

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV 145

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

O God, we are thankful for the beauty of late summer: the sound of bees buzzing around the flowering bushes and the smell of fresh mown grass. We notice the fragile white butterflies flitting from flower to flower, the clouds scudding across the bright blue sky, and the fall flowers: Queen Anne's Lace, goldenrod, and sumachs, turning from green to red. Our hearts fill with gratitude for this beautiful earth, as we are mindful of the biblical call to be good stewards. Amen

#### MINUTE FOR ST. PAUL'S

**HYMN** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV 161

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *inspired by Psalm 139*

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### GIFT OF MUSIC

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Jeremiah 18: 1-11  
Luke 14: 25-33

#### MORNING REFLECTION

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERING MUSIC & OFFERTORY RESPONSE** VU 540  
"Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving"

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER** MV 18  
"Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" 2x

#### COMPASSION PRAYER

### 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

"Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" VU 563

#### SUNG BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know God will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love  
Amen Amen Amen

*Words: Don Besig ©1989 Shawnee Press*

#### POSTLUDE

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### Singing for Inclusion

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs at places like Naomi Centre and Emmanuel House, both part of Stella's Circle in St. John's, Newfoundland. For Canada's 150th celebration in 2017, Stella's Circle organized a concert. Stella's Circle Sings for Canada featured the premiere of a song written by the Inclusion Choir with Amelia Curran, and a screening of a film by Roger Maunder about the process. The Inclusion Choir includes many living on the edges of Newfoundland society, blended with staff from Stella's Circle.

The concert was due in large part to three student placements. Reflecting on their learnings, the students spoke about the power of the songwriting process and how participants saw the song as "our song." Music student Kristian said it allowed her to focus on how music can have an impact on social situations and lives. For Kristian, the focus was not on getting the job done, but the enjoyment. Justin, a student in social work, commented on the fact that as soon as choir members walked out on stage, they stood taller. He saw singing as a mindfulness act; it focused the mind on the act of singing. Sarah, a student in business management, saw how the work she learned, in human resources could be put into action in terms of diversity, and she enjoyed how everyone collaborated.

From the perspective of Stella's Circle, they saw three students embrace something new, fit right in, and add value to what was happening at Stella's Circle. What a great experience for all!

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 for September is Lois Freiburger.  
Please see her with your morning announcements.

For memorial gifts of flowers in September  
contact Sharon Strucke, 519-367-2696.

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

Thamesview United Church, Fullerton

**WOMEN TOGETHER BOOK CLUB** will meet next on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The book up for discussion is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

**PRAYER 101** Everything from how we pray to keys for effective prayer and more. Knox Presbyterian Church is offering an 8-week DVD discussion series. Optional workbook available for a cost of \$20. Meet in the Knox Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., **October 6 – November 24**. Contact Val at 519-364-4360 for information and to order a workbook.

### THE WEEK AHEAD...

- September 10 Women Together Walk, 9 a.m.  
Women Together Coffeetime, 10 a.m.  
Guides resume, 6:30 p.m.
- September 11 Good News Group (AA), 10 a.m.
- September 12 Men's Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
- September 13 Easy Does It Group (AA), 8 p.m.

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the many people who helped with the parlour and hall refurbishments this summer.

What a wonderful job!

### DEMOLITION TEAM

David Inglis, Morgan Inglis & John Inglis

### DISPERSAL TEAM

Flower Committee, Bev Cameron, Chuck McDonald  
John Inglis, Gary Munro, Leslie and Elena Dobson  
Cathy Cormack (Sales)  
Nina McTeer (Christian Salvage Mission)  
Margaret Elliott -Niesen (music)  
Myrna Inglis (Historical Items)

### DISPOSAL TEAM

Ron Farrell & Bob Weber

### MOVERS

Andy & Cathy Cormack, Gary Munro, Bob Ferguson

### PAINTING TEAM

Randy Willick, Wayne Brocklebank, Ken Coleman,  
Joan and Neil White

### HANDY MEN

David Inglis & Gary Munro

### CLEAN-UP TEAM

Bob and Jean Ferguson, Susan and Jim Smith,  
Leslie and Elena Dobson, Mae Watts, Joan Scott,  
Bev Cameron, Janet Field, Louise Mancell, Gary Munro

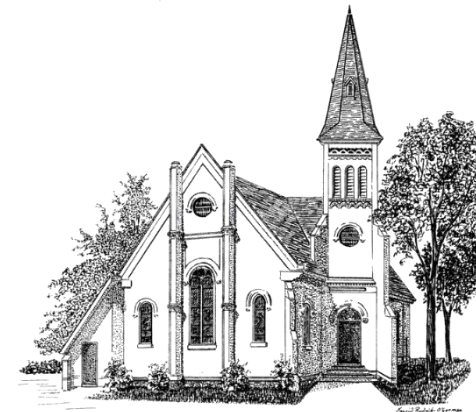
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## St. Paul's United Church

OUR VISION: "YOU ARE NOT ALONE."

Sunday, September 8, 2019

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Creation Time begins



*"Enthusiastic Christians committed to a dynamic church  
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