

# 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*

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Easter 3

10:30 AM

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*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” ~ Matthew 10:40-42*

## GATHERING GOD’S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on “Thaxted” ~ Twist

**GREETING/WELCOMING:**

The peace of Christ be with you  
And also with you

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

**INTROIT:** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

VU 179 ~ Refrain

*Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God’s name.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*

We come before God today day, and we are grateful  
for God is with us!

God’s Spirit, is poured out on us,

God touches each of us, no one is left out.

We gather to worship, in the presence of our living Lord,  
who brings new life to me and to you.

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** *God of the Bible*

MV 28

*God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.*

**Refrain:**

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.*

*God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R*

*Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R*

*Not by your finger, not by your anger,  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R*

*Hope we must carry, shining and certain,  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly, one to the other,  
till our world changes, facing the Cross. R*

**SHARING THE WORD**

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR SCRIPTURE:** *Listen, God Is Calling*

**MV 97**

*Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION:**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

**HYMN:** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**VU 375**

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R*

*You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. R*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise. R*

**INVITATION TO GIVE FROM THE HEART:**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:** *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

**VU 544**

*In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.*

*O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (In Unison)

Generous God, you love and care for all people and call us to do the same. Accept these gifts for your good work in the world, and bless this community of believers that we, moved by your Spirit, may shine with your hope and joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** The Grace Divine ~ Price

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

## **SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

**HYMN: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey***

**VU 633**

*Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.*

*Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.*

**COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

God's Spirit is moving, working on our hearts and minds

**We become clearer reflections of Christ in the world.**

Go now, letting the Holy Spirit touch you at your deepest level

**We will embrace the Spirit and open ourselves to the transformation and new life it brings.**

**BLESSING:**

**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:** Prelude in G Major ~ Bach

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*Scripture Readers:* Narrator – Alanna Palmer, Angel – Cathy Davis, Cornelius & Peter – Ron Naugler  
*Greeter:* Erin & Brad Webb *Audio Visual:* John Davis

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP SUNDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023

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.

### UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS

**Updated COVID Protocols** for In-Person Worship Services:

- Masks are highly recommended, but no longer required.
- Congregational singing is permitted.
- You are encouraged to spread out to maintain social distancing. Anyone wanting extra space is invited to sit in the balcony.
- Sanitize or wash hands on entry into the building or the sanctuary.
- Offering plates are located at the door.

As always, if you are unable to join us in person we hope to see you on Zoom - link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854718551> Passcode: 165090

### FUNDSCRIP

Deadline for our next order is **Sunday, May 7**. Gift cards will arrive for distribution on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day . . . *hint, hint*). Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or click here [May 7th FundScrip Order Form](#). **New supporters always welcome!** Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

### DOWNTOWN UNITED ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Creedence & Co. will be hosting joint service and presentation following worship on May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. Mark your calendar today!

### BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program is in need of **granola bars, pudding cups and canned proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

### PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items: coffee, pancake mix, syrup, baked beans, ketchup, pudding cups, canned corn niblets, instant oatmeal, cookies, vinegar, flakes of ham, canned green beans and peas, apple juice, and laundry detergent. Thank you for your continued support!

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning lectionary study. This week we will be focusing on Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18. Join us in the board room at 11:15am or online via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190.



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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Property

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Trustees

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Downtown United Service ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by M&P followed by a presentation from  
Creedence Consultants

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Worship

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Choir

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Outreach

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## HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**, 4 - 6 p.m. Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, homemade beans & brown bread, vegetables, coleslaw & Pie. Tickets are \$15/adult and please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

## TAKE-OUT HAM SUPPER

TAKE-OUT BAKED HAM SUPPER – Friday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, pick-up 4:00-5:30pm at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street. The delicious take-out supper includes carved baked ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, roll, and raspberry cheesecake dessert for \$15. Please call Rindy or Tom Austin, 506-450-7151 by noon on Monday, April 24 to reserve your take-outs.

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