

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**St. Paul's Pastoral Charge**  
**August 11, 2019**

**PRELUDE:**

**Life and Work of the Church**

**WELCOME**

**Introit VU #396 Vs. 1 Jesus, Stand among Us**

1. Jesus, stand among us  
in your risen power;  
let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather as God's people.

**All: God has given us faith and hope.**

One: God's message of love is with us.

**All: We are growing in the knowledge of God.**

One: God calls us out of darkness and into the light.

**All: We give thanks with joy to our God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN: VU #315 Holy, Holy, Holy**

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Prayer of Invocation (together)**

Holy One, we gather as your people, giving thanks that we can be together to hear your word, offer our prayers and sing your praises. Draw us together in your love, that we may know you more deeply. Open our hearts to a deeper understanding of your will, and work within our lives that we may produce the fruit of compassion. Amen.

**Children's Hymn: VU #585 Jesus Bids Us Shine Vs. 1 & 2**

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In the world is darkness, so let us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

**TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE  
& THE LORD'S PRAYER****Children's Hymn: VU #585 Vs. 3**

3. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim.  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)**

God we want to measure up to your hopes for us. Open our eyes to see the places in our world where our compassion can help. Give us loving hearts, that we might reach out to our neighbours when they are in need. Grant us the courage to take risks for the sake of your kingdom. Help us to live lives that are worthy of you. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****SERVICE OF THE WORD****PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM: Psalm 82 VU#799**

**Refrain: Salvation is from God, our God.**

God stands in the council of heaven,  
in the midst of the gods gives judgement:

**'How long will you judge unjustly,  
and favour the cause of the wicked?'**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan,  
maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy,  
save them from the hands of the wicked. R**

**Refrain: Salvation is from God, our God.**

You neither know nor understand;  
**you go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

I say then to you: 'Gods you all may be,  
and offspring of the Most High;  
**but you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any of the mighty.'**

Rise up, O God, and judge the earth,  
**and take all the nations as your possession! R**

**Refrain: Salvation is from God, our God.**

**New Testament: Luke 10: 25-37 pg. 71-72**

**Message: Draw Near**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn: VU #606 In Christ there is no East or West (tune 344)**

1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great family of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.
3. Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christ-like souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**\* OFFERING**

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERING      What Can I Do? (2x) MV #191**

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

### **\* OFFERTORY PRAYER (together)**

We stand under a shower of your constant and never-ending gifts, Lord God, knowing that they are offered freely and without thought of repayment. We respond in the only way we can, by reflecting and imitating your love in the gifts that we bring before you, to be used in the service of our neighbours both in our community and throughout all the earth. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE**

### **\* CLOSING HYMN:              VU #509 Here I Am, Lord**

1.      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?

**Refrain:      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.**

2.      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? R

**Refrain:      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.**

3.      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? R

**Refrain:      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.**

\* **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

\* **PARTING HYMN: May God's Sheltering Wings MV #214**

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,

and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

\* **POSTLUDE:**

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We welcome all who join us in worship today. If you are here for the first time today, we invite you to introduce yourself to Fran Bell or to a member of the congregation. Please stay for refreshments in the Banquet Hall after worship. Members of Property Committee are hosting.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week Bob Cheetam (brother of Debbie Rushton), and Sara Crawford, (Marie Barker's Grand-daughter).

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Our sympathy and prayers are with Beth Haigh and family and friends on the passing of Stan Haigh. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 24 here at St. Paul's followed by a luncheon with Rev. Pat officiating.

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Reader: Michelle Batt

Greeter: Doreen Smith

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Today we send happy birthday wishes to **Yvonne Maertens** as she celebrates another birthday.



On Thursday August 15th, we send happy birthday wishes to **Peg Simmons** as she celebrates her 85th Birthday.



On Friday August 16th Congratulations go out to **Marg and Irv Horton** as they celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary.

May God add his blessings to everyone celebrating a milestone this week and may you have many more in good health.

