



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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### FOODGRAINS SUNDAY

Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Director of Music: Paul Sloan

**Sunday October 20, 2013**

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 217

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON PSALM 103:1-5)

One: Come and worship!

Let us remember what God has done for us!  
Despite our failures, God forgives and releases us.  
More than any doctor,  
God heals what is wounded inside of us.  
When we are famished and weak,  
God fills us with good and beautiful things,  
Satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.  
So come!

**All: Come, praise God together!  
Sing songs from a grateful heart,  
And worship God's holy name!**

#### 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

\*HYMN # 296 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

VIDEO – "TRAIN OF HOPE" – CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Elvera Isard a long time member of St. Paul's and an active member of our UCW. Our prayers and condolences go out to Carol and her sister and brother and their families for their loss. **Elvera's "Celebration of Life" service will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.**

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** This Sunday during the coffee time downstairs for the next 2 weeks, Judy will be signing people up for the **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.

**2014 Envelopes** – If you do not have envelopes at present and would like a set for the 2014 year, please contact the church office, the new envelopes along with your pledge cards for 2014 will be ready in the next few weeks.

**2014 Committee Budgets** – **This week each committee head should have received their budget sheet by email. If you have not received it please let the church office know.**

**Blessing of the Animals**, Friday November 1, 2013 4:30 p.m.  
All Saints Anglican Church, 1 Peel Street, Penetanguishene, On

**Christian Community Breakfast:** on Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> doors open at 6:30am and breakfast starts at 7am. At the North Simcoe Sports and Rec centre. The speaker is Connie Cavanaugh. Tickets will be available in the church office in early October \$12.50.

**Fall Food Drive** –We donated 589lbs of food to the Salvation Army Food bank! Thank you to everyone!

**UCW GARAGE SALE NEXT FRIDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Time to start thinking about recycling all those items that you no longer need or use. Recycle them to the UCW garage sale On Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> Penetang Legion - You can drop things off at the legion on the afternoon of Thursday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm or early morning of the sale!

### Family



**Fun Night:** on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8pm in the church gym. We'll be having a "Pumpkinfest" celebrating all things pumpkin. There will be games, crafts, including decorating pumpkins and snacks. Everyone is welcome!



**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!

**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.

**The Circle** will meet on Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parlour at 7pm. Our guest is Cathy Metzgar who will be showing us how to make hand made Christmas Cards. The cost of this meeting is \$6.00 each, to pay for the cost of the supplies. Everyone is welcome! If you are planning on attending, please let Judy in the office 705-526-6077 know.

**Stewardship** will meet on Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm in the parlour.

Drivers are needed to help a family in our church - *Thank you to everyone who donated their time to help this family.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

*(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 Litany: Psalm 8 – A Paraphrase

My God, my God, how wonderful you are!

There is nothing like you in the whole earth.

I look up to the skies, and I see you there:

Babies and infants open their mouths,

And I hear them cry your name.

Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs,

Our power to destroy, dwindle into insignificance.

On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the skies,

I gaze into your infinite universe, and I wonder:

Who am I?

Why do I matter?

Why do you care about mere mortals?

We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe.

We have existed less than a second in the great clock of creation.

Yet you choose us as your partners.

You share the secrets of the universe with us:

you give us a special place in your household:

you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf-

not just the sheep and oxen,

but also the wolves that prey on our domestic animals:

the birds, the plants, and even creatures we have never seen

in the depths of the sea.

My God, my God! How amazing you are.

*Written by James Taylor, in Everyday Psalms (Wood Lake Books, 1994)*

ANTHEM *Teach Me, O Lord* Dave Perry & Jean Perry

GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Peter Vander Zaag

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

**HYMN A Grateful Heart**

**A grateful heart is what I bring;  
a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice;  
in You, O God, I will rejoice.**

**Your name is known in all the lands.  
You feed the poor with gentle hands.  
Your word is true; Your works are just;  
in You, O God, the faithful trust.**

**With saving love You set us free,  
and still You dwell in mystery  
with wisdom none can comprehend.  
Your praise, O God, will never end.**

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**\*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 OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* *HYMN VU# 581 When We Are Living*

\* **COMMISSIONING**

\* **CHORAL BLESSING**

**Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you,  
God is always near. Go in Love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you and will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you.  
May God's peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love; face each day.  
God will lead you, and will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.**

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*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 Worship committee for hosting coffee today in the Great Hall! Everyone is welcome!**

Guest Speaker

Dr. Peter Vander Zaag

Liturgists

Jim Sinclair and Terry MacPherson

Lay Reader

Pat Cowden

Pre-Service Music

Rick Taylor

Administrator

Judy McConnell

Custodian

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for October is Bud Wooldridge

Al James will be delivering DVD's.

Captain of the Counters for October is Ria Gerritsen

Yvette Todd 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.** You will find envelopes in your bulletin Please write your cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church and designate it as a donation to CFGB.

Today, we have the pleasure of hearing more about CFGB from Dr. Peter Vander Zaag. Peter is a potato farmer from the Alliston area, and has been involved extensively with CFGB in Asia and Africa over the past 40 years! Peter is also the Coordinator of the "Loaves and Fishes Growing Project" in South Simcoe. It has raised \$2 million since its inception in 1997. We look forward to learning from his insights and personal experiences with CFGB.

**Thank you for your support in helping CFGB to reduce hunger in the world.**