

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Pauls Pastoral Charge

July 31, 2022

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Anne Silverthorn

WELCOME:

OPENING SONG: --- Here I am to Worship – 2 verses and chorus

1. Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came.
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor. **Chorus x 2**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acknowledging the Territory (Leader)

Today we gather on the lands of the Treaty 7 territory. We honor the Anishinabek, the Haudenosaunee, the Ojibwe, the Chippewa and other Indigenous caretakers of these lands and waters, the elders who lived here before, the Indigenous today, and the generations to come.

HYMN VU #585 – Jesus Bids us Shine

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.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: As we come today to worship and praise you, we remember that You came to light up our lives and to spread that light to all the people around us. Please Lord, fill us with your light today.

HYMN: VU #382 – Breath on me Breathe of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

OPENING PRAYER:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Leader: There are days when we don't want to be your light. We don't want to lift up anyone else. We are finding it hard to lift up ourselves.

All: You are our light. Let us follow you and revel in your brightness.

Leader: We have let people down and have not shown them your love.

All: We need to show your love always. Please forgive us.

PRIVATE CONFESSION (in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Lord, you know we find it difficult sometimes to reach out to others. We know though, that you love us and that if we ask – you are here to guide us. We thank you that you show us your love every day. Thank you for all you do for us on a daily basis as we strive to be more like you. We thank you for your light shining in our lives. We are blessed with the assurance of your forgiveness as we move forward this week. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS:

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's song ---- This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
3. Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine.
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 27:1

John 1:4-13; John 3:16-21

MESSAGE: The Light of the World

HYMN VU #679 (Let there be Light – all verses)

1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;

2. open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace;
3. perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain;
4. hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name;
5. your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;
6. let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Closing Hymn: MV #209 – Go make a difference

R Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

Refrain Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world. R

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. R

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

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



Everyone is invited to join for fellowship, cold refreshments and cookies  
in the Friendship Room down the hall after today's service.  
Members of the congregation are hosting today.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week Lynda Coles, Mary Epple,
The Fitzpatrick family, Fern Gowman, Kaytlyn McKibbin, Mae Moffat and Margaret
Vanderzweerde.

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**We thank Karen Hodges for being our worship leader today.**

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to Marie Barker
as she celebrates her **85th Birthday TODAY!**

Looking ahead to some early dates in August we offer Congratulations and
Best Wishes to several members of our Church family as they celebrate their
special occasions.



Audrey Tobias for her 85th birthday on **August 1st.**

Both Maurice & Ruth Francis and **Jim & Wilma Jeffery** are celebrating
their 59th wedding anniversaries on **August 3rd.**

Marcel Van Lamoen for his birthday on **August 6th.**

Don & Airabella Hutcheson for their 73rd anniversary on **August 6.**

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The summer office Admin. hours are 10-1:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursdays ONLY  
from June 28-August 29.



Rev. Karlene is on vacation from July 26 to August 24

Desmond is on vacation July 25-August 12.

Rev. Pat will be available for emergency pastoral care from July 26-August 15  
and Rev. Maurice from August 16-August 24.

Helen is on vacation from August 1 to August 22.

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Worship Leaders: Aug. 7 – Lynne Dunlop
Aug. 14 & 21 – Fran Bell

We wish Shelley a good vacation in August, Mr. Neil Whyte will be here Aug. 7, 14 & 21 & Sep. 4.

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Sunday school classes are back in the Sunday school rooms  
– come and join us kids for lots of fun activities this summer.

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Children's Sunday School



The United Church Magazine **Broadview** is renewing, if you would like to sign-up please contact the office. It is filled with interesting articles and facts and is mailed directly to your home address. Your subscription will automatically renew unless you email the office by July 31 to cancel– it is \$25 per year for 8 issues. Thank you.

Broadview is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage of **spirituality, justice** and **ethical living**. With compelling stories and engaging images, *Broadview* challenges and inspires readers seeking to live a purpose-filled life.

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What is your membership status at St. Paul's???

If you are not sure you can check your status with Jed Drew.

If you want to be a full member, we have a special service in the Fall.

Talk to Rev. Karlene for the details.

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St. Paul's United Church – 2022 Photo Directory

Once again, in cooperation with IPC Canada Photo Services, Inc., we will be producing an updated photo directory for the congregation of St. Paul's. We strongly urge all members and supporters of St. Paul's to participate. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Each photographed family receives a FREE DIRECTORY and a FREE 8" X 10" COLOUR PORTRAIT.

Benefits

- Connects names with faces
- Lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations
- Builds and strengthens our faith community

- Valuable communications reference for our members

The process is easy. Book an appointment to have your family portraits taken. All photography and viewing is done in one convenient appointment at the church. There is no need for a second appointment to view or select your photos. Immediately following the photography you will be able to view all photos taken and can select the pose which you wish to have included within the Church Photo Directory. You will receive one free 8" X 10" portrait of the selected pose to keep. When the directory is printed, each participating family will receive a free copy of the directory. There is no charge to you.

Photography Dates

Appointments booked on the hour and half-hour only.

Tuesday	Aug. 30, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 31, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 27, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 28, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 29, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 30, 2022	1:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 1, 2022	9:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sign-up Sheets are available in the foyer, or call Jed Drew at 519-842-8786.

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### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

August 5 – TSC Members only 9-3:00 p.m.

August 6 – Community time 9:00 -12 p.m.

August 28 – Adults 50+ 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come find some treasure at the Tillsonburg Senior Centre.

- Board games, books and unique décor
  - small household items, jewelry, clothes games and more...
- Any questions or donation of items please call 519-688-2520.

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