

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

August 11, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Morris

WELCOME

INTROIT HYMN: VU #235 – O Worship the King (verse 1)

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: (UNISON)

As settlers gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples, our commitment is to be diligent in working toward transformational relationships and reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

As we light the Christ Candle this morning, we remember all that Jesus did for us – dying on the cross for our sins and we welcome Him with us this morning.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: We are here to worship you today. We come with open hearts and minds ready to praise and glorify you, our God, our Father.

All: It is a blessing to be here today. To be with friends and family as we prepare to spend time with You.

One: We are grateful that we can come together with other believers to sing and worship.

All: Our hearts and spirit are open to hear your Word today. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: VU #238 – O Lord my God (How Great Thou Art) all verses

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **[Refrain]**

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [**Refrain**]

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [**Refrain**]

OPENING PRAYER (Leader)

Lord, we are here, ready to praise you and hear your words. We come before you humbly, knowing that we don't deserve your grace and mercy. Our only desire today is that you will be honored through our words and music this morning. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Leader)

Father God, you gave us free will and the ability to make our own choices. We are sorry for some of the choices that we have made – choices that are not pleasing and honoring to You. We are sorry that we forget to turn to You but instead – go ahead under our own steam. We have forgotten that your plans are much better than any that we can come up with. Please, Lord, forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Unison)

Thank you, Lord, that you are full of mercy and grace - that you forgive us as we admit our failures to you. Lord, as we move forward, today and into this new week, help us please, to remember to seek your will first. We are confident of your love and that you and only You have the best plans for our lives, plans that were formed before we were even born. We pray this in the name of your precious son, Jesus. Amen.

CHILDRENS FOCUS: Choices that we make

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN HYMN: Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see

Oh be careful little eyes, what you see,
Oh be careful, little eyes, what you see.
There's a Father up above looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful, little eyes what you see.

Oh be careful little ears what you hear,
Oh be careful little ears what you hear.
There's a Father up above is looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful little ears what you hear.

Oh be careful little tongue what you say,
Oh be careful little tongue what you say.

There's a Father up above is looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful little tongue what you say.

Oh be careful little hands what you do,
Oh be careful little hands what you do.
There's a Father up above is looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful little hands what you do.

O be careful little feet where you go
O be careful little feet where you go
There's a Father up above is looking down in tender love,
Oh, be careful little feet where you go.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 48 pg. 518

Acts 8:26-40 pg. 127 N.T.

Jeremiah 29:11 pg. 731 O.T.

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision VU #642

1. Be Thou my Vision, O joy of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
Thou loving parent thy child may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys;
O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

MESSAGE: CHOICES

HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU #664 (all verses)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Savior, is our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus strength will shield our weakness,
And will find new courage there.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader)

Lord, you have given us so much – the beauty all around us, the children we have been blessed with and so much more. Every day is a blessing. Today, we choose to return a small portion of what you have given us. We pray that you will accept these tokens of our love for you and that Your name will be glorified through the use of this bounty. In Jesus name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639

1. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.
2. Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

3. As I travel through the bad and good
keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

4. 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 traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

5. You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

COMISSIONING & BENEDICTION (Leader)

This week, pray and spend time with the Lord. Find out what choices God has for you and follow those choices. May your week be full of blessings and safety returning safely here next week. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

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We welcome all who join us for in-person worship today and online.
Thank you to Karen Hodges our worship leader today
and to Tammy Miljevic for music supply.

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Everyone is invited to join for fellowship and refreshments in the Friendship room after today's service. Members of the Congregation are hosting today.



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In our thoughts and prayers this week is:
Karen Kaufman, Paisley Ling and Jim Withington.

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**There are many birthdays this coming week:
TODAY August 11 is Yvonne Maerten's birthday**

Peg Simmons is celebrating her birthday August 15 she will be "90",

Adrian van Hoeve on August 16 and

Pat Cook is celebrating 80 years on August 17.

Three birthdays on August 21: Connor Perry, Simon van Hoeve and Cohen Bruckler.



Terry Pond celebrates his birthday on August 23 and Esther Sol and Jed Drew share a birthday on August 24.



Happy Anniversary wishes to out to Al and Iona Meyer celebrating 57 years on August 24.

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Staff summer vacation:

Rev. Karlene is on vacation August 5 – 28
Rev. Pat will be on call for emergency pastoral care Aug. 6-28



Pulpit Supply:

August 18 & 25 – Karen Hodges

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Helen will be on vacation August 15 – September 13
Debbie Beres will be covering the office hours.

The office is open for summer hours in July and August
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY from 10 - 1p.m.
We will resume regular hours in September - Monday to Friday 8-1p.m.

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Can you help? We need volunteers for Sunday projection and sound – training provided. If you are interested please call the office.



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SALVATION ARMY BACKPACK PROGRAM

Many children's families don't have the resources to provide them with a good backpack as well as the necessary school supplies. Salvation Army runs the backpack program to ensure that all children go back to school with what they need.

In order to ensure that each child gets the same items, Salvation Army asks that we donate money and they will purchase the items that are needed.

If you are able to help out please make a donation and mark your envelope or transfer Backpack program. **August 11 will be the last day we will be collecting for this project.**

Thank you for your generosity.

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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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Please join us on Wednesday Sept. 25th at 1:30 PM for an information meeting. **All ladies and gentlemen** are welcome to attend the UCW friendship Circle meeting in the friendship room. The guest speaker is Janine Jackson, manager of **Sakura House**. This is a great way to help you and your family to get information and prepare for end of life care if the need arises. Bring your questions and bring a friend. Please sign up on the sheet provided outside the friendship room, to help us plan for the goodies and refreshments that will be provided, or call Mary at 519-409-0716.



Tillsonburg & District Historical Society presents Music on the Lawn
Sunday Evenings at Annandale NHS, 30 Tillson Ave. Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

August 11 - Night Train

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

August 18 - Three Nickels and a Dime August 25 - "Back to the Fifties"

Goodwill offering will be taken.

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Food Bank offering for August

Dish soap	Bars of Hand Soap (not liquid)	Pasta Sauce
Chunky soup	Cereal (regular size boxes)	Fruit cups
Cookies		

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