

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 5th, 2022

60th Anniversary of the U.C.W. / Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

Since the foundation of the United Church of Canada, women's groups have been a strong steady heartbeat within the congregation. At union, a variety of women's groups existed across the founding denominations. 60 years ago, the United Church Women (UCW) became the official women's group of the United Church of Canada. On this Pentecost Sunday, I invited our UCW to lead the service because throughout the church's history, there has been no group more filled with the Holy Spirit. May we be blessed as we celebrate how the spirit has worked in this instrumental part of the United Church of Canada. – Rev. Michelle.

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Choral Prelude No. 5 - Willan

GREETING:

Loving God. We gather together as your daughters.

We honour those who nurtured us and taught us to honour and love you.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Women's Aide and Women's Missionary Society gathered together,

They had a vision.

Young women and seasoned members gathered.

They had a vision.

In 1962 United Church Women was born.

They had a vision.

In 2022 we gather to celebrate.

We have a vision.

PRAYER:

PURPOSE OF THE UCW:

"To unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, service, and fellowship."

OPENING HYMN: *Into Your Hands*

*Into your hands I give my worries, into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my worries, into your hands
Into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my worries, into your hands.*

*Into your hands I give my sorrows, into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my sorrows, into your hands
Into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my sorrows, into your hands.*

*Into your hands I give my family, into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my family, into your hands
Into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my family, into your hands.*

*Into your hands I give my neighbours, into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my neighbours, into your hands
Into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my neighbours, into your hands.*

*Into your hands I give my planet, into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my planet, into your hands
Into your hands, into your hands
Into your hands I give my planet, into your hands.*

*In your hands I know there's hope, in your hands, in your hands
In your hands I know there's hope, in your hands
In your hands, in your hands
In your hands I know there's hope, in your hands.*

PRAYER:

HYMN: *Will Your Anchor Hold?*

VU 675

*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

*It will surely hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R*

*It will surely hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;
on the rising tide it can never fail
while our hopes abide within the veil. R*

*When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,
the city of gold, our harbour bright,
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,
with the storms all past for evermore. R*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

CHOIR ANTHEM: Prayer to the Trinity - Bedford

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (In Unison)

O Loving Creator we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept this least coin "token of love". Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your son Jesus the Christ. 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

CLOSING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

*We celebrate our history, rejoice to know our past.
And thank God for those women who to the faith held fast.
They toiled in God's service, they worshiped, worked & prayed
And following a vision they journeyed unafraid.*

*In this world of turmoil, the call of God we heed;
And to that call stay faithful, in action, word and deed.
Thus challenged by our purpose, and struggling on the way,
We journey where God leads us, toward a better day.*

*We look toward the future, and joyfully we go
With faith into tomorrow the seeds of life to sow.
We follow still that vision, that will not be denied,
The coming of an Eden where all in love abide.*

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING PRAYER:

CHORAL CLOSING: *Go Now In Peace*

*Go now In Peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above,
Go there in peace, in faith and in love.*

POSTLUDE: Pomp & Circumstance - Elgar

*Permission as been given by the following ladies for use of this service. Marilyn Bubar, Keswick Ridge UCW.
Rev. Alice Fynamore, Ruth Kennedy Winsloe, UCW PEI and Betty Turcotte*

***Scripture Readers: Narrator – Jane Banks
Greeter: Linda Burton Audio Visual: Rob Burton***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory to D. Paul Horncastle and B. Ann Horncastle from their loving Grandchildren. Paul and Ann were dedicated members of St. Paul's for many years, Paul being an active member of the choir for most of those. They shared many fond memories of St. Paul's with us over the years. They were both much loved members of their community and cherished by their family. We miss them every day but know they are at peace in heavenly rest now.

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.

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

Plant Sale: Plant sale at St. Paul's this Saturday June 4th 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.

FundScrip Orders: FundScrip orders are this **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: Sunday evening youth drop-in program from 6:30-7:30pm. Mark your calendar! If you are interested in attending or helping develop this program, please let us know!

Congregational Meeting: June 12th after worship. This is an opportunity to hear updates on projects and activities of the church.

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.

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: Romans 8:14-17. 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.



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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.*