Riverbend United Church
Exploring Faith, Engaging Community

St. Pauls United Church Edmonton
An Affirming Congregation

Sunday, August 18th, 2024

Join us in person at Riverbend United Church on Sunday, August 18th or **click here** for our live-streamed service.

August 16, 2024

Dear friends:

Last week the prophet Isaiah offered us these compelling words on behalf of the divine:

"I have called you by your name. You are mine." Our thanks to Joanne Little and her daughter Annika for bringing home this proclamation so beautifully in music. If you missed the service you can find it by clicking here.

This week, the same prophet offers us another invitation: *"Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, so that you may live."*

Oh that we all might listen more attentively — to one another across the globe, to the oceans and forests and prairies and mountains, to our neighbors, and yes, to the divine whisper within. This voice likely won't come as lightning bolts or thunderous roars but rather in the subtle currents of everyday life. Isaiah is asking us to pay attention, to listen, to be open and ready for these subtle whispers.

Or maybe we are more like the boy Samuel - listening, hearing, but misunderstanding the divine voice. We'll explore this story on Sunday as well. You know the line, "Here I am!" But Samuel doesn't realize it is God calling him.

We once again host the people of St. Paul's United this Sunday. Let's get to know them! And just one more plug for the Edmonton Food Bank - bins are in the narthex for our nonperishable gifts to help make up ground they lost in donations when the last day of the Heritage Festival was cancelled.

In our prayers:

- Please keep Patrycja Kabut-Hinger and her husband Darren in your hearts this week as Patrycja will undergo a brain procedure on Thursday at UofA. She is grateful to know that she is in our prayers.

Have a beauty-filled weekend listening,

Valerie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please **click here** for the August 18th bulletin
- **Click here** for Riverbend United's Announcements