

World Wide Communion Sunday

Joint Service of
Waverley United Church and
St. Paul's United Church, Midland
Sunday, October 1, 2017



Ministers: & Rev. Bev Irwin &
Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director–Victoria Warwick

PRELUDE

HYMN: VU #457 As We Gather
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

One: Light, love, and liberty are gifts of God.

All: We come in peace.

One: Bread, wine, and friendship are the gifts of Christ.

All: We come in joy.

One: Wisdom, compassion, and grace are the gifts of the Spirit.

All: We come in hope. Let us worship God!

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:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace. I can feel the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY:

**MV #123 Day After Day
Day after day, night after night,
you speak through everything. (3x)**

VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU #932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SUNG TWICE) VU #933

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**ALL: May the bread and the wine remind us always O God, that you are the part of the
body of Christ, gathering together with Christians from all nations as we seek to
follow you. Amen**

(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (unison) **May these wise words be a source of wisdom,
courage and strength. Amen**

SCRIPTURE: [Philippians 2:1-13](#)

SERMON:
THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "As We Gather at the Table"

*DOXOLOGY: MV#135

**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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION:

Go in love; have no fear.
God will guide you, God is always near.
Go in Love; take God's hand.
God will hear you, and will understand.
May God's light forever shine upon you. May God's peace be always in your heart.
Go in love; face each day.
God will lead you, and will show the way.
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

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POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS October 1, 2017

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Service and Discovery Kids 10 am

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

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Bible Reader: Sandra Morrison

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.

Elevate Accessibility: Just look at how far we've come as a community!

We've raised \$235,936.04 towards the congregational commitment of \$250,000. That's over 90% of our goal! With your generosity, we only have **\$14,063.96 to go!**



The public Open House will be on November 4th and we'd like to have the project paid off in time for that event. Please use the special **"Let's Get It Done!"** envelopes to help us reach our goal in time. Consider fulfilling your three-year pledges, using the "Donate Now" button and "Loonies for a Lift" jar as well. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Fall Food Drive: Our Thanksgiving food drive continues today until October 8th.

PLEASE SHARE BECAUSE YOU DO CARE. Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.



Special Occasion: On Thursday Sept. 28th, Joan & Don Hough celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. **CONGRATULATIONS** from your St. Paul's Family!

Coming up

- ★ **Observer Reflections** starts this Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- ★ **Connections Project Organizational meeting:** Now that the church office closes at 1 p.m., we have been seeking volunteers to welcome people in the reception area on weekday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. If you are interested, please attend a meeting here in the small meeting room on **Wednesday October 4th, at 1:30 p.m.** We will work out a schedule for October, so bring your calendar! If you need a ride, please contact Louise Leck at (705) 526-6389.
- ★ **Art and Spirituality start date has been changed** from October 7 to October 14 because of Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome as we explore spirituality through the process of making art! All supplies are provided and the cost is \$80. To sign up, contact Joan Neville at 705 526 3276.
- ★ **Defibrillator course** is scheduled for October 19th, from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. A limited number of spaces is available for registrants, so if you're interested, please contact Bea at 705-528-095.
- ★ **UCW Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** is Saturday October 21st, in the Great Hall.
- ★ **Guess who's coming to dinner - October 28th** - Stewardship is once again sponsoring this fundraising event. Anyone who has participated in the past knows what a great way this is to meet others in a home environment and be served an interesting meal. Your cost is a contribution to the church towards operating expenses. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please leave them at the church office when completed.