

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

January 19, 2020

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Colleen Martin

WELCOME

INTROIT: VU # 389 "God Is Here" (vs. 1)

God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.

Lighting of Christ Candle

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We are summoned here by our holy God,

**All: who calls us each by name,
and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

One: From single houses, from apartments, special living places,

**All: we are called into God's presence.
Young and old and middle-aged,**

One: individuals and families,
soft-spoken and outspoken,

All: we hear our names being called to join in worship.

One: This house of worship
is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

**All: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.
Let us worship together!**

OPENING HYMN: VU # 395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family (**Refrain**)

God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family (Refrain)
Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
You are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
And we are a part of the family.

There is a life to be shared in the bread and the wine
We are the branches, Christ is the vine
This is God's temple it's not your or mine
But we are a part of the family (**Refrain**)

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family (**Refrain**)

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

**Come to us, Holy God,
as we gather before you;
encircle us with your love.
Bless us with your sustaining presence;
surround us with your grace.
Draw us 'round your living Word,
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,
whose Spirit is in our midst. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious God, you have called us each by name
and continue to equip us with every spiritual gift we need,
and yet sometimes we fail to use those gifts, or to proclaim our mission.
Help us to remember that you have called us to be your voice in our space
and will strengthen us to the very end.**

Words of Assurance

One: Let us press on, for we know that God forgives our failings,
and gives us strength so that we might carry out our mission.
All: **Thanks be to God! We know that our God is faithful and forgives us.
And he calls us into fellowship with Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES: Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1–7 pg. 679

Responsive Reading Psalm 40:1–11 (VU p. 764)

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

I waited patiently for you, O God;
you bent down and heard my cry.

**You lifted me out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many shall see and wonder,
and will put their trust in you. R**

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

Blessed are those whose trust is in God,
**who have not turned to the proud,
nor to those who follow a lie.**

O God, my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
**and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

I would proclaim and tell of them,
but they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required.

But you have opened my ears to hear, and I said: 'Here I am,
ready to do what is written in the scroll of the book.'

**I delight to do your will, O my God,
your law is in my heart. R**

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
I did not restrain my lips, as you well know.

**I have not kept your goodness hidden in my heart,
but have spoken of your faithfulness and your saving help.**

I have not concealed your steadfast love,
nor your truth from the great congregation.

**Do not withhold from me your tender care, O God;
may your love and truth ever preserve me. R**

Refrain: You put a new song in my mouth, your name to glorify.

Gospel: John 1:35–42 pg. 92 read by Sunday School

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" (vs. 1)

I will make you fishers of men,
Fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.

If you follow Me,
If you follow Me,
I will make you fishers of men,
If you follow Me.

Time with the Children

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S HYMN: "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" (vs. 2)

Hear Christ calling "Come unto Me
Come unto Me, Come unto Me."
Hear Christ calling "Come unto Me
I will give You rest."

"I will give you rest.
I will give you rest.
Hear Christ calling "Come unto Me
I will give You rest."

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MESSAGE: Each One Bring One

MINISTRY OF SONG:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Kids Collecting Food Bank Gift during the singing MV # 138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" (vs 1, 2 & refrain)

1. My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places
Where I've never been before,
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
And takes me into places
Where I've never been before
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain: We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave - stones
If we're not prepared to die,
And realize there are worlds outside the lines.

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Loving and gracious God we offer these gifts in thanksgiving
for the gift of new life, we have received in Jesus Christ.
May these gifts strengthen our witness to the gospel
here in our community, and also in our wider church and world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Gracious God,
we pray for the faithful all over the world,
that all who love you may be united in your service.

All: We pray for the church
God in your love, answer.

One: We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations,
that they may be reconciled one to another
in pursuit of your justice and peace.

All: We pray for the world
God in your love, answer.

One: We pray for all who suffer from prejudice, greed or violence,
that the heart of humanity may warm with your tenderness.
We pray especially for all refugees.

All: We pray for all who are oppressed
God in your love, answer.

One: We pray for all in need
that they may know the hope of your faithfulness
through the help of others.

All: We pray especially for people in need
God in your love, answer.

One: We pray for the land, the sea, and the sky,
that we may live with respect in creation
and use your gifts with reverence.

**All: We pray for the care of our earth
God in your love, answer.**

One: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness,
loneliness, fear or loss,
that those whose names are in our hearts,
in the hearts of others,
or known to you alone,
may receive strength and courage.

**All: We pray for those in need
God in your love, answer.**

One: God of compassion,
into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, now and forever.

All: Amen.

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: VU # 575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

COMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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 Rev. Karlene or to a member of the congregation. Please stay for refreshments in the Friendship Room after worship - The AOTS Men's Group are hosting.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week
Harold Kirktown, Ute Jurchuk, Marilyn Hall, Sharon Hagell,
brother Don & daughter Cathy.

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Reader: Colleen Martin Greeter: Sheila McKibbin

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The flowers this morning are in loving memory of
Sid & Mina Card by Roxanne & Fraser, Sydney & Isaac



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This week we are delighted to wish several people in the congregation a very happy birthday.



