

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. Paul's Pastoral Charge

June 4, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.

**Cancer Survivor Sunday**

### PRELUDE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mary Anne Silverthorn

### WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG: MV #154 "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1)

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

### ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

In Tillsonburg, as we gather on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples, dating back countless generations, we acknowledge the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, showing respect for the long-standing relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

**All: Wholeness—giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.**

One: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, we come seeking to be renewed and restored.

**All: God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.**

One: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

**All: God – our Beginning and our End, our hope is in you. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN: VU #256 "O God Beyond All Praising" (vs. 1 & 3)

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, this song of praise we son.  
May we who know your favor our humble service bring;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION CONFESSION & THANKSGIVING

Lord God, thank you for the opportunity to worship, here at St. Paul's. A time of meeting together in the warmth of your embrace. We are thankful that we can put aside all our uncertainties and rest in the certainties found in you. We bring all our hurts and fears and leave them with you, knowing that your strength and assurance are all that we need. Thank you Lord that as we draw near in worship, we find a place where we can be at peace in your presence and find healing and wholeness. Amen.

## About National Cancer Survivors Day

National Cancer Survivors Day is an annual, treasured Celebration of Life that is held in hundreds of communities around the world, on the first Sunday in June. It is a CELEBRATION for those who have survived, an INSPIRATION for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of SUPPORT for families, and an OUTREACH to the community. It is a day when people will unite to recognize cancer survivors, raise awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer survivors face, and – most importantly – celebrate life.

## Who is a cancer survivor?

The National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation defines a *survivor* as anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life.

## THE COLOURS OF CANCERS.

All Cancers & Survivors -	Purple Ribbon
Breast Cancer -	Pink Ribbon
Bone Cancer -	Yellow Ribbon
Endometrial Cancer -	Peach Ribbon
Kidney (Renal) Cancer & Leukemia -	Orange Ribbon
Liver Cancer -	Emerald Green Ribbon
Lung Cancer -	White Ribbon
Multiple Myeloma -	Burgundy Ribbon
Ovarian Cancer -	Teal Ribbon
Pancreatic Cancer -	Purple Ribbon
Prostate Cancer	Light Blue
Skin Cancer (Melanoma) -	Black Ribbon

## VIDEO PRESENTATION – Steve Valentine story

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Light a candle for a Cancer Survivor or a family who are surviving after the lost of a loved one to cancer.

## LITANY OF SOLIDARITY WITH PERSONS WITH CANCER (softly played interlude)

Min: In Celtic teachings, stones have healing qualities. They activate the power of holy wells. An estimated 2 in 5 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. June 2023 an estimated 233,900 people in Canada will be diagnosed with cancer,

Bill: Today, I put this stone in the water for every person who hears the words: "You have cancer."

All: Spirit of Life, give each strength to face the unknown, patience to go through the tests, and courage to make the best decisions.

Min: Early detection is the best protection.

Sybil: I put this stone in the water for all involved in cancer research whose life and work make early detection, careful diagnosis, and the hope of healing possible.

**All: God of Many Names, guide their minds to discover the ways of cancer.**

Min: The days of treatment are so long, the chemotherapy and radiation so scary, the face in the mirror is so strange.

Joan: I put this stone in the water for all persons who fight the exhaustion, the fear, the loss of & hair and appetite; for those who fight back, who stay the course, and look fear in the face  
Wilson with courage and even with humor.

**All: Holy One of Courage and Laughter, be near!**

Min: For every person with cancer, there are family and friends who are shocked and grieving.

Floyd: I put this stone in the water for all mothers and fathers, partners, children and siblings, friends and colleagues who wait and watch.

**All: Holy One on the Journey, give them strength to be with their loved one.**

Min: Faith, prayer, and community are sources of help and healing.

Norma: I put this stone in the water for all the prayers and visits, the phone calls and cards, the food and kind acts that bring comfort and healing.

**All: Holy One of Hospitality, surround us with community as we receive God's words: I am here with you; you are not alone.**

Min: There will be a cure; there must be a cure!

Marianne: I put this stone in the water for all who believe in and work toward the day when cancer does not take the lives of God's Children.

