

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

September 18th, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 AM

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. – Matthew 28:19-20

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Flute Solo - Arne

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 THE CHRIST CANDLE:

INTROIT: *Will You Bless Our Homes and Families*

VU 556 vs 1

*Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) *

To those who are comfortable where we are,
To those who are stuck in a rut,
To those who have never heard God's voice before,
To those who think they know God best,
God's voice speaks: Go where I will show you.

The call and promise comes to us all:

Go, and I will bless you, and I will make you a blessing.
Together we seek what God will show us today,
And commit ourselves to respond.

OPENING PRAYER:

*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: Following God as the church.

HYMN: *One More Step Along the World I Go*

VU 639 VS 1+4

*One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-9

REFLECTION: Responding to the call.

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison)

Covenant-Keeping God, whose promise is rock solid, we offer our lives and tokens of our treasure as signs of our commitment to live daily for you. Through the work of your holy Spirit, may we be a blessing to the world, bringing healing, hope and new life as we reach out with your love. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Lord's My Shepherd - Price

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: *To Abraham and Sarah*

VU 634

*To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear,
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'*

*From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'*

*We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: (Responsive)

Put down all that hold you back from following God’s call

We leave behind what has bound us.

Walk into the future with faith and trust

We set out secure in God’s promise.

God now to be the church in action, following where God leads

We go to extend God’s blessing, reaching out with love and care.

Just as our ancestors of faith know deep in your soul that the love of God surrounds you, the grace of Christ attends you and the Holy Spirit will truly guide you every step of your way. Amen.

CHORAL CLOSING: *Will You Bless Our Homes and Families*

VU 556 vs 4

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of our daily thought and care
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spills its love out everywhere.
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POSTLUDE: Toccata on "St. Catherine" - Long

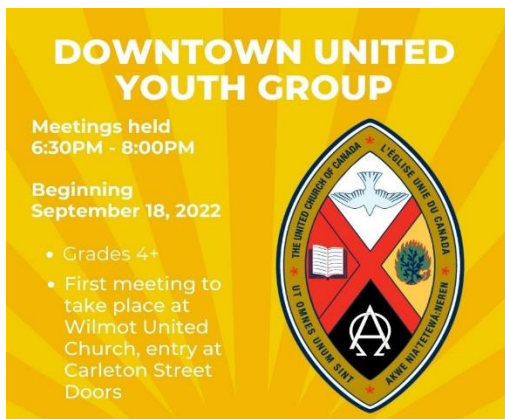
**Adapted from Rev. Terry Peterson, BibleWorm Liturgy – September 18, 2022*

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Deborah West, Lord – Alanna Palmer **Greeters:** Chris Grant & Mary Stickle
Audio Visual: John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

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.



DOWNTOWN UNITED YOUTH GROUP

Downtown United Youth Group welcomes all youth, grades 4+ to join in on September 18th from 6:30 to 8pm at Wilmot United Church.

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: Genesis 39:1-23. 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 Brown Bag Lunch program is in need of flip top cans of proteins. Thank you for your generosity!

PANTRY PROGRAM

The pantry needs the following items: fruit cups, corn niblets, flakes of ham, flakes of turkey, ketchup, liquid hand soap, white sugar, Mr. Clean, laundry detergent, Comet, Cheez Whiz, peanut butter, tea, cookies, cereal, molasses, honey, jam, miracle Whip, soup, tuna, salmon, apple juice, tinfoil, saran wrap, beans with molasses, and canned mushrooms. Thank you for your continued support!

TOONIE FOR ST. PAUL'S!

Hello everyone! Hope you enjoyed the summer. When you were thinking about St. Paul's United Church while sitting on the beach or camping, did you happen to throw a TOONIE into your little vial? Well, now is the time to return those vials, hopefully before the end of September. Please write your name and the dollar amount on your vial. Drop it in the Offering Box on Sunday. This was an Anniversary project and all proceeds are tax deductible. Thank you for your participation. Enjoy the Fall season and hope to see you back to Worship at St. Paul's. Donna Chauvin 458-5885



FUNDSCRIP RETURNS!



Welcome back to our loyal shoppers who support this fundraising program by purchasing gift cards every month. We'd like to see this number grow. If you are not familiar with the program, details are available on the church website, www.stpaulsunited.ca under "Fundraising". Deadline for our first fall order is Sunday, October 2nd. Order forms are available at the church office, in the Narthex or [here](#). Please use a current order form as participating retailers and card values sometimes change. *Remember: Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's!* your generosity!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18th – Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the UCW

September 25th – Soup and Buns ~ Hosted by Worship. **Congregational Workshop to follow** – Our Values

October 2nd – Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Property

October 23rd – Soup and Buns ~ Hosted by the Choir. **Congregational Workshop to follow** – Finding Focus

November 6th – 190th Anniversary Celebration

REV. MICHELLE'S WALK-IN OFFICE HOURS

Looking to connect with Rev. Michelle? The best way to do this is to connect via email to michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com or call 259-7602 to set up an appointment. Walk-in office hours are Mondays from 10am to 1pm and Wednesdays from 1-2:30pm.



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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.*