Monday January 20th **Sam Lamb** will celebrate his **93rd birthday.**

Tuesday January 21st **Sam Helsdon** celebrates his **83rd birthday.**

Friday January 24th **Val Simmons** celebrates his **91st birthday.**

We wish to thank them for their many years of dedication to St. Pauls' and ask God's blessings so they can enjoy good health for many more birthdays.

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We THANK Loraine Poole for her musical talent today.

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UCW Unit 6 Meeting – Wed. Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m.

for tea, coffee & dessert in the Friendship Room

Program: TALENTS

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The next P.A. Day is Friday, January 24.
at Avondale United Church



Family Movie Matinee

Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

Snacks available - hot dogs after the movie.

Open to all our Sunday School children and family

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Bible Study on January 24 -All are welcome to join Ruth Francis,
11 Peach Street. 519 688-7724



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Bill Chanyi will talk about "Guide Dogs" at the **UCW meeting for Unit 1.** All women are invited to attend on **Monday, January 27th** at 1:30 p.m. See you then.

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Assistance needed

Each month a different committee hosts coffee hour after the Church service. During the month of February, the congregation is hosting. This gives everyone in the congregation (especially if you are NOT on a committee) an opportunity to meet and get to know other people at St Pauls' and have fun at the same time. Everything is supplied and you are not obligated to help every Sunday in February. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. There is a sign-up sheet in the rotunda if you wish to help, or call Mary Hessler at 519-409-0716. Thank you.

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The United Church Gifts With Vision catalogue for 2020 is in the Rotunda or online at: www.giftswithvision.ca

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Roof Fundraising Campaign	
Balance forward donations	\$25,205
Donations received Jan. 12 worship	520
Total donated	\$25,725
Fundraiser Goal	<u>\$30,000</u>
Amount still needed	\$ 4,275

Messy Church - February 8 - 10am to 12 noon

Our theme: These are a few of our favourite things.

St. Pauls Messy Church is 2 years old as of this February.

We are offering crafts, music, games, snacks and food based around some of our Messy Church members' favourite things. These include horses, dinosaurs, minions and anything coloured purple, as well as a surprise or two.

No charge. Children should be accompanied by an adult .All welcome.

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Camp Tanner Dinner & Auction – Sat. February 8, 2020

Embroid, West Zorra Comm. Center. Tickets \$25 more info. at www.camptanner.ca Open at 5:00 p.m. - Dinner served at 6:30 pm.

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Winter is here! At this time of year it may be difficult for some people to get to church. We want everyone to be able to attend. If you or someone you know would like a ride, please call the church office, Monday to Friday mornings at 519 688-0011 or Jed Drew at 519 842-8786 or email stpaulsunited@execulink.com.



DATE	EVENT	TIME	
Jan.21	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	MR
Jan. 22	UCW Unit 6	1:30 p.m.	FR
Jan. 23	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	
Jan. 24	P.A. Day/Avondale	8:30-4p.m.	
Jan. 25	Community Kitchen	11:30 a.m.	MPR
Feb. 9	Annual Meeting		
	GROUPS		
Jan. 20/22	Exercise	10:00 am	BH
Jan. 20/22	Yoga	7:00 p.m.	BH
Jan. 21/24	Tai Chi	9:30 a.m.	MPR

Easing Past Ills: Tatamagouche – Mission & Service

It's a beautiful spring day in Nova Scotia, and at Tatamagouche Centre people are scrambling through the underbrush looking for special plants—plants to settle a tummy ache or headache, or plants to help ease many of life's daily ills.

Under the careful watch of Judy Bernard-Googoo, a Mi'kmaq healer, everyone is learning a few of the basics from centuries of Mi'kmaq traditional healing. Judy learned it from her mother, as did her mother before her. Now, Judy wants to share her knowledge with others. "We are all one people," she says.

At Tatamagouche, mending the divide between Indigenous and non- Indigenous people is a high priority. By openly sharing their traditions and learning together about the plants and herbs that are the basis of traditional Mi'kmaq healing, which creates a window into Mi'kmaq culture, they will build bridges of understanding.

"Everything is done with respect. You have to respect the plant, take only what you need, and always give thanks to the Creator for providing these healing medicines," explains Judy. "You have to be careful; there are a lot of plants that can hurt you. It's like going to the drugstore—you have to make sure you choose the right medicine. That's the knowledge I have that I want to share."

Your gifts to Mission & Service help support programs at education centres that bring people in communities together to learn.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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First-time Worshippers, Members and Friends!



We are glad you came today and welcome you in friendship and love. Our caring extends beyond our worship service and we would love to hear from you if you need us. Please find contact information for our support staff.

St. Paul's United Contact Information

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DID YOU KNOW?	...that a WEEK AT CAMP WILL CHANGE A LIFE? The Mission and Service Fund supports camps with resource, staff time, Web support and the Camping Standards Manual. St. Paul's supported and continues to support Camp Tanner in a variety of ways – campers, counsellors, directors, money, lifeguards, cooks, donations for crafts, Canadian Tire money to assist in purchasing items for camp, and members on Camp Committee. A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!
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