**All: Divine Healer, send your healing spirit to bring a cure for cancer now as we received your words: I am here with you; you are not alone.**

Adapted from Diann L. Neu, D.Min., WATER, dneu@hers.com

## **CHILDREN'S FOCUS:**

### **PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CHILDREN'S HYMN: VU #402 "We Are One" (vs. 2)**

2. We are one, as we share, as we share, brokenness and fear,  
in the touch, of a hand, there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one, as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

<b>SCRIPTURES:</b>	<b>Old Testament:</b>	Lamentations 3:19-26 pg. 766
	<b>Reader:</b>	This is God's Word.
	<b>All:</b>	<b>Praise be to Christ.</b>

### **SERMON: "Hope" – Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERTORY HYMN: MV #191 "What Can I Do?" (x2)

What Can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

**God whose giving knows no ending. We know how to say thank you when we receive, today we say thank you as we give. In our giving, hear our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are and all that we have. Bless these gifts for your mission in the world, and open our eyes to how you are calling us to participate. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**One:** Thank you, God, for getting us through the night and blessing us with a new day. Help us to use our day to be there for others.

**All:** **Thank you for giving us family. Please protect them from injuries as they go through their day at work, school or play, and keep them from harm.**

**One:** We ask for your just punishment and rehabilitation for bullies or predators that seek to harm others.

**All:** **We are grateful for our family's good health, and ask that you always let us be there for them when they need us.**

**One:** Lord, we ask your blessing on our leaders; the people we look up to for guidance at Church, school, work, and political decision makers.

**All:** **Be with our Town Council, Provincial and Federal leaders. Guide them to make wise choices for us. Please bless Karlene with good health. Let her know that her Church family supports her at work and rest. Help her to shepherd us through Your word and guide us to become better Christians.**

**One:** Father, please protect all world leaders. Guide them to make decisions that lead to peace and not war.

**All:** **Help them to make wise choices to care for this wonderful planet that you have entrusted to us. Give them the ability to collect information and give us advice on how we can fight diseases that affect the entire world population.**

**One:** Be with the victims of earthquakes and other disasters.

**All:** **Give them hope dear God, that when tomorrow comes, it will be a better day.**

**One:** Lord, we place before you the most vulnerable in our society. Help them to know that they are loved and valued by many.

**All:** **Give us opportunities to reach out with a meal, warm clothing, or shelter. While some of us can't give financially, remind us we can always give a smile, a greeting, or a few friendly words to let them know they are not alone or forgotten.**

One: We place before you people that suffer with mental illness, depression or loneliness.

**All: We remember especially those grieving the loss of a loved one, or a pet. Please Lord, direct them towards the help they need we pray.**

One: Be with people that are incarcerated or are habitual drug users.

**All: Give them the opportunities to reach out for help; to turn their life around and become useful citizens of society.**

One: Please make it more difficult for drug dealers and gun dealers, so we can keep our streets safer.

**All: Protect the homeless and help them find a safe place. We remember especially those living in squalid conditions in camps, some for generations. Please send help to them.**

One: We ask your protection and guidance for all doctors, surgeons, nurses and all medical related staff.

**All: Please give them the skills and ability to take care of all our medical needs in a timely manner. Give them the determination to continue with their life saving skills, especially when they feel burned out. Let them see the light at the end of the tunnel. We thank you for blessing us with people who are willing to go above and beyond for us, when we need them.**

One: Lord today I place before You those who we know are in need of your care. We quietly name them in our hearts (Silent prayer)

**All: Give them the strength they need as they go through, we pray.**

One: Lord, we thank you for health and the ability to still feel even if it is the aches and pains and everyday challenges.

**All: Many have gone home to be with you, and no longer feel the pain. We thank you for the privilege to have known them.**

One: Thank you for the blessings to be able to volunteer and play our small part in various roles.

**All: Continue to use us as your vessels in our spaces this we pray in Jesus' name Amen.**

**Written by Mary Hessler**

### **IN JESUS' NAME WE GO TO SERVE**

#### **CLOSING HYMN: MV #98 "Like A River of Tears"**

1. Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;  
like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us;  
like a star-studded sky your spirit shines o'er us,  
renewing our spirits with courage and faith.
2. Like a bird in free flight by windows around us;  
like a wind in the forest that breathes life among us;  
like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us,  
renewing our spirits with vision and grace.

3. Like a pillar of cloud, you promise to guide us;  
like a bright fiery bush, you come to speak to us;  
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us,  
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.
4. Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us;  
like a song of the soul, you come to be with us;  
like a prayer of the hear you heal and restore us,  
renewing our spirits, the future to face.

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE



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**We welcome all who join us for in-person worship today and online.**

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In our thoughts and prayers this week are Glenna Cargill, Jim Donaldson, Tammy Ferris and Rob Woodford, friend of Ron & Bonnie Stafford who is battling a terminal brain tumor.

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Please join us for a social time after the worship service for coffee,  
(regular & decaf) as well as tea, juice and cookies will be served.  
Members of the Worship Committee are hosting this month.



