

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

November 22, 2020

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

INTROIT: MV # 8 "And on This Path"

1. And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, (x 3)
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!
2. So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, (x 3)
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us be glad this day, for life, for breath and for freedom of worship.
Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord.
We come to offer our gifts of praise and gratitude to the King of Creation.

OPENING HYMN: MV # 13 "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

1. O let the power fall on me, my Lord, let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven fall on me, let the power fall on me.
2. For we want justice and truth and love, my Lord, we want justice and truth and love;
for we want justice and truth and love, my Lord, we want justice and truth and love.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come today glorifying your work in creation. As a result of our experience today may we respond with resounding praise. Let this time of worship be one where Jesus' light shines clearly and we are led to follow his example. May we sense the breath of your Holy Spirit and be renewed with joy. God beacons my sisters and brothers, let us worship. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts up to you, admitting that we have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your unending presence. We have given in to distractions, quieted our voices, and even thought about giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

CHILDREN FOCUS

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

MESSAGE: "The Power of an Encourager"

SONG of REFLECTION: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1, 3 & refrain)

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, we thank you for the abundance of your provision. Grant us wisdom to use these offerings to the glory of your Holy name. Strengthen us to give generously out of all that we are and all that you have entrusted to our care. As we dedicate these offerings we joyfully reflect on your love for all of humanity and creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU #884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (sung twice)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, (x 3)
While you go out with joy.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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We welcome all who join us in worship today – here in our sanctuary or online.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week:

Patricia Swart, Tom Levins, Karen Kaufman, Harold Kirktown,
The Tobias family and Megan Golden (daughter of Jed & Laurie Drew).

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This week we send Happy Birthday wishes to two very special gentlemen. On Thursday, November 26 our former choir member and still occasional soloist, Dave Ramer will turn 85. On Friday, November 27th our helpful behind the scenes person Doug Franklin will also turn 85. May God bless you both with good health for many more birthdays.

Special Birthday greetings to Bella Jackson on Tuesday November 24, wishing you God's richest blessings for many more to come!

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I am grateful for the cards and telephone calls wishing me well as I recover. I am making good progress but it will be a slow recovery. Regards, Brian Clark



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Covid 19 has not affected the MFC committee from reaching out to our St. Pauls' Church family. We continue to send "get well, thinking of you and sympathy" cards to our members. If you know of anyone who is in the hospital, please let us know. We also send cards to anyone 80 or older and couples celebrating their 50th or over, wedding anniversary. If you aren't on our "special milestones" list already, please call Dianne at 519-871-3454 or Mary at 519-409-0716 and help us keep in touch during these unusual times. Thank you.

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Today the Sunday school message will be uploaded to YOUTUBE after worship. Each week the kids will get a story and the next day a bag will be delivered with their craft instructions and supplies in it. Each family will have two reusable bags - one for current week and we ask that they hand the bag from previous week back on delivery date - to be used the following week.



Young people I am looking forward to connecting by Zoom on November 28 at 1p.m. Please mark on your calendars. I will send out more info next week.

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The Adopt-A-Family guidelines have changed this year due to Covid-19. Gift cards are requested so that clients will be able to buy the gifts and food for their families.

St Paul's has requested a larger family of 6 or more, so **many** gift cards will be needed. Each child should get 3 gift cards within the following suggested amounts:

One card - \$25-\$30 value

2nd card - \$15-\$20 value

3rd card - \$5-\$10 value

Suggested gift cards could be Walmart, Canadian Tire, Tim Horton's etc. Gift certificates for the Town Center Mall would also be welcomed as the client could choose the store to visit (except LCBO and the Dollar Store).

Cards for groceries are also needed for a total of \$100 (4 at \$25.00)

1. Put the gift card in a plain envelope. You could add a Christmas card if desired but **do not** include your name.
2. Place the envelope with the gift card on the offering plate or in the mail slot at the church.
3. All cards must be into the church by **Monday, November 30**.

St Paul's has generously supported this programme in the past. I fear that this year the need will be even greater. Thank you for your donations.

Contact person Sheila McKibbin (842-3258)

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