

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

September 11, 2022

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Beres

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: VU # 382 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" (vs. 1 & 2)

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

Today we recognize the Indigenous Peoples as the customary keepers and defenders of the great Turtle Island: its waters and its lands. We honour their long history of welcoming many nations to this beautiful territory and pledge to uphold and uplift their voices and values.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come filled with praises for our God, who has created and still is creating.

All: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

One: In in our moments of confusion and doubt, we are humbled by a Holy Being who sustains us.

All: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

One: Moment by moment we are shaped by the potter, clay shaped into vessels of divine will.

All: We have come filled with praises for our God, who has created and still is creating.

OPENING HYMN: VU # 339 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew calls May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels' cry May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortal too upraise their voices in hymns of praise May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all of humankind in this their concord find May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine my canticle divine May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth, and sea, and sky from depth to height reply, May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & THANKSGIVING

One: You alone are our help and security, you alone are our strength, and you alone are our rest and comfort. You make the seasons to change, the sun to shine and the rain to fall. We turn to you the source of our life. We worship you as the creating Father, the loving Son, and the guiding Holy Spirit. Hear us now as we confess to you our sins:

All: We confess we have tried to live apart from you, we have ignored our own needs and the needs of others, we have harbored anger in ways that have caused pain and disruption, and we have said things that were not true and that were unkind. In your mercy, create in us clean hearts and restore us to right relationships with you and one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is kind, gracious, generous and forgiving; He makes all things new. Know that you are forgiven. Now go and forgive one another and live in peace.

All: We hear and receive God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

LAUNCH OF 155 LOCAL ANNIVERSARY FUND – Laurie Drew

CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU 340 "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" (vs. 1)

1. Jesus, friend of little children, let me be one too;
Take my hand, and ever keep me close to you.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Dedication

One: Today we remember the children and youth of this congregation and those involved in their education. The call to be involved in their education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers and all others who work in our schools.

All: We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth.

One: Education involves a partnership between school, home and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a child's success. This morning we recognize the support given to students in homes. We hold in prayer all those in this congregation who have children and youth in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouragement offered.

All: We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church family who provide care for children.

One: Children; your church family believes that each of you is a gift from God, filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow you will develop caring hearts and minds that think clearly. We believe in you and care about your education.

All: As your faith community, we pledge to be with you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. We will do all that we are able to ensure that your schools are positive places filled with hope and the resources necessary for learning.

One: Gracious God, we lift up to you all those involved in education in our community of Tillsonburg and in all the communities in our nation and world. Guide us, great God that we will know the best way to show our interest and support for our students, teachers, and all those involved in education.

All: We pray for wisdom and strength to make a positive difference in the lives of those in school. We pray for courage to explore new ways of supporting the people and institutions that teach our children and youth. We pray in the name of the great teacher, Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN VU 340 "Jesus, Friend of Little Children" (vs. 2)

2. Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow;
You have been a child, and surely you must know.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES: Old Testament: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: Thanks be to the Lord.

MESSAGE: "Still in God's Hands"

HYMN OF REFLECTION: VU # 273 "The King of Love" (vs. 1, 3 & 6)

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you.

Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love.

We offer you what we have and what we are.

Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness

where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: VU # 670 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (vs. 1 & 2)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

2. When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE

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

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

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

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

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

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We welcome back Shelley from her vacation time.

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In our thoughts and prayers this week Lynda Coles, Mary Epple,
The Fitzpatrick family, Fern and Barbara Gowman, Kathryn Holbrook, Kaytlyn McKibbon,
and Margaret Vanderzweerde.

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The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of David Cartwright; husband of Shari
(Cook) Cartwright, father of Ashley Perry and family and son-in-law of Bob and Pat Cook.
Sorely missed, loved forever.



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This Tuesday, September 13th, we are having a kitchen cleaning bee starting at 9 a.m. We
will do a thorough kitchen clean up, while you also catch up with what's been happening with



your friends. It's been a while since we have done that. Please call Mary at 519-409-0716 or email maryhessler14@gmail.com so we know how many are coming. Men are welcome too.

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



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Thank you to those who have agreed to be greeters. Your help is much appreciated.

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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.

Each photographed family receives a Free Directory and A Free 8" X 10" Colour Portrait.

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PORTRAITS TAKEN NOW.

Photography Dates: Appointments booked on the hour and half-hour only.

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.

SMOKED PORK CHOP TAKEAWAY SUPPER

Sponsored by St Paul's United Church AOTS Club

88 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2022

\$16 (Paid at Pickup, No change given)

CURBSIDE PICK-UP 4:30 TO 6:00 IN BIDWELL STREET PARKING LOT

SUPPER BY Reservation ONLY

EMAIL stpaulsaots84@gmail.com or

PHONE 519 842 4188 (Dave Morris)

NOT LATER THAN Monday, September 26th, 2022

Indicating number of Dinners and contact phone number

Proceeds to Fund Community Youth Activities

MENU - 1 smoked pork chop, baked potato vegetable, salad and butter pecan tart

Tickets for the October concerts **BACK TO THE 50S** Oct. 15 and **THE GENTLEMEN OF HARMONY** Oct. 29 are available 24/7 from Dianne Parnell

\$25 each - 519-871-3454.

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If you have a change of telephone number, email or address, please update the office so that we can contact you in an emergency situation for cancellation of church.

For the next 9 weeks the **UCW** will be including some information about the different blocks in the **Anniversary quilt** highlighting the women of the Bible. Insert attached to email.

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