DOWNTOWN UNITED *

A service of St. Paul's, Wilmot and St. Andrew's Fredericton, N.B.

July 17th, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze - Bach

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: Dance With the Spirit x2

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)

We come together as God's people,

to worship and offer praise.

Let us keep space for the Holy Presence in our midst.

Let us still ourselves and quiet our minds, that we may hear God's Word speak.

May the Holy Spirit move in and through us,

guiding us, inspiring us, enlivening us,

Come now to worship and prepared for what comes next.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be

VU 506

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (In Unison) *

Divine one, hold us close as we discern your truth. Open hearts, spirits and minds to your life changing power. As we hear familiar words, help us not to jump instantly to what we have heard before, but be open to the insights you offer us for today. This we pray in the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42

MESSAGE:

HYMN: Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison) **

Caring God, as we share our offerings of time, talent and treasure, remind us how you share your love with the world. Make us aware of the opportunities to be angels in the lives of another. Inspire us to seek the needs of our community and to act, that we might lessen the struggle and challenges for each other. From the blessings you have given us, empower us to be a blessing for others in your name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

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: Be Thou My Vision

VU 642

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life; thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

SENDING FORTH: (Responsive) ***

We leave the house of God,

But not the presence of God.

Let us root ourselves deeply in God's holy presence

And live out God's love for all.

Trusting in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

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: Toccata in D Minor - Stanford

- * Adapted from Gatherings Pentecost 1, 2022 Laura J. Turnbull pg 46
- ** Adapted from Gathering Pentecost 1, 2022 Gill Le Fevre pg 48
- *** Ministry Matters, Rebecca Gaudino, Worship Elements: July 17, 2022

Scripture Reader: Jane Banks Greeters: Linda Burton & Carole Peacock

Audio Visual – Rob Burton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY JULY 17TH

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ SUMMER 2022

July 17 - Board ~ Erin Hayes

WARK/ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are members or adherents of St. Paul's and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies this fall are invited to apply for financial support from the Wark/St. Paul's Scholarship Funds. Details on eligibility and application guidelines are available at http://www.stpaulsunited.ca under "Resources". Applications must be received on or before July 31.

COOLING CENTRE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

St. Paul's in partnership with the John Howard Society are hosting a cooling centre Monday through Friday from 1-4pm. Volunteers are needed to spend time with visitors and provide support at the door. To volunteer, please contact Rev. Michelle at

michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com



PANTRY

The pantry would appreciate donations of the following items: flour, honey, mayonnaise, cheese whiz, smooth peanut butter, cereal (Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies). Thank you for your continued donations.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 22nd – Messy Church at Wilmot. 5-7pm.

August 16th – Meditative Walk by the River. Meet at footbridge by library at 9am.

August 26th – Messy Church at Wilmot. 5-7pm.

NOON HOUR CONCERT AT CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Noon Hour Concert - Thomas Gonder, organ. Wednesday July 20, 12:10-12:50pm, Christ Church Parish Church (corner of Charlotte and Westmorland Streets.) Admission by freewill donation to support the music programs at Christ Church Parish Church.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN UNITED + WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At St. Paul's United Church

July 17th – 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

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - July 24th, July 31st, August 7th

All services at St. Andrew's can be viewed via Zoom at <u>St. Andrew's Zoom</u> Meeting ID: 836 7375 6287 Passcode: 839092

At Wilmot United Church - August 14th, August 21st, August 28th, September 4th

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



St. Paul's United Church

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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.