

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

October 27, 2024

St. Paul's Creation Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shirley Godfree

Gathering Hymn VU #251 – God Created Heaven and Earth (verse 1)

1. God created heaven and earth,
all things perfect brought to birth.
God's great power made dark and light,
earth revolving day and night.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – *Amelia Jackson*

"We light this candle as a reminder that Jesus lights up the world and He is present here.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

CALL TO WORSHIP: responsive with Adelaide Jackson

Adelaide: We celebrate the beauty of this earth that God created

ALL: We see the brightness of the sun.

Adelaide: God created all that we see including us

ALL: Thank you God for creating us.

Adelaide: Wherever we look God, we see your Hand

ALL: We praise you today for the beauty you have surrounded us with.

OPENING HYMN: VU #226 – For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)
3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

4. For each perfect gift sublime.
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven. (Refrain)

Refrain: Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION (in unison)

BELLA JACKSON LEADS:

Father, today we come before you, humbled by all that you have done for us. We know that we ignore all the beauty you created for us here and we know that we have abused this earth – this creation of yours.

Lord, we ask for your forgiveness as we strive to right the wrongs we have done to your beautiful earth. (SILENT REFLECTION)

BELLA ANNOUNCES PRESENTATION AS THE STAGE LIGHTS ALL GO OUT.

PRESENTATION:

CHOIR --- VU #297 – All Praise to You

PRAYER OF ADORATION – ALIYAH

Father God, Creator of all that we see and Creator of each of us. We thank you for this world that we are part of. There are not enough words to extend our gratitude to you. We pray, Lord that as we strive to take care of this beautiful creation that it would be pleasing to you. May you and only You be glorified in all that we do here on earth. Your love overwhelms us as we love you back. In Jesus name. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

FINN leads:

God of heaven and earth, you have given us so much in the beauty of this earth. We humbly ask that you accept our small gifts as we try to honor you. WE pray these gifts will be used to honor and glorify you as we strive to care for this world you have created. Amen.

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN: VU #232 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You
God of glory, life and love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
Sound their praise eternally.

3. You art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
Let your lights upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (responsive with Amelia)

Amelia: Go in peace and love with a new determination to care for this earth.

ALL: We will do our part to preserve what God has given us. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Welcome

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**Welcome all who join us in-person worship today and online.**

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



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 In our thoughts and prayers this week:
 Jim Donaldson, Karen Kaufman, Darlen Stafford and Jim Withington.

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**Happy Anniversary on October 27 to Harley and Lesley Jackson.**



**Happy Birthday wishes to Emily May on October 30 and Ben van Hoeve on October 31.**

**Happy Birthday wishes to Ron Stafford on November 2<sup>nd</sup> - he will be "80"  
 Congratulations to you!**





The flowers today are placed by an anonymous donor and will be delivered to shut-ins or persons with special celebrations.

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**DUTY OF CARE WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 06, 2:00 P.M. - FRIENDSHIP ROOM**

Just a little info on this workshop with Kathy Douglas from Regional  
It is for anyone who works with children, seniors or others with special needs.

We will find out what policies and procedures we need to have in place  
to satisfy the requirements of our insurance companies as well as ensure  
that we are protecting our church, volunteers and the vulnerables.

This is open to anyone who either works in these areas or just  
wants more information.

A sign up sheet is in the lobby to attend this workshop. As other churches have  
been invited please ensure to sign up so that you will have a spot.

Thank you, Karen Hodges

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT WORKSHOP - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

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Although it was a smaller audience for the **Back to the Fifties**, the enthusiasm was  
wonderful. The Band was delighted to celebrate St. Paul's 157th anniversary. They will be  
back next October for our 158th. Thanks for your support!

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

As we move ahead in our church calendar --- do you know we need people to  
help with refreshments after worship???

--- do you know we need people for committees etc. beginning in 2025??

Those committees are Christian Development, Finance, Property, Worship,  
Stewardship, Membership, Fellowship and Care.

Do you have time to help?? If you are interested contact Mary Anne for details?

1-519-421-3241 home or 519-788-3705- Cell

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**Community Closet** is seeking donations of new socks, hats and gloves/mittens.

The weather will soon be turning colder and the need for these items will increase greatly in the  
coming months. If you are able to donate please contact Keith or Julie at 519-403-4192 or  
[kjavery1@gmail.com](mailto:kjavery1@gmail.com) and we will be able to come pick them up. Alternatively you can leave the  
items in the multipurpose room on the piano and we will then add them to our inventory.

Thanks in advance for your help, Keith and Julie

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**Community Kitchen** would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation for their  
response to our request for delivery drivers. We have now have all our team assigned a driver  
and have an "on call" driver for when the need arises.

Once again, thanks for your continued commitment Community Kitchen and the guests we  
serve on a weekly basis.

Keith and Julie

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The funds collected from the **Special "Anniversary"** envelopes will be divided between the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank & St. Paul's Community Kitchen.**

Monies will be divided equally unless indicated.



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Messy church presents "There's No Place Like Gnome"

Saturday, November 2nd – 10-12 noon
Crafts, games and music with lunch to follow

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**AOTS Breakfast Meeting Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 8 a.m. in the basement, St Paul's UC. Guest speaker: Mr. David Palmer presenting on Electronic Recycling in Tillsonburg. Cost \$5 at the door.  
All welcome. Please sign up on the sheet at the entrance to the Friendship Room.



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Are you thinking about Christmas yet? Looking for stocking stuffers? Gifts for that special person with a sweet tooth? The UCW is once again selling Rheo Thompson chocolates. A new item this year is a Merry Christmas chocolate bar in milk or dark chocolate! Copies of the catalogue and order form are on the table outside of the Friendship Room. **The deadline for orders is Wednesday, November 13th.** Thank you for your support of UCW projects!



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**UCW Frosty Fair Bazaar November 23, 2024 9-1:30 p.m.**

Serving lunch from 11:30 - 1p.m. \$10 includes soup, biscuit, apple crisp and tea/coffee.

Come out and do your Christmas shopping early, bake table, crafts, knitting, Christmas decorations, greenery, jams, pickles and so much more...



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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 Karlene know so she can follow-up with a visit or phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss anyone.



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Items requested for October – focusing on back-to-school breakfast and lunches

- Crackers                      granola bars                      cereal                      syrup                      cookies
- Chunky soup                      Kleenex

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