

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: "Transforming through Peace"
(*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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Music

Call to Worship ⁽¹⁾

This is no ordinary place; this is the house of God.
This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.
It is the place where God reaches down
into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.
This is no ordinary gathering.
This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

Opening Prayer ⁽²⁾

**We feel your welcome, gracious God,
in this time of worship.
You welcome young and old,
all seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.
You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
You welcome us all, welcoming God.**

Hymn*: VU #232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" ⁽³⁾

- Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
- All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.**
- You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**
- Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Listen to the Word of God

Time with Children

Hymn*: VU #376 "Spirit of the Living God" ⁽⁴⁾

- Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**
- Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Passing of the Peace*

Scripture Lesson: Mark 7:24-37

One: Peace be with you, receive the Holy Spirit.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146 VU # 868 ⁽⁵⁾

Refrain: Give your praise to God, O my soul!

Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.
Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,
for in them there is no help.

**When they breathe their last they return to dust;
then their plans come to nothing.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,**

the One who keeps faith for ever,
**who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry. R**

God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind.

**God straightens those who are bent;
loves those who are just.**

God cares for the stranger in the land,
and sustains the widow and orphan;

but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.

God shall reign forever, O Zion.

your God for all generations. R

Quote for the Sermon: "Only he who can create the tenderest
can create the strongest" ⁽⁶⁾

Congregational Hymn: MV #182 "Grateful" ⁽⁷⁾

**Refrain: Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for
your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of
Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for
your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

Sermon: "Be Opened"

Hymn*: MV #161 "I Have Called You by Your Name" (8)

- 1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
- 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
- 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
- 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Responding to God's Word

The Offering

Offering Hymn*: MV #191 "What Can I Do" (9)

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. (I'll sing with joy.) I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love, I'll do my share. X2

Offering Prayer*

Prayer for Healing (10)

God, maker of the universe, who work moment by moment to sustain Creation, bless those who labor, who work for the weal of the world. For those whose unseen labor eases our lives may we always be mindful and grateful. For their diligence and pride in craft and faithful service we render thanks. For those who work for the sake of people they will never see, we ask your blessing. For those who risk and suffer, we ask your protection. For those whose work is demeaning, whose conditions are poor, whose pay is unfair, we pray for justice. We give honor to those whose labor is unseen and unrewarded. We pray for those whose labor is forced, without rest, or freedom or dignity; for all who are

coerced, endangered, enslaved, exploited or abused: we cry for justice.

We pray for those who seek labor and who find none, who are prevented by their bodies or their society from meaningful work.
We give thanks for all who labor, and pray that all may know the blessing of your Sabbath gift of rest.

Holy One, you who labor for our life, bless our work, that it may serve you and the mending of the world. Amen.

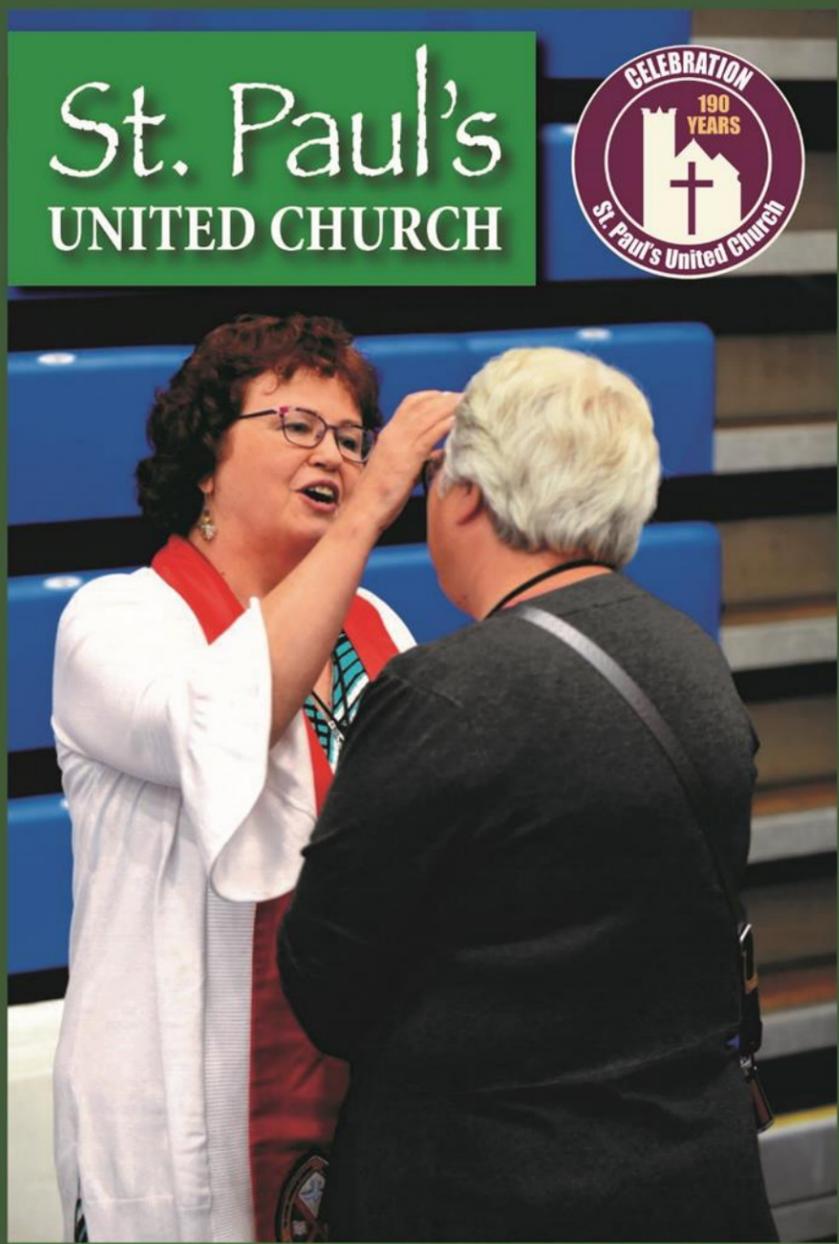
Prayer of Jesus: VU #921 (Said)

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*: VU #512 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (11)

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission::
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

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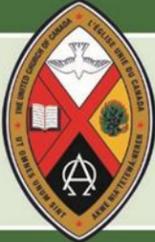
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CELEBRATION
190
YEARS
St. Paul's United Church

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Pentecost 16
Sunday September 9, 2018
Service 10:00 a.m.

Minister - The Rev. Richard C. Choe
Church Administrative Assistant - Elizabeth Sarginson
Church Officer - Jack Drew



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- 3 Lord, you make the common holy:
 “This my body, this my blood.”
 Let us all, for earth's true glory,
 daily lift life heavenward,
 asking that the world around us
 share your children's liberty;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.**
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 “Father, what they do, forgive.”
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.**
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 “I am with you to the end.”
 Faith and hope and love restoring,
 may we serve as you intend,
 and, amid the cares that claim us,
 hold in mind eternity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
 for the work of ministry.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Three-fold Amen

Music as we go back to the world

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Minister	Rev. Richard Choe
Organist	Iain Morrison
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