

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
Outdoor Worship: Parking Lot 88 Bidwell Street
July 27, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING SONG: In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day; up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory; sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Adrienne Camp and Geoff Moore & The Distance 2002

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

One: "Our Church is located on the traditional lands of the Indigenous peoples dating back countless generations.

All: Today we acknowledge and show respect for their contributions and recognize the role of treaty making in what is now Ontario. Hundreds of years after the first treaties were signed, may we recognize that they are still relevant today."

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Members of God's family and brothers and sisters to one another.

One: There are no outsiders here among us.

All: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

One: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

All: Let us all join together in worship!

OPENING HYMN: VU # 220 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!
O my soul, praise him, at all the times your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriends us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;
gladly with praise we adore him.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

God, let this be a fruitful day! In this time of worship, open our eyes to beauty, tune our ears to harmony. The fragrance of your love permeating every moment. The touch of your hand guiding all we do. Together, we want to taste with delight the joy of your presence here today. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you.

All: We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give.

One: Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch.

All: Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak.

One: Our whole world needs your peace.

All: Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SING ALONG

"If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (clap clap) x 2
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. (clap clap)

If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet (stomp stomp) x 2
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. (stomp stomp)

If you're happy and you know it, shout Amen (Amen) x 2
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, shout Amen (Amen)

If you're happy and you know it, do all three (clap-clap, stomp-stomp, nod-nod amen!) x 2
If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, do all four (clap-clap, stomp-stomp, nod-nod amen!)

"I'm Inright, Outright (Happy All the Time)"

I'm inright [point in], outright [point out],
upright [point up], downright [point down]
Happy all the time [clap with each word]
I'm inright [point in], outright [point out],
upright [point up], downright [point down]
Happy all the time [clap with each word]

Since Jesus Christ came in and cleanse my heart from sin
I'm inright [point in], outright [point out],
upright [point up], downright [point down]
Happy all the time [clap with each word]

I've Got Peace like a River

1. I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
2. I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
3. I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
4. I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river.
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul
I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river.
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

One: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;

All: in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:13-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: "Are you Bearing the Fruit"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lisa Houston

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

God, we know that you aren't in need of anything we have to offer.

However, you desire for us is to serve you in every aspect of our life.

We pray that this offering was not a meaningless ritual but a true act of worship. Bless our offerings and guide us as we seek to use them to serve you in all of creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: MV # 144 "Like a Healing Stream"

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation
yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.
4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea,
like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

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

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Sunday July 27 Worshipping the SON in the SUN



Our worship service will be in the parking lot to the north of the church beginning at 10:30 AM. Bring your lawn chair and join us. Some chairs will be provided. There are canopies also to protect us from the sun. Lunch will be provided by Todd's Dogs Food Truck immediately following worship --a treat that we have enjoyed for 2 previous years. There will be a basket for a free will collection. The food truck will have burgers, hotdogs, fries, poutine etc. Drinks are also available. There will be some tables for eating comfort. Bring your friends and family – all are welcome. See you there. **Remember --- your sun screen, a hat and your chair.** Questions please ask – at the office or contact Mary Anne. – 519-421-3241 -- MAS

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Happy Birthday wishes to Michelle Jackson on July 30th and to Pat Marshall celebrating her 87th birthday July 31st - Rita Van Lamoen celebrates on August 1st best wishes to you all!



Congratulations to Dave and Dag Morris celebrating their 49th Wedding Anniversary on July 31st

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Office summer hours July and August
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-1:00 p.m.

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Celebrate 100

REMEMBER -- to contribute to the "Celebrate 100" a number relating to 100. All monies will stay at St. Paul's.

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All ladies and gentlemen are welcome for CHAIR YOGA

every Thursday at 2:00 PM in the friendship room.



Foodbank Drive – July

**At this time, we are in urgent need of the following popular items:
Crackers, canned vegetables including tomatoes and pasta sauce &
any non-perishable, nutritious food items.**



Do you have a name tag? We encourage you to wear a name tag to help remember your church neighbours name, especially as we have so many festivities going on this year. No Name Tag? Contact Lisa Houston at 519-409-1058 or place your name on the Name Tag Sign Up Sheet on the easel near the Friendship Room, and she will put in an order. Thank you!



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Coming Events

At St. Paul's we function well by "sign-up sheets" in the hallway as people enter the building. Previously the sheets were on a table. Now they have been moved to an easel in the same area. Let's keep the area tidy if possible. If you are interested in an event there are pens there for you to add your name and complete the info requested.

1. A new sheet has been added--- it's time to sign up for the birthday luncheon September 7, 2025 immediately following worship. Remember this is a free luncheon for you to help celebrate my birthday (Mary Anne's special day – a new year and a new decade).
Please complete the info needed --your name, phone and the number of people attending with you. This may seem early to register – it's summer and people are travelling, on holiday etc. – so sign up now before you forget. Personally I'm looking forward to celebrating with you and others.
2. If you're adding an event to the Sign up board please have contact info on the sign-up sheet in case people have questions.

Let's try to keep this area neat and tidy. This is a new idea—Let's work together to make it work.

Thank you for your co-operation. Mary Anne Silverthorn

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SUMMER DOING SOME EXCITING THINGS TOGETHER

1. AFRICAN LION SAFARI

Date: August 7, 2025 prices include HST

Admission & Bus Tour: Adults 13+ \$56.25, Children 3-12 \$47.00

Please sign-up and pay by July 30 to St. Paul's United Church – African Lion Safari in memo.

Or you can buy tickets online or pay at the gate (prices are higher at the gate).

2. PRIVATE CRUISE ON THE GRAND RIVER BOAT

Date: August 29, 2025

Cost: \$80.00 per person.

We need a minimum of 30 persons to sign up for it to be a private cruise.

PLEASE SIGN-UP AND ALSO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

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