

St. Paul's United Church

30 Main Street South, Brampton, ON L6W 2C4

St. Paul's - "A caring, Christian community,
sharing the love of Jesus through our words and actions."

Worship Theme: "Transformed Community, Transforming Community"
(*Please stand as you are able*)

*"As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture,
and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region,
most recently the Mississaugas of the New Credit who are Anishinaabe
Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations
with them as we live, work, and worship upon their traditional territory.*

*We are also mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make
right with all our relations."*

The Approach of the People of God

Music as we gather: "You Invite Me In" (1)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Music

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer: (2)

One: In the midst of noise and chaos,

All: We hunger for silence.

One: In the midst of violence and loss,

All: We hunger for healing.

One: In the midst of despair and destruction,

All: We hunger for hope.

One: In the midst of lies and corruption,

All: We hunger for justice.

One: In the midst of division and distrust,

All: We hunger for community.

One: In the midst of critiques and our own fears,

All: We hunger for acceptance.

One: In the midst of confusion and commitments,

All: We hunger for simplicity.

One: In the midst of our slavery and our emptiness,

All: We hunger for God.

Hymn*: MV #18 "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" (3)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Anthem: "Come Alive" (4)

Time with Children

Hymn*: MV #138 "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" (5)

**Refrain: We'll never walk on water if we're not
prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to
time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

**1 My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been
before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

**2 My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been
before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

**3, 4 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've
never seen before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

Passing of the Peace*

Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Lesson: John 3:14-21

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 107, VU #831 (6)

Part One and Two

Refrain: O give thanks to God for steadfast love.

O give thanks, for God is gracious;

God's steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of God say so,

those redeemed from trouble,

whom God gathered in from the lands,

from the east and the west,

from the north and the south. R

Some lost their way in desert wastes,
finding no place to settle;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to you, God in their trouble;

you rescued them from their distress.

**You led them by a straight path,
till they reached a place to settle.**

Let them thank you, O God, for your steadfast love,
for the wonders you do for us.

**For you satisfy the thirsty,
and fill the hungry with good things. R**

Some suffered because of their sinful ways,
afflicted on account of their wrongdoing.

**They loathed every kind of food;
they came close to the gates of death.**

Then they cried to you, God, in their trouble.

You rescued them from their distress.

**You gave the word and healed them;
you saved them from the grave.**

Let them thank you, God, for your steadfast love,
for the wonders you do for us.

**Let them offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy. R**

Quote for the Sermon: (7)

"There is a morning inside you waiting to burst open into light."

Congregational Hymn: MV #115 "Behold, Behold, I Make All
Things New" (8)

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you
and starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all things
new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

Sermon: "Life & Hope"

Hymn*: MV #136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"
(9)

**1 When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.**

2 When fingers spell and signs express
our prayer and praise and thankfulness,
we thank you, God, that hands can sing:
you bless the silent songs we bring.

3 When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.

4 And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love's a gift, and never earned.

5 Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.

Responding to God's Word

The Offering: "The Great I Am" (10)

Offering Hymn*: MV #54 "Alleluia" (11)

Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Offering Prayer*

Prayer for Healing (12)

One: O God you live beyond us:

All: And yet, you live beside us.

One: You are known to us:

All: And yet, you are a mystery to us.

One: You are invisible:

All: And yet, we have seen you.

One: May we hold these both in balance;

All: Seeking never to limit you;

One: Being ever at home with you.

All: Revering you,

One: Without fearing you.

All: So that we might be your many-named people;

One: And you might be our many-named God.

All: Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus (said) VU #921

**Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

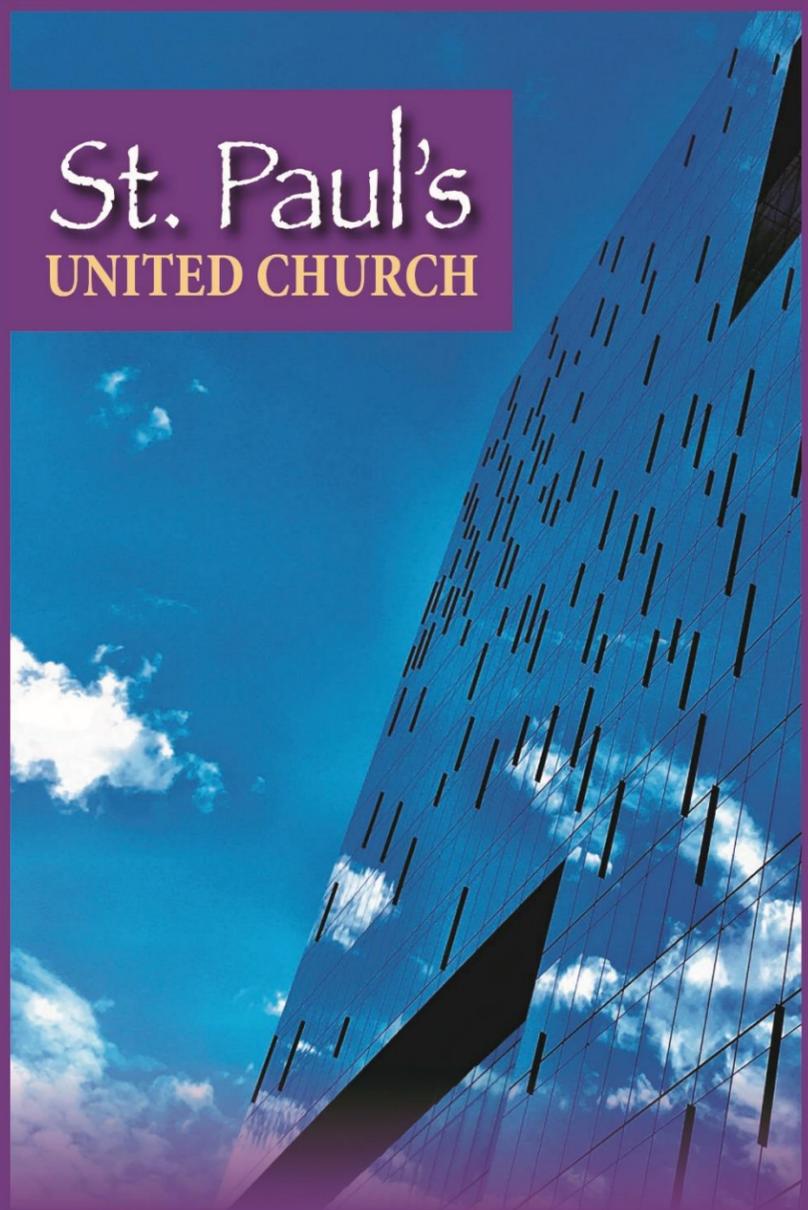
Hymn* MV #212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" (13)

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Three-fold Amen

Music as we go back to the world



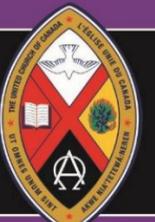
The poster features a photograph of a modern glass skyscraper against a blue sky with white clouds. The church's name and the Lent 4 service details are overlaid on the image.

St. Paul's
UNITED CHURCH

Lent 4
Sunday March 11, 2018
Service 10:00 a.m.

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