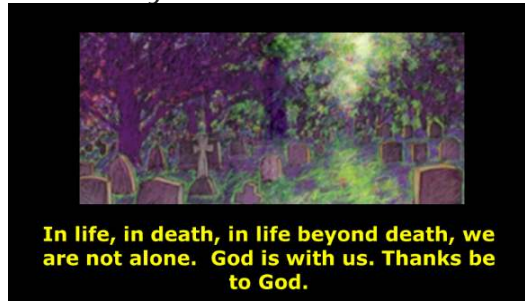


Sunday, October 14th, 2018

Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin and Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director–Victoria Warwick
Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau



*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN: VU #644 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

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 RESPONSE: MV#46 Refrain, vs. 3

Bless our God, O my soul,
Bless God's holy name. (2x)
Remember the healing love of God.
Who calls us to be whole and to be free.
Bless our God..

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY:

MV #176 Three Things I Promise (v. 1,2 6)

1. Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.
2. Your love unfolded time and space
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.
6. Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

MV #83 Let My Spirit Sing

1. Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering,
though the season of despair gave no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.
2. Though my body be confined, let your word engage my mind,
let the inner eye discern how much more there is to learn,
see a world becoming whole through the window of the soul.
3. Let your wisdom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears,
give me wit to welcome change, to accept, and not estrange,
let my joy be full and deep in the knowledge that I keep.
4. Let my spirit always sing, to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

A NEW CREED: VU# 918

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER
(Discovery Kids head upstairs)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

Luke 23: 32-34

"Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!"

John 19: 25-27

"Truly, I say, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23: 39-43

"My God, my God, why have you forgotten me?"

Matthew 27: 45-46

"I thirst"

John 19" 28-29

"It is finished."

John 19:30

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Luke 23: 44-46

SERMON: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UCC New Creed

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Shine On Me

*DOXOLOGY: MV #135 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.

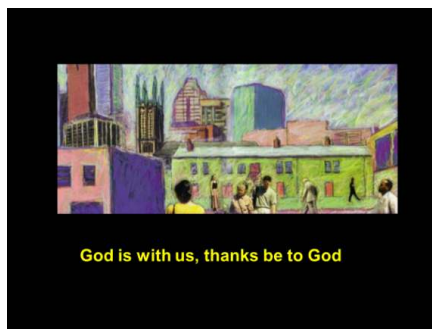
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU #586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: MV #215

Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.



POSTLUDE



Announcements

Sunday October 14th, 2018

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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.



Greeters: Some of our teams are getting quite depleted, especially as so many of our folks go away in the winter. If you are interested in joining our team, please speak to Sheila Thompson.

Stewardship Cafe: You can order coffee again today and pick up previously ordered coffee in the Great Hall after the service. Coffee orders can be placed at the office during the week, for delivery one week later.



Prayer Shawls: If anyone has wool that they would like to donate to this knitting group, it can be dropped off at the church office.

Next Youth Group meeting (ages 13 – 17) is on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rebecca Arbour, Youth Volunteer Coordinator at Georgian Manor. Questions? Contact Colleen at cgareau02@gmail.com.

Bible Study group will start up again this Monday October 15, 2018.



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Zena Pendlebury

will be selling tickets after the service today and they're also available at the church office Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00



On Sunday November 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Ontario Presbyterian Chorus presents a fundraising concert to benefit St Paul's United Church. A goodwill offering will be received.

Observer Reflections start up date is Monday November 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.



Order of the Eastern Star will be having their Annual Lasagna Supper on Friday October 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for children) and will be available at the door.

On Sunday November 11, 2018, our service will start at 9:30 a.m. to allow us to attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph which starts at 10:45 a.m.



Sunday November 25, 2018 is Welcoming Sunday. Interested in joining the church? Talk to Karen or Louise in the church office.



We have a system for hearing support. Please speak to an usher for assistance.