

# WELCOME to WORSHIP

## St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

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**WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**on**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*to reflect on*

**TRINITY**

*and*

**SABBATICAL PROMISES**

### **GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the presence  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Our Creator God

made the universe and all that is in it,  
from beyond the skies  
to the land and the sea.

God calls us to worship.

**So we gather together,**

**aware of Creation around us**

**and preparing to worship God.**

Teacher Jesus shows us an example  
of living in peace and harmony with all.  
Jesus calls us to worship.

**We gather to be reminded again  
of how we should live  
in order to seek peace and harmony  
with everyone with whom we have contact.**

The energizing Spirit  
breathes life into our very being  
so that we will live as we are intended to live  
as followers of Jesus.

The Spirit calls us to worship.

**So we gather to experience  
the Spirit's energy and warmth  
building within and among us  
as we worship.**

*Mary Grant, Forest Hill U.C., Fredericton, N.B.  
Gathering, P-1, 2026, p.30.  
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**WE SING: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"**  
(MV# 143)

**WE ARE NOT ALONE:**

*The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)*

The light of a lone candle  
can be seen a long way off.

**May our light shine in the shadows of life.**

The light of a lone campfire  
can be a beacon of hope.

**May our light give hope  
to any who feel lost.**

The lights of even the smallest house  
can signal a warm welcome  
and abundant hospitality.

**May our welcome mirror that of Christ.**

May this light of Christ  
shine through us and into the world.

**Amen.**

*Beth W Johnston, while at Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.  
Gathering, L/E, 2026, p.40.  
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*-- the candle is lit --*

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Holy One, Holy Three,  
Blessed and blessing Trinity,  
you move in Creation like a great wind,  
like a dancing flame,  
like a still, small voice,  
and we are blown away, alight and listening!

Help us to open our hearts  
**to the wisdom  
of the grandparents and ancestors,  
those living and those who have died.**

Help us to open our hearts  
**to the wisdom  
of the children and grandchildren,  
those living and those yet to be born.**

Help us to open our hearts  
**to you in this place and space,  
as we share life in the world  
and welcome the wisdom of the Word.  
In Christ's name, in the Spirit's power,  
through the Creator's love, may it be so.  
Amen.**

*Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.  
Gathering, P-1, 2026, p.30.  
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## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

### **WE LEARN TOGETHER**

*(time with our younger brothers and sisters)*

**WE SING:** "I Can Feel You Near Me God" (MV# 48)

### **WE READ FROM OUR SACRED STORY**

#### **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Agree with one another; live in peace; trinity.

#### **Matthew 28:16-20**

Go be disciples in all the world!

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.*

***May our hearts and ears be opened.***

## **REFLECTION**

**WE SING:** "Bring Many Names" (VU# 268)

### **WE DEDICATE WHAT WE BRING:**

Holy God,

**we bring to you the ordinary things of life:**

**food and drink and money;**

**and in bringing them we bring ourselves.**

**Take us and our gifts of money**

**to do your work**

**in this place and in the world. Amen.**

### ***WE SHARE A SIMPLE MEAL***

*This is a translation of the prayer of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215)  
the earliest known text of a eucharistic prayer.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
through your beloved servant, Jesus Christ,  
whom you have sent in these last times  
as saviour and redeemer,  
and messenger of your will.  
He is your Word, inseparable from you,  
through whom you made all things  
and in whom you take delight.

You sent him from heaven into the Virgin's womb,  
where he was conceived, and took flesh.  
Born of the Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he was revealed as your Son.  
In fulfillment of your will he stretched out  
his hands in suffering to release from suffering those  
who place their trust in you,  
and so won for you a holy people.

He freely accepted the death to which he was  
handed over, in order to destroy death  
and to shatter the chains of the evil one;  
to trample underfoot the powers of hell  
and to lead the righteous into light;  
to fix the boundaries of death,  
and to manifest the resurrection.

And so he took bread, gave thanks to you, and said:  
"Take, and eat; this is my body, broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
“This is my blood, shed for you.  
When you do this, do it for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,  
we set before you this bread and cup,  
thankful that you have counted us worthy  
to stand in your presence  
and serve you as your priestly people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of the holy church.  
Gather into one all who share these holy mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you and give you glory,  
through your servant, Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honour are yours,  
almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy  
church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WE MAKE PROMISES TOGETHER AS WE LAUNCH INTO SABBATICAL**

*(based on the text prepared by the Rev. Gord Waldie, St. Paul's U.C., Grande Prairie, AB)*

***Piotr:** The commandment to keep Sabbath is deep in our faith story. Sometimes for a day, or for a fallow season, or for a Jubilee year. In the Gospels we see Jesus regularly going off by himself to pray. Sabbath Time is a time for rest, a time for study, a time to be re-energized for life.*

M&P Rep: Ministry personnel in the United Church are encouraged to take Sabbath Time through regular days off, vacation time, and a Sabbatical Leave every few years. Today we wish Piotr well as he embarks on a three-month Sabbatical Leave starting tomorrow morning.

**Congregation: We hope it will be a time of rest, a time to explore other ideas about the church, a time to not worry about the church.**

*Piotr: The Sabbath Time is not just for me though, it is a time for you as well.*

M&P Rep: During these next three months we will have a chance to remember the gifts that exist in our midst. We will lift up the leadership of members of our community in worship, we will hear different voices reflect on what God is doing among us.

**Congregation: We will continue to support each other as we live out our faith.**

*Piotr: It is with gratitude for the gift of Sabbath that I enter this time of Sabbatical. I go confident in the leadership that has been arranged for the next three months.*

M&P Rep: As we enter this new season we offer this blessing:

**Congregation:**

**May your time be restful and invigorating.  
May you learn new things, or re-learn old things.  
May you find time to restore your soul**

**and renew your strength.  
May God be with you  
in the expected and the unexpected.**

M&P Rep: Piotr will return to the office on Sept. 8 and to worship leadership on September 13 when we will celebrate together once again.

*Piotr: As the hymn says:  
God be with you till we meet again  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
...daily manna still provide you...  
keep love's banner floating o'er you...  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**All: AMEN!!!**

**WE SING:** "Draw the Circle Wide" (MV# 145)

### **PASTORAL BLESSING**

... and may the blessing of God,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you now and always  
**Amen!**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

As you go from here, to share  
the Good News  
with all those you will encounter,  
as you go from here ...  
may the Peace of the Lord  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**