**Happy birthday wishes to:**  
**Airabella Hutcheson turning 90 on June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**and Janet Hevenor celebrates her birthday on June 8**

**Happy Anniversary wishes on June 10<sup>th</sup> to**  
**John and Carol Morling married 62 years.**



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**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by**  
**Rev. Maurice and Ruth Francis in memory of loved ones.**

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**Thank-you to Mary Johnson for creating the Cancer Awareness Antipendium.**

Thank you to several dedicated ladies and gentlemen as well as the Van Hoeve family, the UCW has frozen rhubarb for sale. This year's crop at last year's price. Only \$5 a bag. Please see Mary by the friendship room after the service, and pick up several bags. Thank you.



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**We are ordering more golf shirts for St. Paul's**

Order sheet is at the back of the Rotunda for you to complete

All orders must be paid for by June 4 - as order will be submitted at that time.

Only one color available which is royal blue. All shirts will be \$38.50 which includes logo & tax.

Thanks, Karen/Sunday School Coordinator

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**AOTS Sunday Breakfast**

Next Men's Breakfast at the Airport Cafe. Thursday June. 15 9:00 a.m.

See sign up sheets.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to help with the Worship service projection on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. Please call the office if you are interested in learning more.

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Please join us for the “**UCW "OUTDOOR"** (weather permitting) bake sale on the lawn near the ramp on Saturday June 10th at 9 a.m. All proceeds go to UCW outreach programmes. We have delicious homemade baked goods, fresh and frozen rhubarb, coffee, water and individual muffins for sale.



You can sit at the tables and enjoy your muffins or a BBQ hot dog from the yard sale area. Thank you for your support.

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### Calling all bakers.....ladies or gentlemen



Prepackaged baked goods can be dropped off at the ramp entrance on Friday June 9th from 1 to 4 p.m. We suggest that large loaves should be cut in half or sliced.

Tarts or squares packaged as six or less. Mixed squares can be packaged together. Please mark items containing nuts. To arrange for donated baked goods to be picked up, please call Mary at 519-409-0716. Thank you for your donations.

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### St. Paul's is holding a Yard Sale on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



You can continue to drop off your smaller items every Wednesday from 9-12 noon.

#### We are looking for:

Small appliances

Toys and games

Jewellery

Gently used clothing

Linens

Books

and much more...

Starting in May we will be accepting furniture items,

please call 519-842-3023 (Brenda Marshall) for pick up or drop off.

There is also a signup sheet outside the Friendship Room. If you can help in anyway with setup the day before, help at a table on the day, cashier ect....

Please sign your name, time you are available and phone number. Thank you.

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### Seniors Potluck Lunch and Program

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Friendship room

Lunch at noon followed by program

Guests: Staff from Annandale – Celebrating 50 years at Annandale followed by

Some trivia and “What did you say that was?”

Sign-up required for lunch

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**Please Save the Date:** All women of the congregation are warmly invited to the UCW June Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. We will be gathering to share in **Fun and Fellowship**, starting with a potluck lunch at 11:30, followed by worship and a bit of business. Watch for more details in upcoming church bulletins.



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### **Foodbank June collection needs are:**



Canned vegetables

Pudding Cups

Fruit Cups

Small packages of Rice

Instant Hot Chocolate

Cookies

Mayonnaise, Mustard

Relish

Small sizes of Ketchup

Canned tomatoes                      Small jars of pickles  
 Fresh vegetables and fruit - potatoes, carrots, onions, apples, bananas, mandarins



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St. Paul's AOTS Club will be holding its **Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ** on Saturday, June 24th, 2023. Golf fill Tillsonview Golf Course teeing off at 3 p.m. BBQ will be at and Dag Morris' at a cost of \$10. **Please register by June 13th** to facilitate planning of the Event. Sign-up sheet is in the Rotunda or by emailing [stpaulsaots84@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsaots84@gmail.com). Additional information can be obtained by contacting Dave Morris or Harley Jackson.



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### IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT PA DAYS FOR 2023-2024 WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

We would like to offer this program again to the community but  
 - WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!! WE NEED COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS for various positions. Please contact Karen Hodges for more information.

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For friends or family in hospital (here in Tillsonburg or elsewhere) please contact our Church Office (519-688-0011) with Hospital name and details to let our minister know so she can follow-up with a visit or a phone-call. Hospitals no longer provide daily lists of patients wanting visits and we would not want to miss you.

DID YOU KNOW	...that you can join the team to serve at coffee time. No skills? Don't worry someone will guide you and we do love our Fellowship Time.
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