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**Rev. Karlene is on vacation August 4 – Sept. 3.**

**Thank you to Fran Bell our Worship Leader for all Sundays and Loraine Poole for our summer music while Shelley enjoys her vacation also.**

**If you are in need of Pastoral care:**

**Rev. Maurice will be on call Aug. 3 – 13 and Aug. 30-Sept. 3  
and Rev. Pat August 14-29**

**The Summer Office hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ONLY.**

**Helen is on vacation August 12-26.**

**The office hours will be covered by Laurie.**



The Food Bank is asking for canned tomatoes, baked beans and cereal.  
Thank you for your donations.

Cherry Pies for sale near the freezer rooms downstairs after worship. \$9 each.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ROOM
Aug. 20	Full Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	FR
Aug. 24	Stan Haigh Funeral	11:00 a.m.	FR/BH
	<b>Group Events</b>		
Aug. 13/16	Tai Chi	9:30 a.m.	MPR
Aug. 12/14	Exercise	10:00 a.m.	BH
August	NO Yoga	7:00 p.m.	BH

### Backpack Program – Salvation Army

We are again participating in the Salvation Army Backpacks initiative – this year if you would like to contribute please mark your envelope **'Backpack'** or **make a donation directly to The Salvation Army**. This program ends on August 18. **No backpacks or supplies will be collected at the church** as The Salvation Army are working directly with Staples to give the children Gift Cards.

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There is a designated box for unused yarn for UCW Projects in the coat rack area outside the FR. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting for our fall church bazaar, please help yourself to free yarn. Tried and true or new ideas... all projects welcomed.



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**Mark your calendars ---- BIG YARD SALE ---- SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 here at St. Paul's United Church.**

Your treasures are needed and we will be looking to receive them the last full week of August and first two weeks of September.

PLEASE put your clean, in good working order items in boxes marked clearly with your family name on them. NO CLOTHES, SHOES OR PURSES please. Thank you for your support. All monies raised are to be used for Sunday School, PA days and Messy Church programs. Karen Hodges

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## AOTS Men's Weekend at Camp Jackson near Bala

Friday, September 6 to Sunday, Sept. 8

Cost: approximately \$25

### AOTS Annual Chicken BBQ

Sunday, September 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$16. Children 6-12: \$9 and 5 years and under free  
 ½ chicken and home-made pie  
 Take away containers supplied.

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Due to the construction projects in the church, **Messy Church** will not be held in August but returns Saturday September 21.

**Our theme for September is: One fish, two fish.**

Crafts, music, story, snacks and lunch. No charge. All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult please.

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For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.

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If you enjoy taking photos we are working on some Bulletin Covers for 2020 – please submit to the office in JPEG format – we can only use photos that are tall as Bulletin covers are vertical.

Also you can submit directly to The United Church JPEG photos for Mission and Service Bulletin Covers and/or The United Church Calendar. Contact the office for details.

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**St. Paul's Book Club** Beginning Mid October

Book: : Dual Citizens by Alix Ohlin

Cost: \$14.67 on Amazon.ca (reduced from \$22.95)

They also have the Kindle format

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## Roof Fundraising Campaign

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| Balance forward                       | \$ 695 donations from May 2019 |
| Donations received August 4 worship - | \$ 740                         |
| Total donated                         | \$ 2,335                       |
| <b>Fundraiser Goal</b>                | <b>\$30,000</b>                |
| <b>Amount still needed</b>            | <b><u>\$26,070</u></b>         |

First-time Worshipers, Members and Friends!

**Welcome!**

We celebrate your presence and welcome you in friendship and in love. Thank you for sharing in our worship today. After the service, and before you leave this building, turn worship into ministry by greeting someone you don't know.

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**Music on the Lawn 2019** Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Where: Annandale National Historic Site

August 11 -Blue Sky

At 6:30 p.m.

August 18 – The Keynotes

August 25 – Back to the Fifties with Jim Foris

<b>DID YOU KNOW</b>	.... that the flower committee delivers the flowers after the church service, unless the donors request differently?
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