St. Paul's United Church
October 25th, 2026
Stewardship 3, Peace Sunday, World Foodgrains Bank Sunday
22nd after Pentecost

Welcome

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.

Announcements

Prelude: "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" – C. Schalk/K. Webber Afternoon Handbells

Call to Worship:
God of harvest and table
From age to age, including this moment,
we seek refuge in God,
who always is and has been,
since before the world was only a dream:
God is why we gather;
God who is our help when our frailty weighs on us,
when peace feels so far away.
God is why we hope.
God who teaches wisdom,
who satisfies us with steadfastness
in affliction and in gladness:
God is why we love.
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: V.U. #232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" (vs 1, 2, 4)

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Rainbow Candle

Opening Prayer:
God of peace, we thank you for faithfulness
and your gift of true peace –
not as the world gives, but the Peace of the Christ.
May we fully adopt this peace in our hearts
as we seek true peace in places of tension and conflict;
That you would call and enable us to support and empower others who are hungry because of conflict and strife, that you would fill tables with nutritious food,
so that everyone has enough to eat,
and that you would bring your true peace to all;
That no one would suffer or go hungry. Amen.
(*Opening Prayer from: World Food Day Worship Guide, Setting the Table for Peace)*

Hymn: "Everything We Need" – The Rainbow Songbook

Celebration time with the young at heart

Scripture: Micah 4: 3-5
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church**.**
Thanks be to God.

Thoughts for Living: Canadian Foodgrains Bank
A Video Presentation by Winston Lindsay and Luke Alsop

A Stewardship Minute

Musical Offering: "*La Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin*" – C. Debussy
Andrew Smart, Saxophone

Congregational Anthem: V.U. #556
"Be Present at Our Table Lord"

Offering Prayer

Sung Offertory: M.V. #191 "What Can I Do?"

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Closing Hymn: V.U. #506 "Take My Life and Let it Be"
(vs 1, 3, 5)

Commissioning and Benediction

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

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress" – J. Pachelbel

Today's bulletin is in loving memory of
Irene & Michael Tangney and Joanne Paliga,
Parents & Sister of Mary Anne Tangney

Upcoming Sundays:

November 1st - All Saints Sunday
November 8th - Remembrance Sunday

VU - Voices United, MV - More Voices
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