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Communion Sunday

March 12th, 2017



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CORE VALUES

LOVING AND ENGAGING COMMUNITY

DIVERSE AND OPEN SPIRITUALITY

RESPECT FOR ALL CREATION

MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE AN OPEN, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

SEEKING SPIRITUALITY AND LOVING

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Welcome

SUNDAY, 12th March 2017

Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin

Director of Music – Victoria Warwick

Pre-Service Music - Rick Taylor

Bible Reader: Heather Wilson

Administrator - Judy McConnell, Custodian - Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the greeters for March is Sheila Thompson

Captain of the Counters is Tom Barber DVD's are being delivered by Diane & Graham Patchell

Communion Preparers – Louise Rachey and Sharon Foster

*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU# 562 Jesus Calls Us**

WELCOME AND WHAT'S A HAPPENING

CALL TO THE GATHERED (responsive)

One: Friends, we recognize that walking the path of Jesus is a lifelong journey.

ALL: It takes a lifetime to learn to be God's faithful people.

One: As we gather in God's presence once more, let us seek the sacred in our hearts and our lives.

ALL: Let us remember that God so loved the world. We are called to be that love.

One: Let us worship together

ALL: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT: MV# 28 (vs 2)

**God in the struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.**

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

ALL: In the quiet of this place, O God, we feel you listening. You remind us that we will be changed, born anew again and again. When we fail, there is forgiveness. When we open ourselves to you, there is grace. When we seek to love our neighbour, love is shared. When we struggle, there is hope. Like Nicodemus, may we seek you even when we have doubts and fears. Be with us, as your people, in our personal lives, as your church, and in the world. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY

VU #567 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

GOD OF THE BIBLE

1. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)*

2. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain

3. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

OPEN OUR HEARTS

Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God. (2x)

THEME CONVERSATION – A Secret Visit

LORD'S PRAYER (children go to Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (Said by ALL)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 3: 1-17

**ANTHEM
SERMON**

I Will Lift Up My Eyes

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS
OFFERTORY**

ANTHEM

Beside Still Waters

***DOXOLOGY:**

MV #79

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

VU# 266

Amazing Grace, How sweet the Sound

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*** SUNG BENEDICTION**

VU# 210 v.2

**Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss.
You, the ever-lasting instant;
You who are both gift and cost.**

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

Postlude

Announcements



for March 12th 2017 Sunday Service and School 10am

Due to the rising number of people with allergies to scents we request that you avoid using scented products. Thank you for your considerate attention to this.



We have a heart defibrillator on site, located on the wall outside the minister's office, on this level, near the parlour. At the defibrillator is a list of people who have been trained in its use, but it is very easy to use and will walk you thru the steps needed. First Aid Kits ~ are located in the church office, in the kitchenette beside the parlour, in the main kitchen downstairs, in the area outside the sanctuary by the chair lift, and in the room of requirement upstairs.





Are you new to St. Paul's?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more about St. Paul's and get connected into the community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Today coffee will be served in the Great Hall compliments of our Faith Formation committee.**

Lenten Project – This year is World Development and Relief. This is an area of work within the global Mission & Service program of the United Church of Canada. Giving for World Development and Relief supports both longer term community development work and short term response to humanitarian crises around the globe. Short term responses would include responses to earthquakes, floods or people displaced by violence and war. Donations from the congregation to this Lenten Project will be matched up to \$5,000 by the Trust Funds.
You will find envelopes for your donations included in your bulletin.

UCW Meeting on Tuesday March 14th at 1pm in the parlour. We will have a Chinese Auction* All women of the congregation are welcome! *For the Chinese Auction, you find an item at home that you no longer need/want; wrap it, and bring it to the meeting. You bid whatever amount you wish, and pick one item, surprise yourself.

Observer Magazine: Would you like to receive the Observer magazine, or renew it? The deadline for renewal is March 15th. Please let the church office know if you wish to renew or receive the Observer. The cost of a subscription for the year is \$25.00 payable to the church. Thank You!

Next Sunday, March 17th, we will be **blessing the prayer shawls.** If you have any shawls that you wish blessed, please bring them in next Sunday.



St. Patrick's party, at Waverley United Church on Saturday March 18th at 7:30pm. Live music, open mike, play an instrument, sing a song, tell a joke. Come and join us. Free will admission.

Judy McConnell is Retiring! Judy has decided to retire as Office Administrator on March 24th, 2017. **On Sunday April 2nd,** we will celebrate Judy's years with us in a reception in the Great Hall after church. Please plan to attend, share food and fellowship, meet Judy's family and pay tribute to her many contributions. Please mark this date in your calendars and join us if you can

York Regional Police Male Chorus Concert on April 1st at 7pm at the Salvation Army, Midland. Admission \$10 – all proceeds will go to Missions work. 555 Dominion Ave, Midland

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

April 9th - Palm Sunday
April 13th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm Service
April 14th - Good Friday - 10am Service
April 16th - Sunrise Service 7am - Little Lake Park -
followed by breakfast at St. Paul's
April 16th - **10am – Easter Sunday Service**



St. Paul's Yearly Auction 2017

of the talents of our parishioners is on **Saturday April 29th**.

This year we will be accepting your donations of talent, ***and*** we will also be accepting gently used items. We are looking for quality items, we also would like to limit these quality items to one per family. We regret we will **not** be able to accept furniture or large items.

A time and date will be announced when you can bring in those items

Host of Toronto Conference AGM 2017. The Toronto Conference Planning Committee is looking for volunteers again this year! **Conference dates are May 26, 27, 2017.** Volunteers will also be needed Thursday, May 25th to set up the arena meeting site. Up to (45) helpers will be needed to work specifically at the NSSRC over 3 days plus up to another (25) people at St. Paul's primarily on Saturday, May 27th. ***Volunteer applications are on the back window, and available through [our website](#), please complete and return by April 30th to: Zena Pendlebury, Don Penrose, Marlis Dupuis or leave at the church office.**

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

We are well underway with the accessibility renovations to make our building more inclusive to the community. The **total cost of this project is over \$750,000** and the **congregation's financial commitment is to raise \$250,000** (approximately one third of the total project cost). An update on the project expenses and funds was provided all occur at the General Meeting in February. As we've reported last week, we're thankful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, **\$194,149.00 (recalculated amount)** has been donated and there is only **\$55,851.00** to go! Thank you for your continued generosity and we encourage you remember the Accessibility Fund in your annual pledge, use the "Donate Now" button on the website, and don't forget to watch for upcoming fundraising activities in the months to come. Together, we will create an accessible space for all in 2017! Thank you for your support!



The **VON exercise classes** are on Tuesday and Thursdays at 12 noon in the gym. Those who attend are pleased that they are enjoying the results of the strengthening exercises. You too can join them at any time. We do strengthening and balance exercises each week with each person working at their own pace and level. Everyone is welcome!

If the weather is poor the class will be cancelled.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Don't forget about the church library, located near Karen's office and the parlour. This is our lending library and there are lots of interesting titles.

In case of a pastoral emergency you may call

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