

St. Paul's United Church

March 31st, 2013

Easter Sunday

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

Prelude Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain arr. Broughton

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Risen Christ lives today!

We are witnesses to these things.

We sing praise to God incarnate.

May his love burn within us!

Introit Halle, Halle, Halle, VU 958

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" VU 155

Call to Worship

Lend a helping hand and... **He is risen!**

Demand equality for all and... **He is risen!**

Fight against injustice and... **He is risen!**

Remove social barriers and... **He is risen!**

Live your life with grace and... **He is risen!**

Prayer of the Day

**God of grace and power,
we have longed and prepared for this joyous day:
on Ash Wednesday we humbled ourselves before you,
on Maundy Thursday we learnt a new commandment,**

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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
Choir Accompanist: Iris Kim
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 & Thursday 1–4 Quilting—Quilter's Parlour
Tuesday & Saturday 8–9 p.m. AA—Youth Lounge

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Play Group—Gym
2:30–3:15 p.m. Love Yoga—Hall
6:30–8:00 p.m. Cubs—Gym
7:30–9:30 p.m. Fredericton Choral Society

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice—Hall

The Bulletins for today's service have been donated in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Keiver by Anne and the family.



Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary for Easter in loving memory of the following people:

- ◆ Harriet Parker by Debbie (daughter) & Peter Allison
- ◆ Byron & Muriel Gordon by Barbara (daughter) & Mel McGuigan
- ◆ Parents Bud & Louise Warman and grandparents Egbert & Pearl Warman and Oswald & Effie Merrithew by Doug Warman
- ◆ Cheryl Kirk by her daughter Kelly Watson
- ◆ Lynn Ralston and Fran Campbell by the Choir
- ◆ ~~Kenneth Irving by wife Dorothy and family~~

Help Needed: We are looking for someone to coordinate St. Paul's involvement in "Love Frederickton" taking place on June 7th and 8th. Please contact Rev. Lori Beth at 458-1183 if interested.

Pennies for Heather "Indoor Yard Sale"

Forest Hill United, Saturday March 30 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
Come buy, sell and donate your pennies (and other loose change) to help Heather MacInnis (from Harvey) who is recovering from a double lung transplant due to her Cystic Fibrosis. Monies raised will assist Heather and her family with the expenses of being in Toronto while Heather recovers from her surgery.

STU Fine Arts presents Trio Sambucca at Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall, on Friday, April 5th at 7:30 . Join Symphony NB principal flute Sally Wright, Fredericton guitarist and recording artist Steven Peacock, and U de M percussionist Michel Deschênes (marimba, vibraphone, and an exotic variety of drums and chimes) in a program of music with strong dance elements and featuring innovative arrangements of folk melodies in a number of world music traditions. Tickets are \$15 adults/\$10 seniors/ \$5 students at the door.

Calling All Flute Players! Here's your opportunity to play chamber music with other flute players! Mid-April to Mid-June. Rehearsals are once a week. Open to all levels & all ages. Auditions on

***on Good Friday we cried at the foot of the cross,
on Holy Saturday we kept vigil,
and on this Blessed Sunday we rejoice in the risen
power of love, hope, and new life.
Make this rising real in our own lives.
Let us be people of love, hope, and new life.
Let us be people of joy.
In Jesus' name. Amen***

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages Easter

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn The Day of Resurrection VU 164

Offertory An Easter Meditation Price

Dedication Verse VU 236 (vs.3)

***All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.***

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading John 24:1-12 Cathy Simpson

Anthem Awake! Arise! Go Forth! Besig

Sermon No One Expected It

Holy Communion

Adapted services by Rev. Allison Etter and Alydia Smith

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
you are beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
you are creative and self-giving, generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the universe....

....And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your
name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Kingsfold Communion Set

MV 203

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful
believers...

...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Kingsfold Communion Set

MV 204

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,

we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us....

...Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Great Amen

Kingsfold Communion Set

MV 205

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.
The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.
The gifts of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share
your joy. We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Lift High The Cross

VU 151 (Vs 3-5)