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Minister – All of the Congregation
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Director of Music: Paul Sloan

Sunday November 3, 2013

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 460 All Who Hunger*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ
is in us and in Our world.

INTROIT: **Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy One, be with us and make us as eager to meet you as Zacchaeus all those many years ago. Open our hearts and minds to you as we take the bread and wine, your gifts to us. May your Spirit be able to work in us in transforming our lives. Let us pray in silence (*wondering what to pray? There aren't magic words. Rest in the silence, name people, places of joy and/or concern. Trust in this sacred listening.*)

**HYMN I Saw the Rich Ones*

1. **I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad
and I wondered because she gave all that she had**

Refrain

***But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God***

loving you and me.

2. I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said but to his house I saw Jesus go to break and I knew something special had happened that day when Zacheus gave half of his riches away

Refrain

3. The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid
for the ones who came later were paid just the same as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came

Refrain

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932(sung)

***Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SUNG TWICE) VU#933

***Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.***

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

We have tasted your goodness O God. We have seen your generosity and fairness. May we go out to live love, to serve others, and to rejoice in this meal. Amen

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

WE HEAR THE WISDOM OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

May we hear these ancient scriptures with trusting faith and gentle hope, with creative enthusiasm and honest doubt, rooted in the teachings of Jesus and grounded in your love. May we hear your call in scripture today. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19: 1-10

ANTHEN My Shepherd Will Supply My Need!

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

***DOXOLOGY: #VU 541**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN VU# 562 Jesus Calls Us

* COMMISSIONING

* CHORAL AMEN HALLELUJAH AMEN #974

Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Welcome! Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more info about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. ***Thank you to the Fellowship Club for hosting coffee today in the Great Hall! Everyone is welcome!***

Lay Reader

Pre-Service Music

Administrator

Custodian

Don Penrose

Rick Taylor

Judy McConnell

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for November is Ken Woods

Diane & Graham Patchell will be delivering DVD's.

Captain of the Counters for November is Tom Barber

Sheila Thompson is in the nursery this week.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

It is fall time, and it is time to think about the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) again. The CFGB is a partnership of 15 different Canadian churches, whose purpose is to reduce hunger around the world. This is accomplished by either providing emergency food to starving people affected by famine or floods or earthquakes, or by organizing food-for-work projects to help hunger people to help themselves such as digging wells, building proper irrigation for much needed crops, etc.

Due to the 4:1 matching from the federal government and the 1: 1 matching from the St. Paul's Special Project Fund, **every dollar you donate to the CFGB will grow to \$10 worth of food for the hungry.** Please write your cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church and designate it as a donation to CFGB. **Thank you for your support in helping CFGB to reduce hunger in the world. There are envelopes on the back window to make your donations in!**

Karen will be out of the office next week, she will be leading the service on November 10th and return to the office on November 11th.

UCW Garage Sale the ladies raised **\$1572.00!** Thank you to everyone for their help!

Change in date of the November UCW meeting - due to another function the **UCW meeting has been moved to Tuesday November 19th at 12:30** in the parlour. It will resume to the normal 2 Tuesday in December. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

All are welcome to the **Fellowship Club** on Tuesday Nov 5th at 7pm in the Great Hall. Our guest speaker will demonstrate techniques of the NORDIC POLE WALKING and emphasize the many health benefits for all ages.



Disabled parking: the four staff spaces at the side of the church are available on Sundays for anyone who has a disability and requires closer parking! Please be thoughtful of others by only using this space if you are in need!

Don't forget our video library on the shelves in the middle aisle of the church, for those who may have missed a worship service. Copies of past services are there and can be borrowed.

PAR Program Please consider using our Pre-authorized Remittance plan. All you need is a cancelled cheque and we can sign you up! Why not use the PAR program and then you will not need to worry about envelopes again. **We have signed up 5 new people and a few more have spoken to me about considering it. Please consider giving by PAR (automatic monthly withdrawal)! See Judy in the office for more info.**

2014 Envelopes and pledge cards are ready for pickup in the parlour today. If you are able to deliver any to people who are not here today that is appreciated.

2014 Committee Budgets – your assistance in getting your 2014 budget into the church office as soon as possible is appreciated.

We have an urgent prayer request for the Great grandson of Barb Lalonde. His name is Brock and he is 5 months old and is having brain surgery on Monday Nov 4th. Your prayers are appreciated.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL THAT NEEDS A VISIT FROM OUR MINISTER, PLEASE CALL OUR CHURCH OFFICE AND LET KAREN KNOW. (705-526-6077)



Remembrance Day – November 11th the service will start at the Cenotaph at 10:45 on Monday. Everyone is Welcome!

Bible Study is on Wednesday from 11:30 to 1pm in the parlour and chapel. All are welcome! Our study is called "Living the Question". If you would like to join in please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 to receive the package outlining the study.

When Johnny Came Marching Home! On Friday November 8th at 7:30pm at St. Paul's United Church, presented by Brookside Music. Tickets are \$25 + HST & S/C in advance and \$30 +HST & S/C at the door. **Veteran's free.**

Don't miss this special high-spirited celebration, saluting the brave men and women who fought and died for our freedom. Tickets are available at the Midland Cultural Centre Box office or online at www.brooksidemusic.com See poster for more information!