



ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A National Historic Site: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

SUNDAY SERVICE: Mother's Day & Easter VI
May 14, 2023. 11 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

*We are so glad that you've come to worship the Lord with us today, and we hope that you will experience the presence of Christ among us. In the pew are the following tools for participation in this service. The blue "**Book of Praise**" contains our hymns, the red "**Book of Psalms**" contains the responsive psalms, and the blue "**New English Bible**" contains the scripture passages. If an item has an asterisk (*), then please stand if you are able. **Large print Hymnals** are available in the back of the Sanctuary. An usher would be happy to help you.*

All are welcome to join us for Coffee Hour, immediately following the service, in St. Andrew's Hall.

WE COME TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" G. Böhm

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn **643** "Lift high the cross"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness Gloria Patri

WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

*Responsive Psalm **66: 8-20**, ref I Reader: Walter Plater

Acts **17: 22-31** (page **172**, NT)

¹ Peter **3: 13-22** (page **299**, NT)

John **14: 15-21** (page **132**, NT)

*Hymn **26** "As pants the hart"

Anthem "Jesus is our Joy, our Treasure" Anonymous

Sermon "Spirit of Gentleness" Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge

Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

*Hymn **404** "O Spirit come, our hearts inspire"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer **831 Book of Praise**

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Lento" Frank Bridge

*The Doxology **830 Book of Praise**

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

*Hymn **440** "For all the love"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude "Fantasia in C" J.S. Bach

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul's is situated on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. All peoples have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Land acknowledgments are essential as we move forward on a path to reconciliation and are guided by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

AN INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

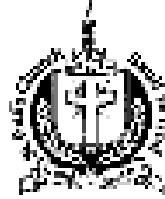
The church is called to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving and supportive community—a true church family. As affirmed by the 2021 General Assembly, all people whatever their sexual orientation or gender identity are equally beloved by God. The Session of St. Paul's endorses these truths and will strive to create a church where all people are included and affirmed.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



An automated external defibrillator is available in the hallway outside the main office.

ST. PAUL'S VISION



St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a Christian community in downtown Hamilton, embodying Jesus' acceptance and love of all people and supporting the growth of God's people in faith and service.

ST. PAUL'S TEAM

Minister (Interim):	Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Trish Haycock, North Aisle Heather Pirie, South Aisle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Bicycle Parking – If you rode your bike to church today, you are very welcome to park it in the Library section of St. Andrew's Hall. Unfortunately, locking up outside has proven to be quite a risk for bike theft and damage, and we highly recommend that you bring it inside instead. St. Paul's will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that might happen in or on our property, but we can assure you that the Library is a good place to park your bike during the service. An usher can direct you to the Library if you need help finding it.

Rev. Mark Lewis is away from May 8th-26th. We are grateful to welcome Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge today and next week, and will look forward to having Mark back from his vacation on May 28th.

HUC CHC & St. Paul's Spring Clean-up Day – Mark your calendars for May 24th: 10:30am-12pm and bring your gardening gloves. HUC and St. Paul's will be cleaning up the grounds and planting flowers together. We'd love to have as many St. Paul's congregants join us as possible! You can call Natanya (905-522-2792) at the church office with any questions, or HUC directly (289-678-1367).

Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre donations-

The following items would still be of great help to the HUC CHC. Please leave your items in the boxes on the stage in St. Andrew's Hall. Thanks!

1. Donations of toiletries, such as soap, shampoo and feminine hygiene products
2. Donations of non-perishable food items
3. Snack items such as muffins, granola bars, etc. that can be eaten by clients when they are at the site.

IN MEMORY

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God, in loving memory of Carol Dickey, by her family.

OUR GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge was ordained in 1998 and served at West Flamborough and Chalmers in Hamilton. She adopted her daughter, Maria from Bulgaria in 2004. In 2013 she received her Doctor of Ministry from Colgate Rochester in New York. Chalmers held their last service on April 29, 2018. Since taking early retirement in the spring of 2020, she has home schooled her daughter Maria during most of the pandemic and renovated their home. They are emerging from COVID life relatively sane.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 14th: *Mother's Day*

11:00am: Sunday Service: Easter V

12:00pm: Coffee hour

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

Wednesday, May 17th

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

7:00pm: Finance & Property Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall

Friday, May 19th

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall