



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to those who are new or visiting today—we're glad you're here!

Children and youth go straight to the Parish Hall for Sunday School upon arrival at the church. For children who prefer to stay with their parents, activity packs are available from our ushers.

Processional: **When Morning Gilds the Skies** CP 2

Call to Worship

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Collect for Purity

Collect of the Day (*together*)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: Tricia Bacchus

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Reader: Janet Herrera

Sermon: Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham

Musical Meditation: **Cornerstone (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Isuru Weerasekera

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: We are Your Church

God invites us to share our treasures.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer and anointing are available every Sunday in the lobby during communion.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. **Be My Joy, Jesus Be My Joy**
2. **I Will Offer Up My Life**
3. **There is a Redeemer**

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Recessional: **I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Let Us with a Gladsome Mind** CP 398

Offertory hymn **Thou Art the Way: to Thee Alone**

CP 515

Recessional hymn **God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness**

CP 428

Readers:

1st Reader: Sam Paonessa

2nd Reader: Billy Corlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ushers' Luncheon – A Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Ushers' Luncheon last week. It was a joyful time of fellowship as we gathered to reflect on the spirit of Welcome, Invite, Connect that guides this ministry.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our current ushers, Elaine Phipps, Janet Herrera, Jose Couto, Jenny Walcott, Isuru Weerasekeera, Gideon Exeter, Lorna Smith, Nancy Logan, Esther Laiman, Pauline Thomas, Kehinde Ladipo, Roberta Lampkin, and Theresa Edusei, for their ongoing dedication and faithful presence each Sunday. Your warm welcome helps create a sense of belonging for all who enter our church community, and we are grateful for your ministry.

We want to thank our retired ushers, Cassie Williams, Ivan Hunte, James Doxsee and Sharlah Barter, for their faithful ministry and for the many ways they have served our church community over the years.

New to St. Paul's? Join Us for Lunch!

We're hosting a **Newcomer Luncheon today** right after the **10:00 a.m. service**. If you'd like to learn more about St. Paul's, and get to know others in our community, we would love to have you join us. Lunch is included—we hope to see you there!

Frauds and Scams Presentation

Thursday, May 14 | 10:15am

📍Upstairs Board Room

Women at St. Paul's will host a presentation by **EAPO (Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario)** on frauds and scams.

This informative session will offer practical guidance to help protect yourself and your loved ones. This event is open to **all seniors; both men and women are warmly welcome**. Cookies and juice will be provided.

To **RSVP**, please email women@stpaulsonthehill.com or call the church office at 905-839-7909.

Lemonade on the Plaza | Starting Sunday, May 17

Spring is here, and with it comes the return of our summer fellowship on the plaza! We invite you to be part of this joyful time of connection by volunteering to host a Sunday—simply provide and prepare lemonade to share with the community. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. We'd love to have you join in!

Family Planting Day – Let's Plant Together! 🌱

Sunday, May 31 | 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Join us for a fun, hands-on Family Planting Day where children and families can learn about and enjoy God's creation.

Led by our parishioner Yvonne Nunes and the Pickering Garden Club, children will plant seeds, review how to care for growing plants, and explore creative ways to reuse everyday materials—like turning newspaper into planting cups! Each child will take home 3–4 small pots with planted seeds to watch grow. Children who are able to share their progress will also be invited to the Pickering Garden Club in the fall for a special certificate presentation.

For more information and to register, please contact **Pastor Mabel** at mabell@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Gate 3:16 Updated Needs as of Spring 2026

Gate 3:16 is a Christian Outreach Centre located in Oshawa for men and women experiencing difficult times. They do not accept children's clothing. St. Paul's on-the-Hill continues to support this organization by providing clothing, shoes, etc.

At this time, there is a need for **sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts, track pants, men's jeans (up to size 38 - minimum length 32 inches), women's jeans (up to XL), waterproof light jackets, shorts, baseball caps, men's boxer shorts and women's underwear and bras. Sizes S, M, L, and XL for both men and women. Running shoes for men from size 10, women's running shoes from size 6. Besides clothing there is also a need for backpacks, blankets, tents and tarps.**

We accept clean, lightly used items. Items can be placed in a bag labelled Gate 3:16 and placed in the coat closet in the narthex. Please ensure bags are lightweight and not overflowing. If you have any questions, please contact **Eva Boessler** at evamaria1109@yahoo.ca or **Lorna Smith** at ismith1@bell.net.

Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's on-the-Hill for your continued support of this outreach program. We continue to accept financial donations through the weekly offerings.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by John and Miriam Solomon and family, and in loving memory of Christine French, given by the French family.

If you would like to **celebrate a special occasion or remember a dear loved one** by sponsoring the flowers in the vases at the altar, please contact Barb Thompson

at 289-923-0045 or barbthompson@rogers.com. **The cost is \$75.**