

**St. Paul's United Church, Dundas**

**May 3, 2026**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** "Preludio and Soliloquy for Chimes" – M. Helman  
Afternoon Handbells

**Land Acknowledgement:**

We acknowledge that Indigenous peoples are the traditional guardians of this land where we gather today. This is the historic territory of the Erie, Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Wendat, and Mississauga peoples.

**We commit to acknowledging the past, working actively to improve our relationship and learning together in the spirit of true reconciliation.**

**Call to Worship:**

In the beginning was the word.

**God's word of creation**

In the beginning was the word

**God's word of hope**

In the beginning was the word

**God's word of inclusion**

**In the beginning God's word spoke to us in our hearts**

In the past, people took God's word and placed it in a box

**God's word can heal and harm.**

God's word can bring judgement and division.

**God's word offers hope and inclusion**

In the present, God's word is spoken by God's people

**Come and worship, speak and hear words of hope where all are welcome!**

**Opening Hymn:** V.U. #226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** MV #145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

**Celebration time with the young at heart**

**Musical Offering:** "All Things New" – Elaine Hagenberg  
Chancel Choir

**Hebrew Scriptures:** Proverbs 4: 5-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 7: 7-12

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

**Thoughts For Living:** Troublesome Texts

**Hymn:** V.U. #472 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

**Offering/Thanks**

**Sung Offertory:** V.U. #541

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer:** V.U. #960

**Closing Hymn:** MV #28 "God of the Bible"

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Choral Blessing:** "May You Run and Not be Weary"

**Postlude:** "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" – G.F. Handel

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*Thank you Rev. Ruth Noble for leading worship today*

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