

DOWNTOWN SUMMER WORSHIP

Hosted by St. Paul's United Church

August 4th, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: Prelude in Classic Style ~ Young

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING MUSIC: *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

VU 374 vs 1

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

GREETING: *(Responsive)*

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

We come seeking rest.

Weary from running from one thing to the next, we fall at the feet of the one who first gave us breath.

We come seeking reorientation.

Drawn by the many distractions in our lives, we seek the guiding light that no darkness can overcome.

We come seeking renewal.

More than refreshment, we seek vibrant purpose and renewed hope as bearers of God's love.

In all our seeking, we come before God in prayer and praise.

Let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL: *(In Unison)*

Life-giving God, when we put away our to-do lists and turn aside even for a moment, seeking quiet and calm, we are often surprised to find you. Yet, you have been with us all along. Yet only when we have ceased rushing around and being distracted do we come to realize this truth. When we pause, we find ourselves standing on holy ground, where your whispers to our hearts echo loudly. In Sabbath space, we find renewed hope and see more clearly your way for us. As we worship this day, rekindle within us the flames of passion for seeking your presence, following in your way, and sharing your love. With Holy Sabbath breath renew our souls, so that we may begin afresh the work of building your kingdom and embracing your people. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, the model for a life renewed by your love. AMEN

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

SEEKING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *(In Unison)*

As we approach our Holy Scriptures, we pray for open minds and hearts, for you O God speak to us still. Through ancient words, you call forth wisdom for today. Renew us in our hearing by the Spirit's power. Attune us to your voice, this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:9-15, Genesis 2:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Spirit God, Be Our Breath*

MV150

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.*

*Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we brow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.*

*Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.*

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.*

MESSAGE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE

HYMN: *Deep in our Hearts*

MV 154

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.*

*Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.*

DEDICATION VERSE: *Grant Us God, the Grace*

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

God of Holy Rest, as we pause and experience the gift of Sabbath, we gain clarity on all that you have given us. In gratitude for your presence with us, we are freed from our worries, distractions, and anxieties. Turning towards you undivided, free from these distractions, we present ourselves as a thanksgiving offering. Use our talents, our treasures, and our time for your service to this hurting world. Bless us and what we bring so that when we move from Holy Rest we are empowered as bearers of your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

VU 343

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. R*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. R*

COMMISSIONING: *(Responsive)*

Called from worship into service.

We go remembering to cultivate holy moments on our journey of faith.

Encouraged by the Word, we long to follow that Spirit to where God is already at work.

Renewed, we go to the world driven by divine purpose and Spirit-given hope.

Focused on Christ, we seek opportunities to share the gifts we have been given.

Reoriented, we carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

Refreshed in body, mind, and soul, we return to the busyness of our lives with a deeper appreciation of Sabbath time.

Having rested, we are ready to face life anew knowing that God's Holy Presence is with us.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC: *Go to the World*

VU 420 vs 3

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace"- Pardini

Scripture Readers: Voice 1 – Greg Morton, Voice 2 – Cathy Davis
Greeter: Lois Walker & Glynis Martin **Audio Visual:** John Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE! May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.



THANK YOU!

A very grateful thank you to all who are offering ongoing and one-time support to the Pantry and Brown Bag Lunch programs. These very important outreach programs provide food, household items, and bus tickets to our city's vulnerable population. The Pantry is currently supporting 143 clients: 19 single women, 26 single men, 13 couples, 62 families, 23 single parent families, and 288 children. Without your generosity and support, these people would go without. The Brown Bag Lunch program has disbursed 574 lunch bags to 133 individuals and 161 bus tickets. As you can see, it has been a very busy first half of the year, so we THANK YOU because we could not have done this without your amazing generosity!

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

St. Paul's office will be closed on the New Brunswick Day long weekend, August 2nd- 5th. The office is also closed on Fridays throughout the summer. Emails will be monitored and responded to when possible.



REV. MICHELLE'S VACATION & PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Michelle will be on vacation from August 6th-11th. For pastoral care emergencies, please call Rev. Mary Tingley at 506-230-1000.

FUNDSCRIP



The next deadline for FundScrip gift cards is **Sunday, August 4th**. If you have been travelling this summer, you probably need more gas cards. If you have had a lot of hungry visitors, you might want to replenish your pantry using grocery store cards. Kids will be back at school before you know it. Shop for school supplies with FundScrip gift cards. [Click here](#) to download the order form. With this order, we'll now resume our regular deadline schedule on the first Sunday of the month. Watch for reminders in the weekly eNews and the Sunday bulletins. Remember: **Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.**

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs **proteins with flip top lids, granola bars, and pudding cups**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.

PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: vinegar, pudding cups, Miracle Whip, white rice, Hamburger Helper, flour, white & brown & icing sugar, pancake mix, syrup, ketchup, coffee, soda crackers, cookies, cake mix & frosting, large orange juice, baking soda, salt, dish & laundry soap, Mr. Clean, toothpaste, and hand soap. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACKS ~ SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS WANTED



St. Paul's is collecting donations of school supplies to be distributed to students in grades 1-12 that utilize our outreach programs. **Items needed include backpacks, lunch sets, reusable water bottles, lined paper, coil notebooks, large zippered binders, dividers, pencil cases, markers, highlighters, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, rulers, math sets, etc.** A donation tax receipt will be issued for items with a receipt. Items can be dropped off at the office Monday through Thursday from 8am-3pm.

Cash donations are also welcome! If you know of someone in need of school supplies, please let Meghan know so they can be added to the list. Deadline for donations is **August 16th**.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Love St Paul's? Feeling sentimental about our move? Put that emotion into action by helping to plan our move. Help recommend what moves with us, what moves on to others, and how we get it all moved. Cathy Davis and Ross Mathers have created a thorough inventory and need congregational voices to make a plan for Council that accommodates as many wishes as possible. Please volunteer to be one of those voices by notifying Meghan at 506-458-1183 or stpauloffice224@gmail.com



SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Please join us this summer for Summer Services

Everyone is welcome!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH & Via Zoom

224 York St. Fredericton NB | Tel. 458-1183

Sunday Services at 10:30am

August 4th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81834519740> Password: 657067

View later: <https://www.youtube.com/st.pauls>

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH & Via YouTube

473 King St. Fredericton | 458-1066

Sunday Services at 10:30am

August 11th | August 18th | August 25th

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WilmotUnitedChurch?app=desktop>

FALL YOUTH @ REGION CAMP EVENT

From Friday, September 27th-Sunday, September 29th, there will be a youth event at Camp Wegesegum (360 Wegesegum Lane, Coal Creek, NB (just outside Chipman). This event is for youth from grade 6-12, and registration for the event is \$75. There will be opportunities for worship, fun, and learning as together we explore themes of Truth & Reconciliation and the impacts, we all have in creating and deepening relationships in our communities. Financial Support is available. Contact rev.bowley@outlook.com for more information. To register your youth for this camp weekend, please fill in the linked registration form. If you prefer a paper copy, please reach out to rev.bowley@outlook.com. Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/GycQ3bCPwJo6oJ989>

PICKLEBALL AT WILMOT

Those who showed a keen passion for setting up Pickleball teams at Wilmot are invited to attend a short meeting to get organized for September directly after coffee and conversation time at Wilmot on **August 11th** and/or **August 25th** in the Parlor. Please leave a message at the office (506-458-1066) on what date you will be there. With thanks, Mary!



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