

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. March 22nd, 2015—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Cantilena Lau

*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 Take, O Take Me As I Am (X2) MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I will be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Alanna Palmer

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** I The Lord Of Sea And Sky VU 509

Prayer of Reconciliation (Responsive)

Compassionate God, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ

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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: 8:30—Noon, 1:00-4:30

Tuesday: 8:30—Noon

Wednesday: 1:00—4:30

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	6:30-8:30pm	ShoeBox Dance - Gym
Tuesday (Lent break)	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study - Parlour
	6:30-8 p.m.	Beavers & Cubs - Gym
	7 p.m.	Fredericton Choral Society
Wednesday	9-11 a.m.	The Pantry
	10 a.m.	Wed. AM Discussion
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Thursdays In Lent
	6 p.m.	Ball Hockey—Gym
	7 p.m.	Senior Choir - Hall

Pantry Sunday: April 5 Thank you in advance for your donations.

We are in need of the following items:

Ketchup, relish, large juices, diapers, plain crackers, cookies, pancake syrup, jam, white sugar, tea bags, paper towels, icing (pre mix) laundry detergent, cans of fruit, sandwich bags, tooth brushes, corn, salmon, granola bars.

The New Brunswick Youth Orchestra is proud to present **Keeping Faith**, its First World War Commemoration Tour of the 2014-2015 season. The final concert will take place in Fredericton on March 29, 2015 @ 2 PM at the Richard J. Currie Centre on the UNB Campus. The NBYO is one of the premiere youth orchestras in Canada with over 80 musicians, aged 12-22, from all over the province. This concert promises to be extra special with the addition of guest performances by the Fredericton High School Band, the Leo Hayes High School Band and the Fredericton Youth Orchestra. Tickets are \$20 (adult) and \$10(children/students) and can be purchased at the Aitken Centre Box Office or by contacting Dawn McNiven at 444-0893. Please join us for a great afternoon of music and remembrance of those who gave so much to ensure our freedom.

“Mercy Me” is the title of a concert presented by the traditional music ministry of Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Sunday, March 29th at 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary Choir and soloist, David Steeves, will offer reflections on God’s mercy as seen in the events leading up to Easter. Please join us for this reflection evening of music. A reception will follow the concert.

Calling all Pastoral Care workers! Would you like to learn more about dealing with family issues, understand family structures and boundaries better and how they cause problems? Would you like to help individuals and families become closer to each other and to God? If so, please join us at Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court, Fredericton on Saturday, April 18th, from 10-3 for a workshop on God and family. Cost is \$25. Lunch is available (free will offering) To register (limit 50), please contact Marilyn Lohnes at [506-455-9272](tel:506-455-9272) (evenings) or by e-mail ffolk@rogers.com

may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

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Lenten Candle Liturgy

Four candles burning and midnight closes in.

Farthest from dusk, but closer to dawn.

Where do we turn to seek new light?

As light dies around us, let us strengthen the light within.

Response Kindle A Flame(X2) VU 19

Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.

fourth candle is extinguished

Five candles not burning, the world closes in

This world of distraction causes our inner light to dim.

As God’s Holy Spirit brings comfort in strife,

The turmoil shall cease by bringing us peace and giving new life.

The Lord’s Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn There Is Room For All (X2) MV 62

There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God’s love.

And I rejoice and sing,

“My refuge and my rock in whom I trust.”

There is room for all, there is room for all.

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** God of the Bible MV 28

Minute for Mission

Offertory Ave Berum Haydn

***Dedication Verse** VU 542

We give you but your own, whate’er the gifts may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***Dedication Prayer (Responsive)**

Giving God, in your love you gave us your Son, and in our response we give of ourselves, our time, our money, and our care. Use them to bring healing to a world full of so much pain. AMEN

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Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem On Christ I Stand Harlan

Message

***Hymn** I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say VU 626

***Commissioning (Unison)**

We go into the unknown with the knowledge that God goes with us. We go into the dark places with Christ to light our way. We go to spread the Good News with the Holy Spirit as our strength. AMEN

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** God Be With You VU 422

**God be with you till we meet again.
Loving councils guide uphold you.
With a shepherds care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet.**

God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude Festive March Handel

We invite you to please stay and enjoy the Postlude

Greeters: Eric & Katie Lakes
Coffee Hour March 29: Facilitation Committee



Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service.

Sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Cathy and Danny King in the death of Cathy's cousin Kenneth Gallaher.

The Easter Letter is going out soon, the Stewardship Committee is

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Financial Contributions for March 15, 2015

2015 Weekly Budget		\$4,200.00
Envelopes	0	
Loose	0	
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Thank you and may God truly bless and multiply your gifts

The UCW are looking for **Card Tables** to borrow for the Bridge Luncheon on March 26th. Please telephone Donna Chauvin at 458-5885 if you have any to loan out.

We need more volunteers to work in the **Pantry** on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00. There are 3 people working each day so you are never left alone. It is very easy and rewarding work. Please contact Lois Walker at 459-1458 or email: ljwalker@nbnet.nb.ca. The pantry is also very low on supplies so if you are able to donate anything it would be much appreciated.

Season of Lent: Activities & Services

- Feb. 19-Mar 26 @ noon **Thursday's In Lent**
March 26 ~ Passion
- March 29, 10:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
- April 2, 6:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper**
- April 3, 2:30 p.m. **Good Friday**
- April 5, 7:00 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service**, followed by
Breakfast at Wilmot United
- April 5, 10:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday Communion Service**

The Stewardship Committee is looking to form a **Pastoral Care Team** for St. Paul's United Church. This team would supplement the current Pastoral Care ministry and ensure that those who struggle with illness or isolation know that the whole of St. Paul's supports them. If you have an interest in this kind of ministry please contact