

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND, ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

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



*\*Indicates to please stand as you are able.*

\*HYMN: VU#409 *Morning Has Broken*

CALL TO THE GATHERED: (responsive)

One: This morning may we come to you O Holy One with hearts open to your presence.

**All: May our minds be open to discovering you in our midst and in our lives.**

One: May our spirits be open to respond to your love and your call.

**All: May our lives be open to transformation as we walk the path of Jesus, the Christ.**

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 RESPONSE: VU#375 refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling & free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir us from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY:

**May this church be like a tree**

May this church be like a tree, behind your house, there in your garden,  
meeting place for joy, and feast, and simple prayer beneath its branches.  
With its roots in earth so fertile, and its arms raised high to heaven,  
may this church bear fruits of justice, acts of loving and compassion.  
Tree ever growing by living water, running eternal, flowing from God. (2x)

**My love colours outside the lines**

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.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 25, 2017

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Service and Discovery Kids 10 am

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& Rev. Bev Irwin

Music Director: Victoria Warwick,

Bible Reader: Max Wagg

*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** to our two guest singers today, Hannah Black and Alexandra Kuniewski

**Thank you to our Choir and to Victoria:** Today is the last Sunday until September for our choir to be singing an anthem. These singers faithfully give us the gift of music each week as part of the worship team. We thank them for their commitment. A special thank you goes to Victoria Warwick, who blesses us all with her leadership.

**“The Hub” Workshop:** Immediately following the service today, there will be a workshop in the Great Hall on addressing future needs of the church through a hub ministry. There is **no coffee hour today**, but those attending the workshop/board meeting will be provided with a light lunch. Please join us. All are welcome.

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

**Pastoral Care Visitors Workshop:** Are you currently a pastoral care visitor or do you wish to become a volunteer for a few hours per week or month? We have a growing number of home-bound folk who would welcome a visit on behalf of the St. Paul's church family. Bev is planning a Pastoral Visitor Planning Workshop on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. to meet, organize and share tips for visiting. This is a very important ministry of St. Paul's.

**Fundraising Dance Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**The music still lives on.** Save the date for this event, featuring The Desotos. Gail Wilcox will be selling tickets after the service today. The Dance Committee is looking for volunteers to help at the dance, so if you're interested, please speak with Gail.

**Annual Summerfest:** The second annual St. Paul's Summerfest begins July 19<sup>th</sup>, running every Wednesday until August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be full course meals and entertainment.

**How are we doing financially:**

An update on finances as of May 31<sup>st</sup>:

Income:	\$126,777
Expenses:	\$128,103
Balance:	<u>-\$ 1,326</u>

**Elevate Accessibility:** We're excited to announce that we've reached a milestone in our fundraising efforts for the Elevate Accessibility Now project. To date, we've collected \$205,043.49 which means we only require **\$44,956.51** to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone who has donated. Don't forget you can contribute any loose change in the "Loonies for a Lift" jar in the front entrance.

**Camp Awesome – July 31- August 4:** "Make a Joyful Noise" – a great opportunity for children ages 5-12, from 9 am to noon. There are lots of activities including stories, games, music, snacks and great fun! Please see Bev to register.

**Camp Simpresca:** If you know a child who may be interested but not able to attend camp due to financial restraints, please see Bev and/or Louise in the office. Cost for full week camp is \$525 and mini-camp is \$265. If you would like to assist a child in going to Camp Simpresca, please have your donation in to the Church Office by July 5<sup>th</sup>, so we can allot the funds based on the number of requests for assistance.