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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 5, 2018

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

Music Director—Victoria Warwick

Discovery Kids – Chris karges



\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

SUMMERTIME HYMN SING

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

Surely the presence of our God is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

OPENING PRAYER: (From GC43)

God, help me to know that everyone in this Church and in this world is my brother, sister, and sibling, made in the image of God, infused with the Spirit of God, and filled with the possibilities of God.

Help me penetrate beyond their words to what they are trying to say.

Help me perceive beyond their exterior into their heart and soul.

Help me to travel in the path of their journey and accompany them as they express their ideas.

Eternal God, enter this moment of time and infuse it with a wider vision of what you propose. Amen.

*A prayer by Ivan Gregan, Port Wallis United Church, Dartmouth, NS,  
from the Gathering*

\*HYMN:

VU #402 We are One (1,2,4)

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

*(Discovery Kids head upstairs)*

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READING: [Mark 6:6b-13, 30-44](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Cover the World with Love" Lorelei Blaine-Smith,  
Jackie Hopkins and  
Sharon Whiteside

SERMON: General Council 43 RISKING FAITH, DARING HOPE

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CREED: VU #918

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*DOXOLOGY: VU #541  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known;  
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

A PAUSE FOR PEACE: Remembering the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #579 The Church is Wherever God's people

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION:

Go in love; have no fear.  
God will guide you, God is always near.  
Go in Love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you, and will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you.  
May God's peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love; face each day.  
God will lead you, and will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

POSTLUDE





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Welcome Friends!

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,  
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;  
sexual orientation or gender identity;  
religious tradition or theological position;  
whatever your economic status or political persuasion  
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,  
you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,

If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,  
If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,  
If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,  
You are welcome here because you are God's creation,  
and WIDE is God's Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place – Just as you are.

Welcome and thank you Lorelei Blaine-Smith, Jackie Hopkins and Sharon Whiteside, for the special music today!



July - August Office hours: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

Desotos Fundraiser Dance: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or participated at this year's event and helped make it a HUGE success. We raised approximately \$4,350, which will be used for ongoing church expenses. Great job St. Paul's!

Summer Communion Service and Luncheon is this Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. This is for St. Paul's members who are no longer able to attend the regular church service. Transportation can be provided if required. If you know someone who would appreciate an invitation, please call the church office.



Summerfest dinners continue. Our next event - is this Wednesday, August 8 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The event will be held in the Great Hall or on the lawn, weather permitting. Menu is roast beef on a bun, salads, desert and cold drink, all for \$15.

Financial position for first half of 2018:

TOTAL REVENUE - \$147,258

TOTAL EXPENSES - \$146,339

NET SURPLUS- \$8,173 (includes \$7,255 transfer from Trust funds for Associate Minister expense and a \$919 surplus).

In June the Official Board forgave a trust fund loan to the operating budget of \$15,040 and we received a memorial donation of \$4,960, increasing our income. Otherwise the church would have had a deficit at the end of the 1st half of the year. The shortfall of member contributions in 2018 is concerning and Stewardship are planning to implement a congregational giving program in the fall. If anyone wishes to review detailed accounting records, please ask at the office.



Autumn Newsletter: We are now mid-way through summer, and it's time to look ahead to fall. To have the autumn newsletter ready for delivery just before Labour Day, we need your submissions of committee reports, articles, jokes, photos etc. by August 20, 2018.

We have a system for hearing support. Please speak to an usher for assistance.



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