

**St. Paul's United Church, Dundas, Ontario
August 10, 2025**

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee land, as covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty, 1792. We respect the longstanding relationship with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" – arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship:

In the presence of our Creator,
we gather this day in a spirit of gratitude.

**Gratitude for all the gifts of Creation –
the air, the water, the land, the changes of seasons.**

Gratitude for all the creatures
that walk, swim, fly, and crawl on this earth.

**We gather seeking wisdom to help us live
a generous and compassionate life.**

We gather seeking wisdom to help us live
together with respect and humility.

**We gather seeking hearts and minds that are open
to new possibilities and new beginnings.**

Opening Hymn: V.U. #232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving & Confession:
You have given us a world of beauty, and we spoil it.
A world to feed us, and so many go hungry.
A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

**Forgive us, gracious God,
For those times we have no thought for others,
no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you,
to be shared and nurtured,
and those who live upon it to be loved and cared for.
We ask this that your name may be glorified,
through the beauty of this world,
and the service of our lives
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hymn: V.U. #577 "I've Got Peace like a River"

Celebration time with the young at heart

Musical Offering: "There Is a Season" – B. and S. Poorman
Raymond Wilson - Baritone

Scripture: Psalm 49, V.U. #774 (*please see insert*)

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21
The Word of the Lord! **Thanks Be To God!**

Hymn: V.U. #507 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Thoughts for Living: Joy

Offering/Thanksgiving Time

Sung Offertory: VU #537

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere, and some there are
who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.**

**Because we love you and your work our offering
now we make: be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer: V.U. #960 (*sung*)

Hymn: V.U. #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction: "May You Run And Not Be Weary"

Postlude: Fugue in F Major – D. Buxtehude

**We wish to thank our guest, Rev. Kerri Hagerman
for joining us today and enriching
our worship service.**

Next Week: August 17th - Our worship service will be held
at Highland Hills Faith Community, not at St. Paul's.
Please join us there.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kerri Hagerman
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