

St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON  
June 11, 2017, TRINITY SUNDAY



**Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
& Rev. Bev Irwin  
Music Director–Victoria Warwick  
Guests: Mue Lah, Guitarist  
Georgian Bay Ringmasters Handchime Choir of St. Paul's**

\*Indicates to please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN: VU #514 God the Spirit, Guide & Guardian

CALL TO THE GATHERED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #375 refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling & free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir us from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

One: We come here where refuge is found.

**All: God be among us as we join together.**

One: We come here where peace is proclaimed.

**All: Christ be among us as we listen to your teachings.**

One: We come here where faith is empowered.

**All: Spirit be among us, inspire us.**

One: We come here to meet the Triune God.

**All: Three-in-One, One-in-Three, be among us as we worship you. Amen**

(D. Bennett Jones, Gathering Pentecost 2017 pg.25)

HYMN MEDLEY:

**MV #23                      Come, O Holy Spirit**

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;  
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.  
Burn away the structures & consume the sham  
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!

Refrain:

*Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!  
I said a' Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!*

2. Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.  
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.

Wind of change, refresh us & disturb our calm;  
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm

Refrain

3. Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;  
spark in us a language all can understand.  
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how  
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now!

Refrain

**Called by Earth and Sky**

Refrain

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
this is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
breath of the spirit,  
blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.

Refrain

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go to Discovery Kids now)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT: (Said by all)

**May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen**

READINGS: [2 Cor. 13:11-13, Matt.28:16-20](#)

ANTHEM: Ode to Joy - Chimes

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Love Divine - Chimes

\*DOXOLOGY: VU#541

**Praise God from all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known;  
Creator, Word and Spirit One.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #401 Worship the Lord (1,2,3,5)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Sung Benediction: MV #156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,  
Work & hope for the new life a-born-in,  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

POSTLUDE



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Service and School 10 am

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Bible Reader: Cliff Rudyk

Welcome Friends!

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

Whether you are a child, youth, adult or elder,  
You are welcome here!

Whatever your ethnic origin or language;  
sexual orientation or gender identity;  
religious tradition or theological position;  
whatever your economic status or political persuasion  
You are welcome here!

If you are differently abled,  
you are welcome here!

If you are spiritually weary and in need of rest,  
If you are mourning a deep loss in your life,  
If you are skeptical;

if you have been hurt by religion,  
If you have questions,

If you come full of doubts or confidence,  
joy or sorrow,

You are welcome here because you are God's creation, and WIDE is God's Welcome!!

Friends! You are Welcome in this Place –  
Just as you are.

**Welcome** to The Georgian Bay Ringmasters Handchime Choir of St. Paul's as well as Mue Lah who will be playing the medley selections on guitar today.

**UCW Luncheon:** Just a reminder that the UCW luncheon is this coming Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at noon, at the Midland Cultural Centre.

**Worship Committee Meeting:** This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.

**Congregational Picnic June 18:** This annual event will be held in the Great Hall following worship. Please wear picnic attire and bring your favourite pot-luck dish. There will be games on the lawn. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the outdoors and family fun. Everyone is welcome!

**Workshop on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>:** Northern Waters Presbytery has asked our congregation if we might consider being part of a new project called "The Hub". We would become part of a network with other churches through technology, exploring ways that we might work together in the future. Join us for a light lunch immediately after the service on June 25<sup>th</sup>, followed by a one hour workshop to learn more.

**Fundraising Dance Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>:**

The music still lives on. Save the date! The event will be held at the NSSRC, featuring The Desotos. Tickets are now available at the Church Office, at Johnstone's Music Land, or by contacting Judy McConnell at 705-529-1826. Judy will also be selling tickets after the service today.

**Annual Summerfest:** The second annual St. Paul's Summerfest begins July 19<sup>th</sup>, running every Wednesday until August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be full course meals and entertainment.

**Camp Awesome – July 31-August 4:** "Make a Joyful Noise" – for ages 5-12, from 9 am to noon. If you have children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, spread the word. This is a great opportunity with lots of activities including stories, games, music, snacks and great fun! Registration is \$15.00 per child. Please see Bev to register.

**Elevate Accessibility:** We're excited to announce that we've reached a milestone in our fundraising efforts for the Elevate Accessibility Now project. To date, we've collected \$205,043.49 which means we only require **\$44,956.51** to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone who has donated. Don't forget you can contribute any loose change in the "Loonies for a Lift" jar in the front entrance.

**Camp Simpresca:** If you know any child who may be interested but not able to attend camp due to financial restraints, please see Bev and/or Louise in the office. If you would like to assist a child in going to Camp Simpresca, please see Louise in the Office.

**Grand Opening at Guest House:**

The "Grand Opening" and an open house is set for Monday, June 12, so the community can view the renovations and upgrades. The open house will be from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a brief program at 4:00 p.m.