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EASTER SUNDAY
April 16th, 2017



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CORE VALUES

LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY

DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY

RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING

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Welcome

SUNDAY, 16th April 2017

Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Terry MacPherson

Administrator - Louise Therrien, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for April is Bud Wooldridge

Captain of the Counters is Linda Wilcox

DVD's are being delivered by Max Wagg

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

Thoughts to Ponder: Our service begins with a choral and instrumental introit that takes us back to remember that there is no Easter without Good Friday. We go back to the suffering of Christ in his resistance to the forces of evil in his world; forces that could not support God's vision of love, justice, compassion, equality and wholeness for all people. Jesus resisted the power of oppression and it cost him his life. In his suffering and death we remember all who suffer in our world and those who die needless deaths. With the strains of Hallelujah we rejoice that God breaks into our world to transform, to resurrect, to push our boundaries so we can be God's Easter people and be all that God calls us to be.

PRELUDE

MUSICAL INTROIT: Lift High The Cross

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 155 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Sacred One, we gather to celebrate Easter. We come to embrace the promise of new beginnings arising out of the things in our life that are life denying. As we embrace the resurrection of Christ, may we remember it is resurrection, transformation of our own lives into new ways of living, of being in our world. Help us to open to the mystery of your presence in us. Be with us as we worship together. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in Our world.

SUNG INTROIT: VU# 187 (vs 1)

The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!

New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.

New light, new day, the spring has come,

let all the church be part of it!

HYMN MEDLEY

JOY COMES WITH THE DAWN

Refrain:

Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the morning sun;

joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song;

joy comes with the dawn.

1. Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight.

Refrain

- 2 Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter make us strong.

Refrain:

3. We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace.

Refrain:

HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH, GIVE THANKS

Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ,
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation.

Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.

Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live forever.

Refrain

4. Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Refrain

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength.
Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Gospel Reading: [John 20: 1-18](#)

ANTHEM

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY:** VU # 581 Verse 2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #173 Thine is the Glory

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION VU#424 vs. 1

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude



Announcements or April 16th, 2017



WELCOME

Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Today coffee will be served in the Great Hall compliments of our Property Committee.**

A special message from Judy McConnell: A great big thank you to everyone for such a wonderful retirement party with all the gifts, cards, flowers and food. It was such an amazing day and your hard work was very much appreciated. With love, Judy.

New office hours: Just a reminder to everyone that the new office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.



The beautiful flowers are placed at the front of the church

In loving memory of our parents & family who have passed on
From Ken & Doreen Gunson

In loving memory of my parents from Sheila Thompson

In loving memory of my sister Jean Isaac from Aileen Wallace

In loving memory of Marian Wilcox and placed by Gail, Bruce, Linda and family

In loving memory of the Goldsmith family by Ina Knapp

In loving memory of Nick and Donna Rachey, by Louise Rachey

In loving memory of son Jim, from Phyll and John McCullough

In loving memory of family, from Carol and Wayne Morrison

In memory of our loved ones, from Cathy and Byron Metzgar

In loving memory of Bob Bell, from Betty Ann and family

In loving memory of Jim Shaw, from Vivian and family

You may take your flowers after the service.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Children's Community choir in this fundraising venture.



Lenten Project – This year we are supporting World Development and Relief in an area of work within the global Mission & Service program of the United Church of Canada. Giving for World Development and Relief supports both longer term community development work and short term responses to humanitarian crises around the globe. Short term responses would include responses to earthquakes, floods or people displaced by violence and war. Donations from the congregation to this Lenten Project will be matched up to \$5,000 by the Trust Funds. This is the last day for our Lenten Project.

St. Paul's Yearly Auction April 29th 2017

This event is coming up soon and we're still looking for donations of parishioners' talent, as well as gently used quality items. We **are not** able to accept furniture or large items. A time and date will be announced when you can bring in your items. The form to complete with a description of your donation can be found on the back window. We appreciate getting them back as soon as possible, either in the church office or on the collection plate. All monies raised at the auction will go towards church expenses. Your help in helping us make this a successful auction is greatly appreciated.



Open House May 13th, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Save the date and please join us in celebration of our building's transformation. Opening ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by tours, refreshments and ribbon cutting. Please help us spread the word about this exciting event by inviting friends, family, neighbours, former St. Paul's members as well as other members of the community at large. Everyone is welcome. We thank you for your continued support in making St. Paul's a more welcoming place for everyone.



Due to the rising number of people with allergies to scents we request that you avoid using scented products. Thank you for your considerate attention to this.

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee continues to look for volunteers for this year's event. **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25th to set up the arena meeting site. Up to (45) helpers will be needed to work specifically at the NSSRC over 3 days plus up to another (25) people at St. Paul's primarily on Saturday, May 27th. ***Volunteer applications are on the back window, and available through [our website](#), please complete and return by April 30th to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

Exciting news!!! The orange tarps are now down, 95% of the construction is complete and the finishing touches are being applied to the accessibility renovations. Although we're seeing the drywall dust settle and there's a light at the end of the tunnel, we still need your help! The congregation still has 25% of their \$250,000 commitment to fulfill. We only have **\$45,851.00** left to fundraise through your pledges and support.

"In Grandmothers' Hands" invites you to join us for a **Pasta Dinner** on **Friday April 21st** at St. Paul's, in the Great Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. This event is **free of charge, with donations** and all proceeds going to **[the Stephen Lewis Foundation](#)**. This organization of local grandmothers supports women in Africa raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. We look forward to seeing you there.

VON exercise classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon for 45 minutes. These are open to both men and women and everyone has felt the benefits of the strengthening exercises. The classes are free and will continue indefinitely (if we have people coming out) so you can join at any. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level. Everyone is welcome!



We have a heart defibrillator on site, (on the wall outside the minister's office, on this level, near the parlour). At the defibrillator is a list of people who have been trained in its use, but it is very easy to use and will walk you thru the steps needed. First Aid Kits ~ are located in the church office, in the kitchenette beside the parlour, in the main kitchen downstairs, in the area outside the sanctuary by the chair lift, and in the room of requirement upstairs.

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call

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