

St. Paul's United Church, Dundas
July 26, 2026

Land Acknowledgement:

We gather with respect, recognizing we are on the traditional and treaty lands of the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This place is also connected to the histories of the Erie, Neutral, Wendat and Mississauga peoples.

We are called to care for these lands and waters through actions rooted in deep respect—for the earth and for each other—as an active part of our journey toward reconciliation.

Welcome/Announcements

Piano Prelude: “Spring Celebration” - Stephen Chapman
- Ian Alsop, Piano

Call to Worship:

Come, all who yearn for connection and understanding

Where leadership by all of us is passionate and brave

Where the lives and leadership of children,
youth and young adults are celebrated

Where diversity is our essence

Where possibility and hope surpass scarcity and lament

Where connection and working together is our way of life

Where we know our call
as beloved community of Jesus' disciples.

In such a time as this.

Opening Hymn: V.U. #356 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Hymn: V.U. #359 “He Came Singing Love”

Scripture:

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52

May we hear and learn from these messages from the Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God.

Musical Offering: “The Longer I Serve Him
the Sweeter He Grows” - William J. Gaither
- Ian Alsop, Piano & Mary Margaret Fink, Organ

Thoughts for Living: “Changes”

Hymn: M.V. #157 “I Am a Child of God”

Invitation to Offering

Sung Offertory: V.U. #543 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: V.U. #960 (spoken)

Closing Hymn: V.U. #639

“One More Step Along the World I Go”

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction: “May You Run and Not Be Weary”

Postlude: “Like a River Glorious”

-Horatio Spafford, Frances Ridley Havergal

Upcoming Services

August 2 Rev. Ron Archer

August 9 Rev. Donalee Williams

**A special Thank You to Mary Margaret for her
musical leadership on the organ today and
to Joan Williams for leading us in worship.**

Worship Leader: Joan Williams, LLWL
Minister of Music: Fredric DeVries
Pastoral Care Minister: Rev. John Adeyemi
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Merrill Graham
Office Administrator: Sarah French
Caretaker: Gisell Arevalo
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Young Families Programming: Porscha Hewitt
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