

**St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON
Sunday, June 18, 2017
Congregational Picnic Sunday**



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

*Indicates to please stand as you are able.

*HYMN: VU#228 Sing Praises to God
CALL TO THE GATHERED

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: VU#648 (responsively)

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)

Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain

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.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
breath of the spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Refrain

Who is my mother

1. Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled, differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us colour or status
can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human de-railings
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen!

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go to Discovery Kids now)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT: (Said by all)

May the scripture readings we hear today be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: [Matthew 9:35-39](#) & select verses Matthew 10

ANTHEM:

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Love Divine - Chimes

*DOXOLOGY: VU#541

Praise God from all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known;
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU#214 Hope of the World (1,2,3)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Sung Benediction: MV #156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
Work & hope for the new life a-born-in,
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

POSTLUDE



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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.



Congregational Picnic today:

Please join us today following worship for this enjoyable annual event. Everyone is welcome!

Workshop on Sunday June 25th: Northern Waters Presbytery has asked our congregation if we might consider being part of a new project called "The Hub". We would become part of a network with other churches through technology, exploring ways that we might work together in the future. Join us for a light lunch immediately after the service on June 25th, followed by a one hour workshop to learn more.

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

Men's Breakfast: St Paul's Men's Breakfast will be at Mom's Restaurant this Saturday, June 24th at 8:30 a.m. All men of the Congregation are welcome. For more details, contact Gary Price at 705-528-0570 or by email at ycm0570@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visitors: 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 24th 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.

How are we doing financially:

An update on finances as of May 31st:

Income:	\$126,777
Expenses:	\$128,103
Balance:	-\$1,326

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 any child who may be interested but not able to attend camp due to financial restraints, please see Bev and/or Louise in the office. If you would like to assist a child in going to Camp Simpresca, please see Louise in the Office.

UCW pot luck: The **Vasey United Church Women** (UCW) invite St. Paul's UCW to a pot luck dinner on Monday, June 19th at Vasey Church -meet and greet at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. The theme is Canada Day and there will be prizes for best outfit!