

# **THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

June 29, 2025

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CANADA DAY blessing**

## **HYMN: OH CANADA**

## **GATHERING HYMN: MV# 154 Deep in Our Hearts**

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

## **ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY**

As we begin, we respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is traditional territory of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples. We acknowledge with respect their diverse histories and cultures.

## **LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE (responsive)**

One: We light a candle – to shine a light that also lives within us, a light that calls us to share the love of Christ in every corner of the world.

**All: We give thanks for the meaning and purpose Jesus offers to our living, calling us to bring healing, hope, justice and reconciliation to others.**

## **GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader)**

**HYMN: VU #400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (x 2)**

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Leader)**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Leader)**

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**CHILDREN SONG: MV #92 Like A Rock**

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.  
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.  
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.  
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25 pg. 190 read by Dave Beres**

**MESSAGE: The Fruit of the Spirit – a beginner's guide**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Beres**

**OFFERTORY HYMN: VU# 361 Small Things Count**

1. Small things count, so Jesus said:  
cups of water, crumbs of bread,  
small things done because we're kind  
count as big things in God's mind.
2. Small things make the big things grow:  
yeast that bubbles in the dough,  
puffs that fill a big balloon,  
notes that make a happy tune.
3. Every hair that's on our head,  
every sparrow, Jesus said,  
God takes care of, counts and knows,  
God loves us from top to toes!

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER (responsive)**

One: It is not the gifts; it is what the gifts will do. We pray that these financial gifts...

**All: ...will provide compassionate care to all who are feeling alone and lost.**

One: We pray that these gifts of time...

**All: ...will enable all who are sick to be encouraged and all who are newcomers to feel at home.**

One: We pray that these gifts of talent...

**All: ...will enable young people to be taught and nurtured and all who are housebound to know friendship.**

One: It's not the gifts; it is what the gifts will do.

**All: Loving God, bless these gifts as they faithfully to to work through this community of faith. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE**

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

1. You shall go out with joy  
And be let 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.

Refrain:

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

## **COMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

**Welcome and thank you to our Worship Leader today –Leeyan Steinhorsen**

Everyone is invited to join for fellowship and refreshments in the Friendship Room.

Members of the Worship Committee are hosting today as we CELEBRATE CANADA DAY wearing your RED and WHITE – There will be a Canada Day Cake to celebrate Canada's Birthday and say "thanks for living in a very special country with amazing people".

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In our thoughts and prayers this week is Carol Crocker, Cory and Rick Saxby, Tim and Lynda Stafford.

Best wishes are sent to Carol Crocker who is now in Maple Manor room 127.

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**We have many July 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthdays to celebrate:  
Evelyn Luscher turning 91, Calvin Coyle turning 69;  
and Cameron Perry turning 10 years old!  
May you ALL enjoy your special day!**

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The flowers today are placed by an anonymous donor to celebrate Canada Day. We take great pride in our Country!!! We love to wear Red and White and share our pride. Happy July 1 to all!! Wave those flags and be proud. The flowers will be delivered to the shut-ins.

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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.

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### **Coming Events**

Community Kitchen will be having a fundraising BBQ at Crompton's Home Hardware Building Centre on Saturday July 12th from 11am to 2 pm. 100% of all sales will be donated to Community Kitchen so that we can continue supporting our outreach program for those in need within our community.

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**Save the Date – July 27 – Worshipping the SON in the SUN – our outdoor worship and Todd's Dogs Food Truck lunch.**

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## Foodbank Drive – July

Compared to this time last year, the need has grown sharply:

- In June 2023, we had provided 1,810 services—this year, we've already delivered 2,225, a 23% increase.
- By the end of June 2023, we had welcomed 122 new clients. This year, that number is already at 162, a 33% rise.
- So far in 2025, we've distributed a staggering 105,683 lbs of food. For context, our total for the entire last year was 140,000 lbs—we're already at 75% of last year's total, and it's only June.



These numbers speak clearly: more individuals and families in our community are facing food insecurity—and turning to us for help.

As we celebrate Canada Day, we're asking for your help once again.

**At this time, we are in urgent need of the following popular items:  
canned vegetables, canned tuna, salmon, chicken, beans & stews  
Any non-perishable, nutritious food items**

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