

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. May 17th, 2015—Ascension Sunday

The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.

May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer *

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is Englert

Welcoming the Light

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Introit This is the Day MV 122

This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.

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Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love.

AMEN.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53 Betty Fitzpatrick

Opening Prayer

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Keep up to date on upcoming activities

and stay in touch in between Sundays!

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Rev. Richards's Office Hours:

Sunday: Afternoon By Appointment

Monday: 8:00—Noon, 1:00-4:00

Tuesday: 8:00—Noon

Wednesday: 1:00—4:00

Thursday: By Appointment

Regular Weekly Activities

Monday-Friday	11:30-1 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Tuesday & Thursday	12-1 p.m.	Exercise Group - Gym
	1-4 p.m.	Quilting - Quilter's Parlour-
Tuesday & Saturday	7-9 p.m.	AA - Youth Lounge
Monday	6-8 p.m.	Shoe Box Dance
Tuesday	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
Thursday	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall
	7 p.m.	AA—Youth Lounge

The UCW will meet on Wednesday, May 20th, at 10 AM in the Ladies' Parlour. Lois Walker will have a presentation on her trip to Europe. Please answer Roll Call with items for the Pantry - liquid dish detergent, cans of coffee (perked), cans of tuna, salmon, ham, turkey, or chicken. All women of the Congregation are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Donna Chauvin 458-5885



Family Night Movies & Nachos

All are welcome to join us for a Family Night in Fraser Memorial Hall on Friday, May 22 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy your choice of chicken or veggie nachos. Two movies will be offered, one for young children and the other for families. For more information please contact Jennifer or Brad Green at 454-7543 or email Brad at brad.green@rogers.com

Please help us support our Pantry Program for young families by bringing a non-perishable grocery donation if you are able. Some suggestions: cake icing, flour, toilet tissue, Kleenex, Ketchup lightbulbs, laundry detergent, diapers, baby wipes, crackers, cookies, pancake syrup, pasta, coffee, sugar, tea, evaporated milk



SPRING CLEAN UP & HOT DOG DAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Saturday, May 23rd, (8:30 to noon) has been chosen as our **annual spring clean up day** and we solicit your help to sweep, rake, weed, wash, etc. to tidy up and make our outdoor property attractive. Please bring brooms, rakes, shovels, etc. and your good humour to make this a successful day. The more volunteers we have the quicker the work will be done (bring a friend!!). We encourage those with gardening skills to bring some flowers to enhance our flower beds. Hot dogs will be served starting at 11:30, so bring the family. Thank you and we hope to see you on the 23rd!

*Opening Hymn

Praise The Lord

VU 245

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Responsive*)

Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You stand over all earthly powers. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge your presence in our lives.

We see violence in the world. We see injustice in our communities. We see hunger and need among our neighbours. We see longing for something more. We see failures and faults in our lives. In all these things, we feel powerless.

Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **AMEN**

Assurance of God's Love (*Responsive*)

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life.

By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Time for All Ages *Where's Jesus?*

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me (vs 1)

VU 365

***Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong, in His love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

Prayers of the People

*Hymn

Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV 150

Offertory

Andante Con Moto

Schubert (arr. Williams)

*Dedication Verse

MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?

*What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!*

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Dedication Prayer (in unison)

Giving God, as Christ ascended to you in the sight of his disciples, we lift up these gifts to you. Send your Spirit upon them, and bless them to do your work in this world. AMEN

Second Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Rev. Richard
Anthem Be Strong In The Lord

Message *How Long Should We Stand Here?*

***Hymn** Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

In the presence of Christ, we have gathered.

In the grace of Christ, we depart.

May God clothe you with power on high.

~~*May God put this power to work in each of us.*~~

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** You Shall Go Out With Joy VU 884

Postlude The Festive Trumpet Glyncannon

We invite you to stay and enjoy the Postlude

Greeters: Shirley MacLeod & Sadie Miller

Coffee Hour May 24: Ministry & Personnel - Ross Mathers

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service. **Fraser Memorial Hall can be reached by elevator through the Charlotte Street entrance.**

The bulletin covers for the month of May have been donated in loving memory of Don and Phyl Peacock by their daughters Carole Peacock, Judy Thorne and Debbie Seymour.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Ruth Cumming Spicer by Dorothy Bremner and Marg Bremner-Moore.

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Financial Contributions for the week of May 10, 2015

2015 Weekly Budget		\$4,500.00
Envelopes	5,912.25	
Loose	58.00	
PAR	<u>1,807.09</u>	
	7,777.34	



Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

BE A NEW PAR CONTRIBUTOR!!! Forms are available from the greeters each week and in Fraser Memorial Hall. (PAR) Pre-Authorized Remittance allows you to contribute once a month and also helps the church with regulated donations, especially over the summer months when folks go on vacation. PAR cards are available for you to place in the offering plate if you wish.

On May 24th there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to review our financial situation as well as address any proposals that require congregational approval, should any arise. All are encouraged to attend.

Birthday Hymn Sing!

On May 24th we will be celebrating the birth of Christianity: Pentecost. As the Holy Spirit descends let our voices rise. Starting today, May 10th, there is a request box for hymns in the Narthex and at the entrance of the hall, so whether your favourites are old or new, write down the name and number (if you know it) and we'll do our best to sing as many as we can.

Get "**Fired Up**" for Pentecost! As we celebrate the birth of Christianity and the coming of the Holy Spirit with song, you are encouraged to wear red, orange, and yellow clothes on May 24th.

New Signs! As you may have noticed we have new signs at the York and George Street entrances of the church. These signs are a result of the hard work of our Property Committee. Thanks to them