

St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON
Sunday, July 30, 2017
Ministers: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam & Rev. Bev Irwin
Music Director–Victoria Warwick
Multi-Generational Community Worker - Paw Roe Shee



SOMETHING TO PONDER: We are continuing our theme for July “Behold I Do a New Thing.” Biblical scholar, Dr. Walter Brueggemann calls the story of the Good Samaritan “a zinger that changes everything.” He writes that “Jesus’ story changes our life-question by *plugging us into a world of violence, by interrupting routine and inviting us to uncommon action, action that violates our social role and our sense of self, and action that involves an outrageous cost.*” Jesus said, “Do it, love your neighbour, no matter the situation or the cost.”

PRELUDE ~ HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jean Brocklebank

CALL TO THE GATHERED

HYMN: VU #603 In Loving Partnership

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: VU #958 (sung twice) **Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

PRAYER OF THE GATHERED (unison)

Holy One, you who do new things in our lives and in our world, be with us. Open us in ways that transform us and the world in which we live so that we reflect the values and teachings you give us. Let us be the change you wish us to be, as was Jesus. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world. (Twice)

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.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

VU #289 It Only Takes a Spark (vs. 1,3)

THEME CONVERSATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Discovery Kids Activity with Paw Roe)

SPECIAL MUSIC – Barb Jones

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT (in unison)

May these wise words be a source of wisdom, courage and strength. Amen

READING:

Luke 10: 25-37.

Quote from Dr. Walter Brueggemann

SERMON

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: VU #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

VU #600

When I Needed a Neighbour

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

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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Service and Discovery Kids 10 am

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Bible Reader: Sheila Thompson

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 Barb Jones, who is gifting us with song this morning.

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

Annual Summerfest: The second annual St. Paul's Summerfest is now in full swing. Wow,

what an event! Mark your calendars for the next four Wednesdays, to August 23rd. Full-course meal begins at 5:30 followed by family entertainment at 6:30. On the menu next week, (Wednesday August 2nd) is pulled pork, entertainment is Karen Warner. You can't beat this wonderful venue at a cost of \$15.00 for the full evening.

Elevate Accessibility:

We've come a long way together through the renovations. We're very excited to announce that we're **only \$23,027.06 away** from reaching our fundraising goal of \$250,000 from the congregation. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Elevate Accessibility Project through their givings, pledges, and supporting the numerous fundraising activities. We're almost there, so please spread the word. Imagine if 1,000 of our friends, neighbours and relatives gave \$25 each! Don't forget our "Loonies for a Lift" jar and the "Donate Now" button on our website. Let's continue to work together to reach our goal.

Prayers for the Armstrong family: Our sympathy goes out to the Armstrong family, on the death of Jim Armstrong this week. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

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, crafts, snacks, fun and adventure! Cost for the full week is \$15.00 per camper. **Last day to register is today, Sunday July 30th – don't miss out!** Please see Paw Roe after the service to register.



Coming up:

The next **Seniors Communion Tea** will be on August 24th at 11:30 a.m.

The next **Pastoral Care** gathering will be on September 13th, at 9:30 a.m.

Autumn Newsletter: We are now mid-way through summer, and it's time to look ahead to fall. The autumn newsletter will be ready for delivery just before Labour Day, so we need your submissions of committee reports, articles, jokes, photos etc. Deadline for contributions is August 18th.

Food donations: The Salvation Army Food bank is getting low on food items like canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, canned pasta, pasta sauce, and crackers. If you're able to assist, please drop off your donations at the Salvation Army Food Bank at 555 Dominion Avenue. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



LENDING A
HELPING HAND