

**St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON
Sunday, August 06, 2017**

**Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
& Rev. Bev Irwin
Music Director—Victoria Warwick
Multi-Generational Community Worker - Paw Roe Shee**



SOMETHING TO PONDER: The bible is filled with characters who are less than perfect yet God calls them. God works in the midst of the suffering, foibles and the warts of our lives, knowing that we all are made in God's image. Even in weakness we can be light to others. Sometimes, wrestling with God is an act of faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

HYMN: VU #409 Morning Has Broken

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #958 (sung twice) **Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

PRAYER OF THE GATHERED (unison)

God of summer sunshine, waves shining on the shores of Georgian Bay, we come to open our hearts and lives to you. Help us, despite ourselves, to answer your call and to know that you are faithful even when we fail. Guide us to live our lives for your kingdom. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

GOD OF THE BIBLE

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

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

2 Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain

MY LOVE COLOURS OUTSIDE THE LINES

1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

2. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

GATHER US IN

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you. (2x)

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER
(Discovery Kids Activity with Paw Roe)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (in unison)

May these wise words be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

READING: Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON – Jacob – A less than Perfect Saint

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Dan Donaldson & Victoria Warwick

*DOXOLOGY: VU #540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN VU #402 We are One (1,2,4)

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

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



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Aug 6, 2017

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Bible Reader: Antje Clarke

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 back to Dan Donaldson, Victoria's brother. They will be performing a duet as our special music today.

Pastoral Care: During the balance of July and during the month of August, the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam will be available for pastoral care.

SUMMERFEST

The second annual St. Paul's Summerfest continues, and wow, what an event! Mark your calendars for the next three Wednesdays, to August 23rd. Full-course meal begins at 5:30 followed by family entertainment at 6:30. On the menu next week, (Wednesday August 9th) is roast chicken, entertainment is Max Wagg and Doug Hill. You can't beat this venue at a cost of \$15.00 for the full evening.

Parents and Tots: There will be a Parents and Tots gathering on August 8th here at St. Paul's, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Drop in, get to know the other parents and children. Help us get the word out!



Upcoming meetings:

The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday August 8th, at 10:30 in the Meeting Room. Please note the time change.

The Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday August 9th at 9:30 in the Parlour.

Elevate Accessibility:

We've come a long way together through the renovations. We are now **only \$22,822.06 away** from reaching our fundraising goal of \$250,000 from the congregation. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Elevate Accessibility Project through their givings, pledges, and supporting the numerous fundraising activities. We're almost there, so please spread the word. Imagine if 1,000 of our friends, neighbours and relatives gave \$25 each! Don't forget our "Loonies for a Lift" jar and the "Donate Now" button on our website. Let's continue to work together to reach our goal.



Coming up:

The next Seniors Communion Tea will be on August 24th at 11:30 a.m.

The next Pastoral Care gathering will be on September 13th, at 9:30 a.m.

UCW Rummage Sale is Saturday September 30th, in the Great Hall. Donations will be received on Friday September 29th.

UCW Soup and Salad Luncheon is Saturday October 21st, in the Great Hall.



Autumn Newsletter: We are now mid-way through summer, and it's time to look ahead to fall. The autumn newsletter will be ready for delivery just before Labour Day, so we need your submissions of committee reports, articles, jokes, photos etc. The deadline for your contribution is August 18th.

Food donations: The Salvation Army Food bank is getting low on food items such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, canned pasta, pasta sauce, and crackers. If you're able to assist, please drop off your donations at the Salvation Army Food Bank at 555 Dominion Avenue. Your donations are greatly appreciated.