot leading
- July 3rd – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Todd from St. Andrew's leading
- July 10th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Michelle leading
- July 17th – Service at St. Paul's with Rev. Michelle leading

All services at St. Paul's can be viewed via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> Passcode 165090 or view later on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/St. Paul's](https://www.youtube.com/St.Paul's)

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

- July 24th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Mary from Wilmot leading
- July 31st – Service at St. Andrew's with St. Andrew's leading
- August 7th – Service at St. Andrew's with Rev. Michelle leading

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Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

At Wilmot United Church

- August 14th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary leading
- August 21st – Service at Wilmot with St. Andrew's leading
- August 28th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Mary leading
- September 4th – Service at Wilmot with Rev. Michelle leading

All services at Wilmot can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch>





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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.