

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**St. Paul's Pastoral Charge**

**January 29, 2023**

**Hymnology - Fanny Crosby**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sheila McKibbin**

**WELCOME**

**INTRODUCTION TO HYMN WRITER: FANNY CROSBY**

**History of the Hymn**

**GATHERING SONG: "To God be the Glory" (vs. 1 & Refrain)**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory,  
great things he has done!

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY**

In Tillsonburg, as we gather on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples, dating back countless generations, we acknowledge the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, showing respect for the long-standing relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers."

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sing to GOD a brand-new song. He's made a world of wonders!

**All: Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!**

One: Round up an orchestra to play for GOD, add on a hundred-voice choir.

**All: Feature trumpets and big trombones fill the air with praises to King God.**

One: What a beautiful thing, GOD, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God!

**All: To announce your love each daybreak, as we sing we remember your faithful presence through-out the night until daybreak.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Yes, we have come to worship. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: VU # 337 "Blessed Assurance"**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in Christ blood.

**Refrain:** This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ love. **(Refrain)**

### **History of the Hymn**

### **PRAYERS VU # 635 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"**

#### **History of the Hymn**

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, lo! A spring of joy I see;

### **CHILDREN'S FOCUS:**

#### **Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Children's Hymn: "Praise Him, Praise Him"**

Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!  
Strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children.  
In his arms he carries them all day long.

**Refrain:** Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.

#### **History of the Hymn**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HYMN: VU # 665 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

**Refrain:** Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee, whom in Heav'n but Thee. **(Refrain)**

**History of the hymn**

**SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 10:19-25**

Reader: This is God's Word.

**All: We receive it in love.**

**SERMON: Hymn “I Am Thine O Lord” – Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION: “I am Thine, O Lord” (vs. 1-3 & refrain)**

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

**Refrain:** Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the pow'r of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine. **[Refrain]**

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend! **[Refrain]**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: “I am Thine, O Lord” (vs. 4 & refrain)**

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

**Refrain:** Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)**

**Father, you bless us in so many different ways, Sadly we often fail to recognize your gifts to us. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and the abundance of your care. Today, we give out of what you have so richly blessed us with. It is our desire to always seek justice and usher in love by giving all that we have and all that we hope to be and transforming our world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**CLOSING HYMN: "Rescue the Perishing"**

**History of the Hymn**

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

**Refrain:** Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,  
Waiting the penitent child to receive;  
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;  
He will forgive if they only believe. **[Refrain]**

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more. **[Refrain]**

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;  
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;  
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;  
Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died. **[Refrain]**

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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We welcome all who join us for in-person worship today and online.



Please join us for a social time after the worship service for coffee, (regular and decaf) as well as tea, juice and cookies will be served. Members of AOTS are hosting this month.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week Marie Barker, Jayne Coyle, Bill Drew and Al Meyer.

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**Update on Kaytlyn McKibbon**

The family leaves to go to Boston on January 28. They will have prep and then surgery on January 31. We will hold them in our prayers.



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We wish Happy Birthday wishes **TODAY** to two special ladies who share the same birthday, Dag Morris and Florence Mannell who turns 89.



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**Thank you** for all the cards, visits and Birthday greetings You made my birthday special, I feel very cared for by my friends at St. Paul's. **Sam Helsdon**



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**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 9.45 a.m. at the home of Ruth Francis 11 Peach St. 519 688-7724 *All are welcome.*



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**Messy Church from 10 - Noon on February 4** "Oh Dear It's a Valentine's Day Party!!" With crafts, games, music and lunch to follow!



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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (AGM)**

**Sunday February 12, 2023.**

**In the sanctuary following worship**



The report booklet will be emailed to you February 2<sup>nd</sup> and for the folks without email it will be available for pick-up at the church February 2 or 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is very important for you to read it in advance because reports and info will not be read aloud at the meeting.

**This meeting will be:**

- to receive and approve all 2022 reports which includes the Financial Report for 2022
  - to hear the presentation and approve the proposed budget for 2023
  - to elect members of the Church Council and Committees for 2023
  - to deal with any other routine business that is necessary at each and every AGM.
- This is your opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and give input.**

Please plan to be present. If you have any items for clarification or questions prior to the meeting please contact me.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mary Anne Silverthorn  
Church Council Chair

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**Roy Leblanc**, an award-winning Elvis impersonator, will perform at St. Paul's on  
**Saturday March 11, 2023 at 2 p.m.**  
Tickets are \$25 and are available anytime from Dianne Parnell (519-871-3454).



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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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**Seniors' Health & Wellness Fair 2023**  
Wed. February 1, 9-12 noon  
**Tillsonburg Senior Centre, 45 Hardy Ave.**

Free Admission to all seniors who want to learn about healthy, active living. There will be educational seminars on supplements for good health and scams, free blood pressure and hearing screening, healthy snacks, draw prizes, give-aways and unique interactive opportunities.

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| DID YOU KNOW | ...that the handicap signs are put out and taken in each Sunday morning? |
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