

St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON
Sunday, May 14, 2017



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

*Indicates to please stand as you are able.

* HYMN: VU#395 Come In, Come In

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 INTROIT: Vu #187 Vs 1

**The spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**
**The world has changed,
and God is at the heart of it!**
**New light, new day,
new colour after winter grey.**
**New light, new day,
the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy one, we speak of our families, our faith families, friends who are like family. We know that relationships that encourage us, support us and love us are significant. We sometimes call you Father or Mother, knowing that you are beyond both and have many names. We sense your love and call to be your people who love and welcome all into our lives and your grace. Be with us as we worship. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

Draw the Circle Wide MV 145 (vs 1, 2, 3)

Refrain:

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.

1. God the stillpoint of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Refrain:

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Refrain:

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Refrain

There Is Room for All MV 62 (2x)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all! 2x

THEME CONVERSATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go to Discovery Kids now)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

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

SCRIPTURE READING: [2 Peter 2:2-10](#)

ANTHEM: All Things Bright and Beautiful
The Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir of St Paul's

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Suo Gan

The Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir of St Paul's

*DOXOLOGY: VU # 581 Vs 2

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU#556 Would You Bless Our Homes & Families

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love & joy & peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light & hope to every land & race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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POSTLUDE



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Bible Reader – Velma Bertram

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.

Sunday Worship on DVDs: St. Paul's "Tech Team" records the Sunday worship on DVDs, for distribution to those unable to attend. If you know of someone who would enjoy a copy of our Sunday service delivered to their home each week, please contact Sheila Thompson at 705-526-2186 or by e-mail at rmsmt@rogers.com.

Scent free environment: Due to the rising number of people who suffer from allergies to scents, we are asking if people could please refrain from wearing any scented products. Thank you.

Church office: Louise will be attending the Annual Professional Church Administrator's Retreat this week, from Monday to Wednesday. In her absence, Judy McConnell will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Toronto Conference: The second orientation for Toronto Conference volunteers will be held on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, in the Bill Thompson Room. Red shirts will be available. If you are unable to attend, please contact Zena Pendlebury at 705-527-6789. Thank you!

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

As we begin to enjoy the accessibility renovations at St. Paul's, we wish to give thanks to everyone who has supported the project both financially and with their time and expertise! To date, we've raised \$200,239.68 which means we only require \$49,760.32 to complete the congregation's commitment of \$250,000. Please consider fulfilling your pledges or donating this month. Together, we're making our building a welcoming place for all to enjoy!

Fundraising Dance Saturday July 15th:

The music still lives on. Save the date! The event will be held at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, featuring The Desotos. More information to come.

Exercise Classes: Our VON exercise classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday at noon for 45 minutes. The program is open to both men and women and everyone is feeling the benefits of the strengthening and balance exercises. The classes are free and will continue indefinitely, so you are welcome to join at any time.

Music Festival: St. Paul's will be hosting the annual Music Festival this coming week, from May 15th to May 18th. The Festival of the Stars is on Wednesday May 24th. This always proves to be a very busy time around St. Paul's. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Your assistance and patience is very much appreciated.

Pork Loin Supper Friday May 19th: Order of Eastern Star will be hosting this event at St. Paul's United Church from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased by contacting Marilyn Follitt at 705-527-1381.