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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

Guest Minister: Rev. George Moore

Worship Leader: Cathy Metzgar

Music Director—Victoria Warwick

Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau

Scripture reader: Pat File



*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN

VU#352 I Danced in the Morning

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to worship our Creator God, source of life and source of love.

Our God loves us with a love that will never let us go.

We worship, Jesus, the Christ, who shows us the depth of God's love.

Jesus shows us how to live God's unconditional love.

We worship the Holy Spirit, the power of God's love, loose in the world.

The Spirit works in us, around us and through us.

Let us worship our God: the Oneness of the Threeness and the Threeness of the Oneness.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND:

We gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Wendat (Huron), Anishinaabe (Ojibway/Chippewa) and Haudenosaunee (Mohawk) People. This has been their home for over 10,000 years and we are grateful for their stewardship of this land.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The lighting of this candle reminds us of the presence of the living Christ with us this morning. This light gathers us, leads us and inspires us..

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #375 refrain

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

Creator God, you have gathered us this morning by the power of your Holy Spirit. On a beautiful summer morning, there is so much else that we could be doing, so many places that we could be, but we have responded to the call of the Spirit and come to worship. We give thanks for others who have joined us here to form a community of praise, prayer, fellowship and hope. May we bless each other as you are blessing us. Amen.

SUMMERTIME HYMN SING (you pick)

TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: One - by Kathryn Otoshi

(Discovery Kids head upstairs)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT: May these words be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Exodus 17.1-7](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: Doug Truax and Gord Eakley

REFLECTION: Is God with us?

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Doug Truax and Gord Eakley

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Mother - Father God, present in all of creation,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion of love come among us,
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our sins,
as we would forgive those who have sinned against us;
and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.

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*HYMN: VU #420 Go to the World

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

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 to Rev. George Moore, our guest minister today.



Special music today provided by Doug Truax and Gord Eakley.
Thank you.

Pastoral Care: Karen is on holiday and will be returning Monday July 30. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Bev Irwin at 705-549-9896. For funerals, please contact Colleen Gareau at 204-724-7337.

We are delighted to have Jane Graham and Nelson Maheu join our Meals-on-Wheels program. Thank you to Jane and Nelson for saying "yes".



If there are any red St. Paul's T-Shirts, especially ladies' or small sizes, that are not needed or wanted, please return them to the church so they can be used by new volunteers. Thank you!

July-August Office hours: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.



Emergency Food Drive: There is an urgent need for help at our community Food Bank. Summer is one of the heaviest demand times for the 250 - 270 families that use this service every month. For a 2-week period (July 15, 2018 and July 22, 2018), we will be collecting some of their most needed items: canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.) Kraft dinner, canned fruit, peanut butter, 1 litre juice, soda crackers.

Summerfest dinners continue: Our next event is on July 25, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, in the Great Hall or on the lawn, weather permitting. Menu is Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, desert and cold drink, all for \$15.



Fundraising Dance Sat. July 21: *The music still lives on.* Save the date for this event, featuring The Desotos. Tickets are now available at the church office or at Johnstone's Music Land. Advance tickets are \$20, or they can be purchased at the door for \$25. We are looking for donations of sandwiches for the event - (egg, salmon and chopped ham). Please contact Gail Wilcox or Sheila Thompson if you can help.



The 43rd General Council of The United Church of Canada and the Festival of Faith is from July 21 to July 27 at Durham College in Oshawa. The theme is "Risking Faith, Daring Hope." All are welcome to attend. More information is available at <https://generalcouncil43.ca/festival>

CAMP AWESOME REGISTRATION FORMS are now due. Please register online or at the church office. Camp runs from July 30-August 3, 9a.m. - noon. Baking donations are needed for this week-long event. We need rice krispie squares, puffed wheat cake and nut free cookies by Sunday, July 29th. Please sign up on the bulletin board located below the name tags if you can help.



Just a reminder that the Accessibility Committee will be collecting the Audio Supports surveys until July 31. Please take a moment to provide your input and return the survey to the church office, so we'll know if people's needs are being met.



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



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