

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RESPONSIVE READING** "Psalm 91" VU 807

**Sung Chorus: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like  
the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

*Words: Michael Joncas ©1979, 1991 New Dawn Music*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**O God, as we leave what is familiar and embark on a  
journey through a desert landscape, may we be  
grounded in this community of faith. Although your  
call may catch us unawares, we know that love  
supports us on our journey. Amen**

### MINUTE FOR ST. PAUL'S

**HYMN** "I Love to Tell the Story" VU 343

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### GIFT OF MUSIC

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 4: 1-13  
Reader: Lois Freiburger

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 10: 8b-13

**MORNING REFLECTION** Are You Ready for Lent?

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING & OFFERING MUSIC

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** VU 537:1

**"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"  
Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.**

*Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please share the peace of Christ with your pew neighbours.*

**HYMN** "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" 2x MV 18

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION & SILENT REFLECTION

### UNISON COMMUNION PRAYER

**O God, we seek signs of your love within our broken  
world. Open us to your empowering grace, so that we  
may be peacemakers in all that we do. Grant us the  
courage to act with compassion and to let go of the  
worries and regrets, which burden us or haunt us.  
Amen**

### RESPONSIVE COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is right to do so.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward to partake in the bread of life and the  
cup of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please  
indicate if you prefer to be served in your pew.*

### CLOSING COMMUNION BLESSING

### WE CENTRE OURSELVES TO GO INTO THE WORLD A FAITH COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

**We will support each other, walking not in front or  
behind but on the road beside. With God's help, we will  
live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ:  
nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in  
prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" VU 664

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### Embracing the Spirit

Rob Dalgleish, Executive Director of EDGE, says the growth of Embracing the Spirit, a Mission & Service program, demonstrates that there is an appetite across the church to experiment with new forms of worship and ministry. Embracing the Spirit is a Mission & Service program, learning network, and innovation fund.

As Dalgleish notes: "People sometimes ask me, 'What do art shows or cooking classes have to do with church?' I tell them it's about loving your neighbour and the neighbourhood. Changing lives for the better, whether economically, socially, environmentally, or through more traditional spiritual practices, is an act of love. It's an expression of the abundant life that was Jesus' purpose. Through our own deepening discipleship, it becomes an opportunity to introduce people to who Jesus is and the way he invites us to walk."

The Embracing the Spirit learning network consists of more than 300 people receiving guidance from more than 80 mentors. These mentors include retired professionals who are willing to lend their skills and expertise to help others. Another part of the program is the Social Innovation Challenge, where participants can develop a concept, discover new partners, and compete for start-up funding. There have been 11 Social Innovation Challenges so far, which bring a spiritual bottom line to entrepreneurship.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

## LIFE & WORK OF ST. PAUL'S

- Please follow along with the order of service as it appears on the screen at the front of the church. Print bulletins are available for those who prefer.
- Bold text indicates congregational responses.
- Feel free to stand or sit during the singing of hymns.
- If you are interested in more information about our faith community, ask an usher or greeter.
- These facilities are latex and scent free. Please do not bring latex balloons on the premises. Refrain from wearing perfume and heavily scented hygiene products when attending worship or meetings.

Head Usher this morning is Morgan Inglis.  
Please see him with your morning announcements.  
For memorial gifts of flowers during March  
contact Bev Cameron, 519-881-0810.

### **WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS PRAYER CYCLE**

Bethany & Elora United Churches

**GIVINGS ENVELOPES** Please continue to use your current church envelopes until they are finished and contact Laurel in the church office when you need more at any time during the year. Collection envelopes are no longer dated and so any unused envelopes no longer need be wasted.

### **WOMEN TOGETHER BOOK CLUB**

“The Home for Unwanted Girls” by Joanna Goodman.  
**March 26, 2019**, 10 am in the parlour.  
New members always welcome.

**LENTEN COMMUNITY DINNERS** begin Tuesday, **March 12** at Knox Presbyterian Church. Dinner begins at 5 pm, doors open at 4:30 pm. Kids are welcome too. Cost by donation. Dinners continue on **March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9**. Volunteers from St. Paul's are invited to assist in dinner preparation for the **March 26** dinner. Please contact Myrna Inglis if you can assist at some point during the day.

**DISCUSSION GROUP** continues its discussion of The Role of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century at its next meeting on Wednesday, **March 20** at 1:30 pm in the parlour. Please plan to attend with your ideas.

**CANADIAN FOODGRAINS SUNDAY** Sunday, **March 24th** will be a special service for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank with Guest Speaker Len Kraemer. There will also be special

music. The service will be followed by a Chili, salad and dessert lunch with a free will offering going to CFGB. If you can help supply chili for the lunch, please contact Vicki Smith 519-881-2815. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to CFGB can use the special envelopes that will be available at the back of the sanctuary later this month. Please make cheques payable to St. Paul's and place your envelopes on the collection plate. You will be receipted by the church at the end of the year. This saves on postage for CFGB.

**PICKIN' AT ST. PAUL'S** Fundraising Concert, **March 31**, 2-4 pm. Tickets at \$10 and are on sale at the church office, Holst's Office Supply, Brown's Guardian Drugs or from Tom Traversy, Jim Smith or Bob Ferguson.

### THE WEEK AHEAD...

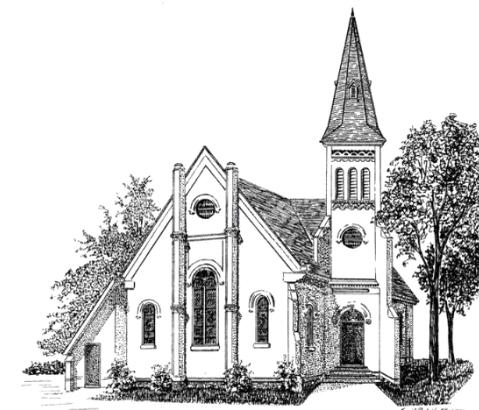
March 12 Women Together Walk, 9 a.m.  
Women Together Coffee Time, 10 a.m.  
March 13 Good News Group (AA), 10 a.m.  
March 14 Men's Coffee Hour, 9:30 am  
Choir Practice, 7 pm  
March 15 Easy Does It Group (AA), 8 p.m.  
March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**  
Second Sunday of Lent

## **St. Paul's United Church**

**OUR VISION: "YOU ARE NOT ALONE."**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent



*"Enthusiastic Christians committed to a dynamic church  
and to caring in the community"*

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