

St. Paul's United Church, Midland

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Food Grains Sunday

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

Music Director–Victoria Warwick

Guest Speaker: Mr. Sam Langman

Bible Reader: Gerry Payne



PRELUDE

HYMN: VU #518 As Those of Old

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

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)

**O God, when we have food,
help us to remember the hungry;
When we have work,
help us to remember the jobless;
When we have a home,
help us to remember those who have no home at all;
When we are without pain,
help us to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help us to destroy our complacency;
bestir our compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, for those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.**

~ Samuel F. Pugh (1850-1922)

HYMN MEDLEY:

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Go make a difference,
We can make a difference,
Go make a difference in the world. (2x)

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.

Refrain

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

THEME CONVERSATION: Sam Langman

LORD'S PRAYER *(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)*

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

SCRIPTURE: [James 2: 14-26](#)

ANTHEM: Hymn of Abundance

SERMON: One Starfish at a time – Sam Langman

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Are you a Shepherd

*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 #227 **For the Fruit of All Creation**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 and thank you to Sam Langman, our guest speaker today.

Today marks the Launch of the 4-week [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) campaign. An envelope is included in the bulletin for your donation. Every dollar you donate will be matched by St. Paul's Special Project Fund, up to a maximum of \$5,000. Please make your cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce world hunger.

Elevate Accessibility:

To date, we've reached over 90% of our goal! With your generosity, we only have **\$12,043.96 to go! Let's Get It Done** in time for our Open House celebration on November 4th. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Budget update: Here are the operating budget results as of the end of September:
Contributions - \$152,453 (Budget \$172,242 - shortfall \$19,788)
Expenses - \$217,882 (Budget \$230,835 - positive difference \$12,952).
The net deficit budget over actual to date is \$5,552. The contributions shortfall continues to concern your Stewardship Committee. With this trend continuing we may be looking for your help to avoid a deficit at the end of the year.

Volunteers are needed for Discovery kids. Please contact Bev if you are interested.

Defibrillator course is this Thursday, October 19th, from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. We still have space available for registrants, so if you're interested, please contact the church office or Bea at 705-528-0959.

UCW Soup and Sandwich Luncheon is Saturday October 21st, in the Great Hall from 11:30 – 1:30. If you wish to purchase tickets ahead of time, they will be available after the service today. They can also be purchased at the church office, or at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

Guess who's coming to dinner October 28th: Get to know folks and help support the church with a donation for your meal. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Atrium. Please leave them at the church office when completed.

Celebration of the Accessibility Renovations (Open House) is November 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Save the date!** Opening Ceremonies at 1:00, followed by tours, special music and refreshments in the Great Hall. Please help us get the word out.