

**St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON
Sunday, May 21, 2017
Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**



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Music Director–Victoria Warwick**

(*Indicates to please stand as you are able.)

* HYMN: VU #460 All Who Hunger

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 INTROIT: VU #187 Vs 1

**The spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed,
and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day,
new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day,
the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

God who calls us to social justice, be with us today in our worship as we struggle with the reality of world hunger and our response as Christians. Guide us on this global day of prayer to end famine. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

When Hands Reach out Beyond Divides

1. When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.
2. When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

There Is Room for All MV 62 (2x)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all! 2x

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain & the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercys deep cries out to deep.
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come.

THEME CONVERSATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC: Shayla Brown "It's a Better Place"

(Children may go to Discovery Kids now)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: James 2:15-17; Proverbs 14:31; 1 John 3:17; Matthew 25:35;
Psalm 140:12; Isaiah 41:17

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: A Time for All things"

*DOXOLOGY: VU # 581 Vs 2

**Through all our living,
we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU#600 When I needed a Neighbour

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love & joy & peace.
May the God of justice speed us
on our way,
bringing light & hope to every land & race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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Bible Reader –

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.

Volunteer opportunity: If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity to help and support St. Paul's, please consider being a greeter. It involves meeting people at the door, distributing the bulletin and taking up the offering. For more info please speak to Sheila Thompson.

Joint memorial on May 29th: Please keep the Denise family in your thoughts and prayers. Aileen Denise passed away on May 14, 2017. A joint memorial service will be held for Aileen and her husband on Monday, May 29th, at 4:00 p.m. here at St. Paul's United Church. Both Aileen and Vic were long time members of the congregation and were very actively involved.

Scent free environment: Due to the rising number of people who suffer from allergies to scents, we are asking if people could please refrain from wearing any scented products. Thank you.

Toronto Conference: The event is happening this week, from Thursday to Saturday, May 25th to 27th. This will be a very busy time around the church and we sincerely thank all of those who are volunteering their time to make this another successful event.

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

As we begin to enjoy the accessibility renovations at St. Paul's, we wish to give thanks to everyone who has supported the project both financially and with their time and expertise! To date, we've raised \$200,239.68 which means we only require \$49,760.32 to complete the congregation's commitment of \$250,000. Please consider fulfilling your pledges or donating this month. Together, we're making our building a welcoming place for all to enjoy!

Fundraising Dance Saturday July 15th:

The music still lives on. Save the date! The event will be held at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, featuring The Desotos. More information to come.

Aluminum Cans: St. Paul's is no longer collecting aluminum pop cans. Thank you for your many years of support. If you wish, pop cans can be donated to the Scout program. The bin is located at the entrance to Saulnier's Metal Recycling on Golf Link Road.

Exercise Classes: Our VON exercise classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday at noon for 45 minutes. The program is open to both men and women and everyone is feeling the benefits of the strengthening and balance exercises. The classes are free and will continue indefinitely, so you are welcome to join at any time.

Music Festival: The Festival of the Stars is on Wednesday May 24th. This always proves to be a very busy time around St. Paul's. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Your assistance and patience is very much appreciated.