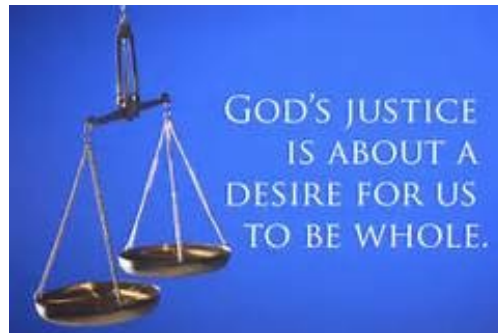


St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

Music Director–Victoria Warwick



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED: on screen

HYMN: VU #460 All Who Hunger

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: (unison)

**Like those of old struggling in the wilderness, help us O God, to trust in you.
Be with us always. Amen**

HYMN MEDLEY:

MV #48 Jump for Joy

**I can feel you near me God, I can feel you near.
Yes I know you're with me God, I feel you here.
I can feel you near me God, I can feel you near.
Yes I know you're with me God. Heaven is here.**

And I'll jump for joy. I'm singing Alleluia Jump for joy for you. (2x)

MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

Chorus:

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;**

**let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.**

Chorus:

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

THEME CONVERSATION: Grumble, Grumble - based on Exodus 16: 2-15

LORD'S PRAYER (*Discovery Kids may leave*)

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

SCRIPTURE: [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

ANTHEM: I Will Lift Up My Eyes

SERMON:

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Ancient Words

*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 #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

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



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Service and Discovery Kids 10 am

Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin
Music Director: Victoria Warwick Bible Reader: Cathy Metzger

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.

Official Board meeting is this Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 7:00 pm in the Parlour. All committee representatives are encouraged to attend. Please contact Marlis Dupuis at (705)549-2018 if you cannot attend.

Elevate Accessibility:

Just look at how far we've come as a community! We've raised \$234,271.04 towards the congregational commitment of \$250,000. That's over 90% of our goal! With your generosity, we only have **\$15,728.96 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 starts today until October 1st. 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.**

Sixtieth wedding anniversary: It has been brought to our attention that **George and Bea Nayduk** recently celebrated this special anniversary. Congratulations from your St. Paul's family! *If you are celebrating a very special occasion, please contact the church office so we can let the congregation know.*

Coming up:

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

Observer Reflections starts on 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 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. There is a limited number of spaces available for registrants, so if you're interested, please contact Bea at 705-528-095.

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

Guess who's coming to dinner: Mark your calendars for October 28th. Stay tuned for more information. This is a great way to meet new friends!

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Theological Studies Group started on Wednesday September 20th. The group meets from 11:00 to 12:30. We will explore who Jesus was in his time, and in ours, using a DVD study called "Saving Jesus". It is NOT TOO LATE to join them.