



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

## SUNDAY SERVICE: Easter VII

May 21, 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 "Dialogue" Francois Couperin

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn 414 "God, reveal your presence"

Welcome

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

### WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Reader: Branden Moffat

\*Responsive Psalm 68: 1-10 & 32-35 refrain I

Acts 1: 6-14 (page 147, NT)

John 17: 1-11 (page 135, NT)

\*Hymn 416 "Blessed Jesus, at your word"

Anthem "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace"  
words by St. Francis of Assisi, music by Hal H. Hopson

Sermon "Jubilee Years" Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge

Silent Reflection

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH CELEBRATION

\*Hymn 661 "We give thee but thine own"

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer 831 *Book of Praise*

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory "Song Without Words" Gordon Young

\*The Doxology 830 *Book of Praise*

Prayer of Dedication

### WE GO FORTH IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

\*Hymn 468 "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude "Toccata in F" D. Buxtehude

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## 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.

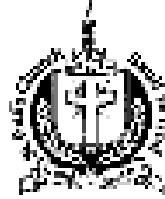
## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



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

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## 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
Guest Minister:	Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge
Clerk of Session:	Jer Dubash
Director of Music:	Blair Havers
Chimer:	Branden Moffat
Custodian:	Ruparain Sydney
Office Administrator:	Natanya Hill
Today's Ushers:	Archie McQueen, North Aisle Walter Plater, South Aisle

## ST. PAUL'S CONTACT INFO

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Donations to Beautify the St. Paul's Garden** – If you're gardening this year and you'd like to split up some perennials or simply buy some to donate to St. Paul's, we'd happily put them in the ground for all to enjoy! You can bring any plant or black mulch donations to the church office this Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 9am and 4pm. You could also bring them to church next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and give them to Ida, Margaret, or Arlene.

**Indoor 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.

**HUC CHC & St. Paul's Spring Clean-up Day, this Wednesday** – Mark your calendars for this Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am-12pm and bring your gardening gloves. HUC and St. Paul's will be cleaning up the grounds on the North side 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). Please bring your own gloves and labelled tools to use.

**Rev. Mark Lewis is away** through May 26<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to welcome Rev. Dr. Victoria Eldridge again today, and will look forward to having Mark back from his vacation next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

### **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter VII**

11:00am: Sunday Service: Easter VII

12:00pm: Coffee hour

### **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Day**

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

### **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am: HUC & St. Paul's Spring clean-up day

6:00pm: Hamilton Beat Harmonic in Centennial Hall

### **Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm: Rental in Centennial Hall

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**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.

### **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.