

St. Paul's United Church

October 7, 2012

World Wide Communion

Thanksgiving Sunday

*The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.
May there be a blessing for you in this house today.*

Prelude Shall We Gather at the River arr. Harris

Greeting May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary MV 18

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Come, You Thankful People, Come VU 516

Prayer of the Day

One: Gift-giver, it is the time of year to gather in the produce of the earth.

All: And so we give thanks for the gifts of food.

One: It is the time of year when we admire the bright colours of the season.

All: And so we pause to give thanks for the beauty of the earth.

One: In our time of worship this morning,

**All: move within and among us, awakening us to Your presence, moving our hearts to respond to your grace.
Amen.**

Time For All Ages Prayer Writing

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Keep up to date on upcoming activities
and stay in touch in between Sundays!

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Minister: Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles
Organist & Director of Music: Alexis Ervin
Children & Family Ministry: Julie Heslop
Office Administrator: Cathy Simpson
Sexton: Joe Robicheau

Weekly Activities

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12–1 p.m. Exercise Group - Gym/Hall
Monday-Friday 11:30–1:00 p.m. AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Saturday 8–9 p.m. AA - Youth Lounge

Tuesday, October 9

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study—Ladies Parlour
10:00 a.m. Play Group - Gym
1:00 p.m. Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
6:30-8:00 p.m. Cubs - Gym
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Quilter's Parlour
7:00-8:30 p.m. Ladies Evening Book Study—(cancelled)
7:30-9:30 p.m. Fredericton Choral Society - Hall

Wednesday, October 10

9:00-11:00 The Pantry
10:00 a.m. Wed. Discussion Group - Quilter's
6:30-7:30 p.m. Beavers - Gym

Thursday, October 11

1:00 p.m. Quilting - Quilter's Parlour
7:15 p.m. Sr. Choir Practice - Hall

Sunday, October 14

Guest Speaker—Rev. Bob Jones

St. Paul's Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have trained leaders to accept additional youth. Sponsorship for registration (\$180) is available with a commitment to attend regularly. Beavers meet on Wednesday and the others met on Tuesday. Please contact Helen Craig for further details. 472-4886.

Bouquets in the Sanctuary this morning have been placed in loving memory of Rod White.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Ralph Dingee who passed away Thanksgiving weekend 1991 – placed by his daughter, Mary.

For those who have hearing difficulties we have printouts of the scriptures and for those with visual impairments we offer large print bulletins available in the narthex. Each service is recorded onto CD, please contact the Church office if you would like a recorded copy.

Women's Bible Study "The Girl's Still Got it" will not meet on Tues., Oct. 9th, we will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 16th.

Are you interested in knowing more about our church and our faith? Are you attending St. Paul's and not a member? We would love to have you join the church. Rev. Lori Beth will be offering a membership course for adults and confirmation classes for youth 13 years old and up. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Rev. Lori Beth in the church office at 506-458-1183.

October 15, 1.30 pm The Women's Inter-Church Council. Annual Meeting will be held at St. Paul's. An 'In Gathering Service' for the collection of the Least Coin will be held at this time. We invite all women of the congregation to attend and learn more about this ecumenical organization and the work done by the Fellowship of the Least Coin. This is our opportunity to show hospitality to other churches in the Fredericton area.

Memorial Hymn Sing: October 21 at 10:30 am. The choir will perform several selections of music for your enjoyment, this event has always been a successful fundraiser for the Restoration Fund and we are sure that this year's Hymn Sing will not be an exception. We urge you to consider making a memorial donation in memory of a loved one. Letters (pink paper) have been placed on the tables in the Narthex. Thank you to those who already made donations earlier this year.

St. Paul's Fellowship Dinner

October 24th at 5:45 p.m.

Watch for further details in upcoming bulletins

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Hymn of Promise Sleeth/Carter

Dedication Verse Now Thank We All Our God VU 236 (vs 1)

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Scriptures Hebrews 1: 1 - 2:12
Mark 10: 2-16

Anthem Simple Gifts

Sermon

Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together VU 480 (vs 1, 2)

Invitation to Communion

Service written by Rev. Richard Bott for use during the Season of Creation

Communion Prayer

One: God is with you.

All: *God is with all creation.*

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: *We lift our hearts to God.*

One: Let us give thanks to God:

Creator of all that is,
Christ that calls us to wholeness,
Spirit that blows us where it will.

All: *Thank you, God!*

One: We thank you, God—for everything.

A long time ago, you decided to start something new.
Out of that newness came all that exists.
Out of that newness came the stars in the sky,
the planets, and moons. The water, the air—and life!

All: *Thank you, God!*

One: Here, in this place, on *this* planet,
you created life that took many shapes.
Single-celled creatures that became many-celled creatures.
Many-celled creatures that became plants, became animals,
became us.

All: *Thank you, God!*

One: Throughout our history, we human beings have tried to understand how we came to be, and why we came to be— and how to be in relationship with all creation— and with each other.

Throughout our history, we human beings have tried to understand how all things came to be, and *why* we came to be, and *how* to be in relationship with you.

Sometimes, we've not done a good job of listening. Sometimes, we've not done a good job of loving. Sometimes, we've not done a good job of being in relationship with you, with what you have created, or with each other.

All: We are sorry, God. We ask for your forgiveness. We ask for your help. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds— so that we might listen to your call, so that we might listen to the needs of what you have created, so that we might speak those needs and live your love.

One: When our ancestors made mistakes, you sent them guides to help them on their way— priests and prophets, teachers and healers, grandmas and grandpas, who called people back to your love. And in Jesus the Christ you were with us to teach us, to love us, to save us from ourselves. Thank you, God!

All: Thank you, loving God!

One: Jesus laughed with those who laughed, and cried with those who cried. He learned what it meant to be part of your creation and tried to teach us with stories of seeds and sowers, of bushes and birds; in his love, he called us back into relationship with you.

And so we pray the words he gave to all of his disciples, the ones that remind us that you love us with all the love a mother can give, with all the love a father can give, saying

All: Our Father, who art...

One: On the night that Jesus was taken away, by people afraid of what he was teaching of your love, he gathered with his friends.

He took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to you,

saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe, who brings forth grain from the earth."

All: Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.

He took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Each time you eat it... remember me."

All: Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.

He took a cup full of wine and gave thanks to you, saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

All: Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.

He took the cup and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink it. This is my blood. My forever promise to you and to everyone. Each time you drink, remember me."

All: Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.

Blessed are you, God most holy. We ask that you would send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup that they, and we, might be the body of Christ— hope in the world, speaking, acting, and living the change that brings healing and wholeness. In this hope, your people praise you:

All: Holy God! Holy One! Holy Three! Praise now and forever! Amen. Amen! AMEN!

Invitation and Sharing of Gifts

Prayer after Communion

All: This bread we have eaten comes from the earth. The wine we have tasted comes from the soil. (Prayers of the Children of St. Paul's)
Thank you, God, for sharing it all. Help us to lend our voice in caring for Earth. Help us to see the birds of the air, the fish of the water, the plants and animals that live with us as part of our communion in your love. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together VU 480 (verse 3)

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude With Joy Unending Broughton