

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

July 10th, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: When Morning Gilds the Skies - Payne

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: (Responsive)*

In a time of change and confusion,
We need a source of unwavering light.
In a time of transition and change,
We need a light to show us the way.
May the light of Christ be this light for every one of us.
May it shine in our hearts all of our days.

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)**

In the midst of a busy season,
We seek Sabbath rest.
In the midst of sweltering heat,
We seek the refreshment of the Spirit, cool water, gentle breeze.
In the midst of an indifferent world,
We long for acceptance, connection, meaning and purpose.
In the midst of uncertain times,
We hunger for generosity and a shared humanity.
In every moment, we seek the Sacred revealed in our mist,
And so we gather to worship in community.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*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:

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (Responsive)*

The news beginnings and we experience stories of unrest, dissatisfaction, and violence.

It troubles us.

But in this place, we receive the good news of God

And our troubled feelings begin to ease.

Holy Spirit, bring us peace as we receive the word today.

**Amid the turmoil of the world around us, sustain us with God's peace found in the words
of scripture. Amen.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46 (Responsive)

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should quake,

and the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,

though the waters of the sea rage and foam,

and the mountains tremble at the tumult.

There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God,
sanctifying the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.
God will help at the break of day.
Nations are in tumult, empires are shaken;
for God speaks and the earth melts away.

Come and see what God has done,
the wonders wrought upon the earth.
**God makes wars to cease in all the world,
God breaks the bow and snaps the spear,
and burns the shields in the fire.**
Be still and know that I am God,
exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth.
The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:22-28

MESSAGE:

HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

VU 626

*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) ***

Caring God, as you receive 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: *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:

*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: Prelude in G Major - Bach

*Gathering Pentecost 1 2022, Beth W Johnston, pg 34 +pg 46

** Gathering Pentecost 1, 2022 Karen MacNeill, pg 35

*** Gathring Pentecost 1, 2022 adapted from Gill Le Fevre pg 48

Scripture Reader: Ann Krause

Greeters: Donna Chauvin & Cathy Davis

Audio Visual – John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY JULY 10TH

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 10 - Choir ~ Jane Blakely

July 17 - Board ~ Erin Hayes

OFFICE CLOSURE

A reminder that the office remains closed but will reopen on Monday July 11th at 8am.



PICNIC IN THE PARK – JULY 16TH

Bring your blanket and packed lunch and join us for a summer gathering in the park at noon on July 16th. We will be meeting at the gazebo in Wilmot Park. Families are encouraged to join us in an early afternoon of community building and activities. RSVP appreciated, but not quired. Contact Rev. Michelle at michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 16th – Picnic in Wilmot Park at the Gazebo at noon.

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.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

The Brown Bag Lunch Program is noting a 50% increase in the number of bags being distributed. Current donations needed are: proteins with flip top lids, juice boxes, fruit and pudding cups and granola bars. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 [St. Andrew's Zoom](#) 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.