

St. Paul's United Church, Dundas, Ontario
March 3, 2024
Gratitude Sunday

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Long before those of us who are settlers, ... on the historic territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga peoples.

As Christ's people, let us be people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation.

Lighting the Christ Candle & the Peace Candle:

The Light of Christ!

Amen!

The Light of Peace!

Amen!

Prelude: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – arr. J. Carter

Call to Worship:

We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always, even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.

In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

***Hymn:** VU #315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Opening Prayer

***Hymn:** MV #191 What Can I Do? (repeat twice)

Children's Time

Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do? (repeat once)

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17 Bob Boose

Musical Offering: Pie Jesu –Andrew Lloyd Weber
Louise Stokes, Soprano

Second Reading: John 2: 13-22 Bob Boose

Reflection: “Disciples in a Community of Faith”

***Hymn:** VU #522 Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest

Sharing the Gratitude

Invitation to Offering

Dedication: VU #542. We Give You But Your Own

Offertory Prayer:

God of gift and giftedness, hear our prayers and receive our offering, a reflection of our “glad and generous hearts” and our desire to be good stewards of all that you have given us.

By your blessing and our labours may this offering be transformed into food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, clothing for the naked, community for the lonely. And, through our ministries, may your Good News be heard, your peace be felt, and your love be known. Amen.

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Prayers of the People:

Creating God, ... and life itself.

We thank you for the gift of life.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of family, friends, and community, ... in our times of sorrow.

We thank you for the gift of love.

Compassionate God, we thank you for holding us in troubling times, you are always with us.

We thank you for the gift of compassion.

Challenging God, we thank you for writing your law upon our hearts, ... in a world so desperately in need of healing.

We thank you for the gift of challenge.

God of all time and place, ... May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

We thank you for the gift of our call to discipleship.

Let us join our hearts, minds, and voices together as we pray the prayer our Saviour taught:

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

—Jason Locke

***Hymn: VU 512** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Commissioning and Benediction

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

May you run and not be weary,
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope – and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary,
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home!

Postlude: Fugue in G minor – J.S. Bach