

St. Paul's United Church, Midland, ON

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Third Sunday After Easter



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Music Director–Victoria Warwick**

*Indicates to please stand as you are able.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU#175 *This is the Day that God Has Made*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

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)

God, in this moment where mystic & modern meet; in this moment of empty tombs & heavenly messengers; in this moment of life, of death, of resurrection, we come to wonder, to hope and to worship you. Be with us. Amen

HYMN MEDLEY:

This is the day – MV122

This is the day that god has made;
we will rejoice and be glad! (2x)
singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
singing hallelu! we will rejoice and be glad! (2x)

Jesus Laughed Out Loud- MV 133

Jesus laughed out loud to see the children play;
his joyful presence drew a crowd
we could not send away.

Jesus healed a child by asking her to rise,
and doubtful people wept and smiled
to see her open eyes.

Jesus felt the need; we made the crowd sit down.
A boy had faith and all were fed,
though we were far from town.

Jesus called my name when he was passing by;
my life will never be the same;
this love will never die

God of the Bible MV 28 (verse 5 and refrain)

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
god always faithful, you do not change. (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: [Luke 24:13-35](#)

ANTHEM: Joyful Joyful Sing Praise

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: VU # 581 Verse 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#184 *As We Walked Home* (tune 330)

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

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.

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.

Lenten Project: Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthy project. The congregation has raised \$4005.00 which will be matched by Trust Funds, for a total donation of \$8010.00.

Sunday May 7th: All volunteers that are helping with the Open House are being asked to attend a brief meeting after the worship service on Sunday, May 7th in the parlour. Thank you!

Black Gospel Concert at MCC: On Friday May 5th at 8 PM, the Midland Cultural Centre will present "Swing Low - The Best of Black Gospel Music". The concert will headline Titus Chapman from Kentucky, who has performed at a local church in Midland to rave reviews on two prior occasions. Tickets start at \$22.50 + HST and fees.

Candlelight Tributes: *in Honour of All Those Who Served in the Cause of Peace and Freedom.* You're invited to Midland's Candlelight Tribute Ceremonies on Wednesday May 10th at 7pm at the Cenotaph on King Street. In the event of rain, the Ceremonies will be held at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre, in the Community Hall.

Open House May 13th, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Save the date and please join us in celebration of our building's transformation. Opening ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by tours, refreshments and ribbon cutting.

Music Festival: St. Paul's will be hosting the annual Music Festival during the week of May 15th. 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.

Toronto Conference: Volunteer sign-up sheets for the annual Toronto Conference of the United Church are on the back window ledge. For more information, please contact Zena Pendlebury, 705-527-6789 or Marlis Dupuis 705-549-2018.

Help Elevate Accessibility Now: Project & Fundraising Update:

Exciting news!!! The orange tarps are now down, 95% of the construction is complete and the finishing touches are being applied to the accessibility renovations. Although we're seeing the drywall dust settle and there's a light at the end of the tunnel, we still need your help! The congregation still has approximately 25% of their \$250,000 commitment to fulfill through your pledges and support.