

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

191 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and serving others in Christ's name

April 7th, 2024

Second Sunday after Easter

10:30 AM

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. ~ Mark 6:7-13

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: I Know that my Redeemer Lives ~ Payne

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

VU 166 Refrain

*Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

Christ is risen-

He is risen indeed!

Now what?

Remember what he told us.

Remember what he did

Remember that he died...

And remember that wasn't the end of the story!

He has appeared to Simon!

He has appeared at the table!

He has appeared alongside us!

And he has both gifts and work still to give.

Christ has Risen-

He has risen indeed!

CENTERING PRAYER

*This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.*

Refrain:

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number. R*

*Death's flood has lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Carol of St. Thomas ~ Greening

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

VU 189

*Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!
re-ascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!*

*There the glorious triumph waits; hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; hallelujah!
Christ has conquered death and sin; hallelujah!
take the King of Glory in. Hallelujah!*

*Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!*

*See, he lifts his hands above, hallelujah!
see, he shows the prints of love, hallelujah!
hark, his gracious lips bestow, hallelujah!
blessing on his church below. Hallelujah!*

*Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
his prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
first-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING:

Offerings are collected at the door to the sanctuary, or via e-transfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com. To set up Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) monthly contributions, please contact Meghan in the office.

SUNG OFFERING DEDICATION: *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*

VU 537 vs 2

*Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.*

PRACTICE OF THE WEEK

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

CLOSING HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

VU 334

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,*

*Refrain:
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.*

*O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace R*

*Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod, R*

*Let every tongue and every tribe,
responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe R*

*O that, with all the sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSING: *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New*

MV 115 x2

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promises true, for I am Christ the way.*

POSTLUDE: Thine is the Glory ~ Payne

¹ Rev. Teri Peterson, *BibleWorm Collective Liturgy*, April 7, 2024

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Brad Webb, Jesus – Jane Banks, Follower – Cathy Davis, White Robed Ones – Andrew Steeves
Greeter: Erin Webb **Audio Visual:** John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ANNUAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

Our Annual General Meeting is this Sunday, **April 7th**, and will begin at **11:40 am** in the hall. All congregation members are strongly encouraged to attend either in person or on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83340674605> Meeting ID: 833 4067 4605 Passcode: 891916. Along with receiving the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements, empowering motions to further progress on the projects to sell the building and relocate the congregation will be made. Documentation for the AGM and project background documentation (Congregational Meeting Minutes from October 15th 2023, November 19th 2023 and March 17th 2024) can be found on the church website under the Publication & Reports heading <https://www.stpaulsunited.ca/annual-reports/>





FUNDSCRIP ORDERS DUE THIS SUNDAY!

Deadline for our next gift card order is this **Sunday, April 7th**. Time to think about Spring things... new barbeque, outside furniture, bikes for the kids. You can purchase all of these with FundScrip gift cards. Mother's Day will be here before long... why not give Mum a gift card to her favourite store or take her out for dinner at one of the dining spots on our gift card list. Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or click here [April 7th, 2024 FundScrip Order Form](#). **New supporters always welcome!** Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

BOOKING MEETING SPACE AT ST. PAUL'S

As the use of our space at St. Paul's gets busier, please remember to book your meetings space through the office. Drop by in person, call 458-1183 or email Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **pudding cups** and **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 this week: paper towel, Mr. Clean, Comet, soap, dish & laundry detergent, chili, sardines, canned spaghetti, jam, large orange juice, ketchup, Miracle Whip, salt, jello, granola bars, cookies, crackers, Ritz, rice, Hamburger Helper, pasta, syrup, flour, brown & white, and icing sugar. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

Pick up this reflection guide in the narthex to use as a home devotional or with your friends. This devotional follows the pattern of pray, reflect and do, offering suggestions on how to put the biblical theme into action.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am ~ Bible Study on Sunday Reading

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Passcode: 750844

Thursdays from 6-7pm ~ Evening Small Group Faith Exploration

April 7th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Lois Walker & Nancy MacGarvie

April 7th ~ Annual General Meeting following service

April 14th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by the Sunday School

April 21st ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

April 28th ~ Service at 10:30 ~ Fellowship Hour ~ Hosts Needed!

ORGAN RECITAL AT CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CHURCH

Sunday **April 14th** at 2pm Christ Church Parish Church (245 Westmorland Street.) The Fredericton Organists' Association is presenting an organ recital entitled: From Darkness into Light: Organ Music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. All are welcome to attend this recital of seasonal music performed by Fredericton area organists. Admission by freewill offering with proceeds going to the Fredericton Food Bank.

HAM TAKEOUT AT NASHWAAKSIS UNITED

Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, will be hosting a Ham Takeout on Friday, **April 19th**, from 4:00-5:30pm. The menu includes delicious ham, potato and macaroni salads, roll and lemon tart for dessert. The cost is \$15.00. Cut off for reservations is Tuesday, April 16th @ 2pm. Please call the church office at 506-458-9452 or email admin@nashwaaksisunited.ca **please use front door for pickups**

SPRING RUMAGE SALE AT WILMOT

Mark your calendars for the UCW Spring Rummage Sale. Sorting will take place on Thursday, **April 25th**, with the sale happening on Friday and Saturday, **April 26th & 27th**. Donations of spring/summer clothing, housewares, toys, etc. can be left on the gym stage during office hours. To volunteer, contact Linda Gough or call the church office at 506-458-1066 and we can pass along your name.



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