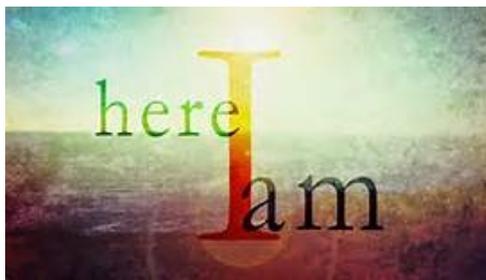


ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, MIDLAND, ON

Sunday, May 28, 2017

93rd AGM of Toronto Conference

Welcome!



Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

& Rev. Bev Irwin

Music Director–Victoria Warwick

(*Indicates to please stand as you are able.)

* HYMN: MV#1 **LET US BUILD A HOUSE (Vs 1,2,4)**

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

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)

O God, you call each and every one of us to follow you and to work for the kingdom of God in our midst. Engage us so that we are honouring the call of all your followers and welcoming of diversity in our midst. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

WHEN HANDS REACH OUT BEYOND DIVIDES

1. When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.
2. When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE (Vs 2)

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

Refrain

WE ARE ONE: VU#402 (Vs1,2)

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER
(Children may leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

ANTHEM: O Lord How Majestic

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: You are the Branches

Chorus: **I am the vine,
you are the branches.
I am the vine says the Lord. (2x)**

*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#509 Here I Am, Lord

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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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 all members of Toronto Conference in attendance today, who participated in the 93rd AGM.

Toronto Conference: A tremendous thank you goes out to all of our volunteers for their amazing job with the TC-AGM. Special thanks to Zena Pendlebury, Marlis Dupuis and the Planning Team for their tireless work this past year.

Volunteer opportunity: If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity to help and support St. Paul's, please consider being a greeter. It involves meeting people at the door, distributing the bulletin and taking up the offering. For more info please speak to Sheila Thompson.

Joint memorial on May 29th: Please keep the Denise family in your thoughts and prayers. Aileen Denise passed away on May 14, 2017. A joint memorial service will be held for Aileen and her husband on Monday, May 29th, at 1:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's United Church. Both Aileen and Vic were long time members of the congregation and were very actively involved.

Meeting June 4th, Waverley United members: There will be a gathering of the St. Paul's representatives of Waverly United members immediately after the service on June 4th, in the Parlour.

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.

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:



We're getting closer to reaching our fundraising goal of \$250,000 from the congregation! With only \$47,111.56 left to raise, we have a goal to have the renovation paid off in time for the public open house this fall. If you have loose change and spare loonies in your pocket, please drop them into our new donation jar "Loonies for a Lift" that can be found in our new entry space. If you'd like to consider larger donations, envelopes are available too. For those of you who ever thought about donating shares to the church for this project, arranging a gift of shares or mutual funds is an excellent way to give to *Help Elevate Accessibility Now*. When you make a gift of shares or mutual funds you are not taxed on the capital gain on those shares/mutual funds. Yet your charitable donation receipt is for the full value of the shares/mutual funds on the day they are received by the church. Please note that in order to gain the tax benefit for this type of gift, the actual shares/mutual funds must be transferred to the Church. You lose the tax benefit if you sell the shares/mutual funds yourself and then donate the cash proceeds. For more information about arranging this type of gift, contact Louise at the Church Office. Whatever way you choose to donate, know that your efforts are helping make our building more inclusive to all! Thank you!

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. Tickets are now available at the Church Office, at Johnstone's Music Land, or by contacting Judy McConnell at 705-529-1826.

Aluminum Cans: St. Paul's is no longer collecting aluminum pop cans. Thank you for your many years of support. If you wish, pop cans can be donated to the Scout program. The bin is located at the entrance to Saulnier's Metal Recycling on Golf Link Road.



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.