

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

May 15, 2022

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## WELCOME

## GATHERING SONG: VU # 376 "Spirit of the Living God" (vs. 2)

Spirit of the living God move among us all  
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love  
Humble caring selfless, sharing  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

## ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

As settlers, we recognize the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. Our aim is to seek to live out the ideals of Truth and Reconciliation in our community, and to join in the call for justice for our Indigenous siblings across our country.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

**All: We come to worship a God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my brothers and sisters.

**All: We come to worship God, whose siblings we are in Christ.**

One: Let us sing praises to God,

**All: and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN: MV# 1 "Let Us Build a House"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

**Refrain:** All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us. **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger. **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. **(Refrain)**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we should be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** God the Creator who brings new life, has forgiven and redeemed us.

**All:** We take hold of this forgiveness and aim to live our lives in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S FOCUS**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### **Children's Hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children all the children of the world,  
Black and yellow, red and white. They're all precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURES:**    **Gospel:**    John 13:31-35  
                         **Reader:**    This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
                         **All:**            **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**MESSAGE: “Love One Another”**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION: VU # 684 “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”**

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your healing power  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

O, Spirit grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
It isn't pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING: MV # 191 “What Can I Do?” Sung x 2**

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 (Unison)**

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

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

**We pray for the Church, O God hear and answer our prayer.**

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 today.

**We pray for our world, O God hear and answer our prayer.**

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 prisoners of politics or religion, and for all refugees. We remember especially the people of Ukraine and Russia.

**We pray for all who are oppressed, O God hear and answer our prayer.**

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

**We pray for the earth, O God hear and answer our prayer.**

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, (*moment of silence as we name those we want to lift in prayer*) may they receive strength and courage.

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

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

**CLOSING HYMN: VU # 575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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In our thoughts and prayers this week: Dorothy Carter, Daryl Coles, Mary Epple, The Fitzpatrick family, Fern Gowman, Vic Lopenen (father of Mark Lopenen), Kaytlyn McKibbon and Bill Welsh.

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We extend congratulations and best wishes to **Audrey and Joe Tobias** as they celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**.



We wish **Happy Birthday** wishes to **Jeannet Van Hoeve & Hannah Kloepfer** on **Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup>**.





In-person Sunday school is back in the Sunday school rooms.  
Welcome back kids.

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**Annual General Meeting for 2021 - Sunday June 5, 2022**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the 2021 business will be held on Sunday June 5. There will be a shortened worship service followed by a break. The AGM will begin at **12 NOON**.



The electronic copy of **the AGM Booklet** including the year-end reports was emailed to members on Monday April 25. If you have not your copy, please contact the office for it to be resent. Bring your report to the meeting – so you can follow as we work through the documents. Reports will be reviewed, financial statements will be examined—Chairs of Committees will be available to clarify items as needed

*Kindly note this will be a voting meeting.*

Due to the pandemic and capacity restrictions, the financial statements for 2021, the budget and the Council members for 2022 were approved at the December 2021 Council meeting. The Antler River Watershed Regional Council (ARWRC) granted permission for local governing bodies to approve those items so the business for 2022 could proceed.

Live streaming will end after worship. At 11:55 those who wish, may join the AGM on Zoom. A link will be sent prior to the meeting.

**It is important for you to share in our AGM. This is one way of staying in touch with the work of our St. Paul's family. We hope many of you will join us in person but we also welcome those who will join us virtually. It will allow us to look at the church year 2021 in review.**

**SAVE THE DATE: AGM Sunday June 5, 2022 at 12 NOON**

**Any questions/comments/clarification needed in advance – kindly contact Mary Anne Silverthorn – Council Chair**

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**DONATIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE**

The United Church is accepting donations for **UKRAINE**, please make cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church and mark Ukraine in the memo line or include with your regular giving's envelope.

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A special thank you to all who purchased geraniums this year. We sold 628 geraniums! Lots of green thumbs out there! A big thank you to Esther Sol, Wilma Jeffery and Rita Van Lamoen for all they did to organize and support this project! Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Proceeds will support Kaytlyn's fundraising.



*Thank YOU*



All women of the church are warmly invited to join Unit 6 of the UCW for a time of worship and fellowship, as well as a little business. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Our programme topic will be “Services for Seniors” and guest speaker, Kathryn Leatherland, executive Director of the Multi Service Center, will be joining us. If you would like to attend, please contact Beth Sandor at sandorb2@gmail.com or at 519-875-4689 and she will send you the Zoom link so that you can join us.



The **UCW OUTDOOR BAKE SALE** is on Saturday June 4th, the same day as the St Paul's yard sale. We welcome donations of baked goods from anyone in the congregation who enjoys baking. Please drop off your baked items at the ramp entrance on Friday afternoon June 3rd. From 2-5 pm pre-packaged items are preferred. If you are unable to do drop offs, please call Mary at 519-409-0716 or email [maryhessler@gmail.com](mailto:maryhessler@gmail.com) to arrange for Friday morning pick up. Due to health regulations we are unable to accept cream filled or meringue items. Thank you for supporting this UCW fundraiser.



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St. Paul's AOTS Club will be holding its **Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ** on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Golf will be at Tillsonview Golf Course teeing off at 3 pm. Cost is \$19 or \$27 with golf cart. BBQ will be at Dave and Dag Morris' at a cost of \$10. **Please register by June 6<sup>th</sup>** to facilitate planning of the Event. Sign-up sheet is in the Rotunda or by emailing [stpaulsaots84@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsaots84@gmail.com). **Additional information can be obtained by contacting Dave Morris or Harley Jackson.**

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**ST. PAUL'S YARD SALE**



"We are continuing to go thru items for the sale. We need to put a **STOP** to more glassware, china, books, picture frames, ladies tops, wall art etc.

**We could use a little more:**

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| men's wear      | ladies' pants   | children's wear | adult's and children's shoes |
| children's toys | jewellery       | technical games | equipment towels             |
| linens          | kitchen gadgets |                 |                              |

Drop off continues to be Mondays (except the long weekend), Wednesdays and Fridays - 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will be pricing in the rooms off the banquet hall.

**HELP NEEDED**

We are still in need of strong people to help us with set-up and take down on Saturday the 4th of June. Please help us to have a successful sale! Hope that you will be able to attend our sale and support our church's needs. We will be selling hot dogs and drinks for further revenue.

Thank you from your yard sale team.  
(Karon Harris 519 842 8596)

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