

St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, September 10, 2017

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

Music Director–Victoria Warwick



SOMETHING TO PONDER: Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit being God's presence in the world and within us. How do you see yourself in relationship to the Spirit?

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

HYMN: VU #374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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: (Tune of MV #1)

**Let us weave a tapestry of love with fingers skilled and true,
a work of art that blends God's grace with each dynamic hue.
Showing Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end,
May this tapestry display to everyone God is gracious, God is loving,
We are held in God's embrace.**

PRAYER OF THE GATHERED: (unison)

May this worship service, Holy One, be a time for us to make space within ourselves to be open to you. May we live in faith everyday, reflecting your love and spirit. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

DANCE WITH THE SPIRIT

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-born-in',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

UNBOUNDED SPIRIT, BREATH OF GOD (vs.1,2,5)

1. Unbounded Spirit, breath of God,
refreshing water, cleansing flame,
we give allegiance, through your call,
to Christ, and to no other name.

2. Receive and open for review
the work we do, the word we preach,
and school us, as we teach and learn,
in careful thought and truthful speech.

5. Inscribe on every growing skill,
on every action, every vow,
the living name of Jesus Christ,
beginning here, beginning now.

BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God.

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Discovery Kids*)

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

SCRIPTURE: [1 Corinthians 12:4-13](#)

ANTHEM: River in Judea

DIALOGUE SERMON – L.I.F.E series Marjolyn van der Wel and Karen –

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Be Still and Know

*DOXOLOGY: VU #614

**In suffering love the thread of life
is woven through our care,
so send us out to touch the world
with blessings in your name.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU#506 Take My Life & Let It Be

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #623 vs 1,3

**Dear weaver of our lives' design whose patterns all obey,
with skillful fingers gently guide the sturdy threads that will survive
the tangle of our days, the tangle of our days.**

**Let eyes that in the plainest cloth a hidden beauty see,
discern in us our richest hues, show us the patterns we may use
to set our spirits free, to set our spirits free.**

POSTLUDE



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Service and Discovery Kids 10 am

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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 and thank you to St. Paul's Choir for their gift of music.

We extend our sympathy to the Dennis family on the passing of Don on Monday September 4th. Please keep Esther and this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Today is our 3rd **L.I.F.E.** (Living in Faith Everyday) sermon. Marjolyn van der Wel is the weaver of the Alpha and Omega tapestry. Weaving is an expression of her faith.



Elevate Accessibility:

Just look at how far we've come as a community! We've raised \$230,980.64 towards the congregational commitment of \$250,000. That's over 90% of our goal! With your generosity, we only have **\$19,019.36 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!



UCW Meeting September 12th:

The UCW is having their monthly meeting **this coming Tuesday**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlour. There will be a guest doing a food demonstration. Everyone welcome!

Coming up

- ★ The **Pastoral Care gathering** scheduled for September 13th has been postponed until further notice.
- ★ St. Paul's **Annual Beef Dinner** is Wednesday Sept 20th. There will be 2 sittings, 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are now available at the Church office, from Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Sharon Whiteside will be selling tickets after church today.**
- ★ **Greeter's/Ushers Workshop** will be on Sept 17th in the Parlour, immediately following the service. Coffee and cookies will be provided. All ushers/greeters please attend.
- ★ **Theological Studies Group** starts up on Wednesday September 20th, from 11:00 to 12:30.
- ★ **UCW Garage Sale** is Saturday September 30th, in the Great Hall. Donations will be received on Friday September 29th.
- ★ **Observer Reflections** will start up again on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The UCC Observer has some great articles. Bring the ones you want to discuss from the summer and September editions. All are welcome.
- ★ **Art and Spirituality** starts up again on October 7th. The course runs on Saturdays for eight weeks, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$80 for all sessions. This includes the cost of supplies. Everyone is welcome.
- ★ **UCW Soup and Salad Luncheon** is Saturday October 21st, in the Great Hall.

