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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, September 16, 2018

Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin and Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director—Victoria Warwick
Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau



We are called to be the Church:
to love and serve others.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN: VU#333 Love Divine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

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 RESPONSE: MV #46 Refrain, vs 3

Bless our God, O my soul,
Bless God's holy name. (2x)
Remember the healing love of God.
Who calls us to be whole and to be free.
Bless our God...

OPENING PRAYER:

ONE: Creator, open our hearts to the way Jesus showed.

ALL: May our church become a studio of love, teaching us to live love.

ONE: May every Bible reading, every song, every prayer, every poem, every ritual,
every work of art

ALL: open our hearts that our love shows your Love, we pray. Amen.

(GC43 Worship July 25, 2018 Worship created by Barb Janes, Min Goo Kang, Ted Dodd, Susie McPherson-Derendy, Deanna Zantigh, and musical team Saya Ojiri and Bri-anne Swan)

HYMN MEDLEY:

MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the stillpoint of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Refrain

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Refrain.

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Refrain

VU #696 Homeless People vs.1,2,3

MV #7 Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you. (2x)

Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

A NEW CREED: VU #918

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

(Discovery Kids head upstairs)

ANTHEM: United in Christ

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [John 13:33-35, 1 John 4:7-14](#)

SERMON: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UCC New Creed

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GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "When a Poor One"

*DOXOLOGY: MV#135 Refrain

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,

Called by earth and sky.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU #684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: MV #215

Peace be with you, peace forever,

peace be with you my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be

with you. Peace, peace, peace.



Announcements

Sunday September 16, 2018

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Faith Formation invites you to join us following the service today for Peameal on a bun or a Hotdog for a free will offering.

Official Board meets this Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour.

Stewardship Cafe: Thank you to all who supported our new fundraising project last week. Last week's orders can be picked up downstairs after today's service and coffee is available for purchase again today. The coffee served at today's lunch is Cafe Femenino.



Rehearsals—A Play in a Manger:

We still have space for any children/youth who would like to be a part of our Christmas Musical. Whether you'd like a speaking line, or would just like to be in the chorus, we would LOVE to have you. Rehearsals are Saturdays in the Sanctuary from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information speak to Victoria or Colleen."

Upcoming events



St. Paul's United Church will hold their Thanksgiving Food Drive on Sunday, September 23, 30 and October 7. Please be thankful for your blessings and share with those that are less fortunate.

St. Paul's Annual Beef Dinner is on Wednesday September 26, 2018, with 2 sittings - 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are now available at the church office. Sharon Whiteside will be selling tickets after church today.



UCW Garage Sale is on Saturday September 29, 2018, in the Great Hall. Donations will be received on Friday September 28. If you need help to get your donations to the church, please contact Zena Pendlebury at 705-527-6789.

Observer Reflections will resume on Monday October 1, 2018.

The fall session of Art & Spirituality begins on Saturday, October 13, 2018, in the Upper Room. The course runs for eight weeks, from 10 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$80 including supplies. Register with Joan Neville at 705-526-3276.



The Worship Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving on October 5th. If you can help with donations of gourds, pumpkins, root vegetables etc. please bring your donations to the church on Thursday October 4th, in the afternoon.



UCW Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 in the Great Hall.

We have a system for hearing support.



Please speak to an usher for assistance.

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