

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Food Grains Sunday

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#520 We Plough the Fields

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:

One: God, we thank you for your harvest which feeds us so many times each day.

All: We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope. We are sustained with your strength and patience.

One: We are filled with your grace and compassion. God, we thank you for feeding us with a harvest of plenty.

All: We are restored through your generosity and healing. We are replenished with your abundance and joy. We are reminded of your selfless abandon.

One: God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven. Your gift of Christ sustains our lives.

All: His presence restores the promise of your love. His life fills our hearts with your everlasting light.

One: God, we thank you too for filling us with the water of life. May we drink deeply that our thirst may be quenched.  
All: May your river continue to flow over us, in us, through us and out into the world you love.

HYMN MEDLEY:

MV #7 Gather us in  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in,  
ground us, ground us in you.

MV #209 Go make a difference – 2x  
Go make a diff'rence, We can make a diff'rence,  
Go make a diff'rence in the world

VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ vs. 2,3

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

*(Discovery Kids head upstairs)*

ANTHEM: "Hymn of Abundance"

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Deuteronomy 24:19-22, 2 Corinthians 9:6-9](#)

SERMON: "Passionate about The Food Grains Bank" with Greg Rothwell as our guest "Living in Faith Everyday" series

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*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 #600 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

\*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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
[www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)

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.



Today marks the launch of the four-week Canadian Foodgrains Bank campaign. An envelope is included in the bulletin for your donation. Please make your cheques payable to St. Paul's United Church. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce world hunger.

Official Board will be meeting on Tuesday October 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour.

Third quarter budget update: Contributions continue to be under budget (actual is \$149,404 vs. budget of \$165,921). Fortunately, fundraising has exceeded our budget by \$7,230 and expenses are \$11,707 under budget. The overall surplus is \$7,927 but this includes a cash infusion from Trust funds of \$15,040 in June.

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the over 120 volunteers who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically at our Toronto Conference events for the last 3 three years.

With your help we raised: 2016: \$23,833

2017: \$20,657

2018: \$22,279

Some of these funds were directed to the Accessibility renovations, some used to purchase items to be used at St. Paul's for years to come, and some put in General Funds. When St. Paul's signed up for this three-year commitment, we were hoping

to be able to raise some funds, but also to use this as a community builder. With everyone's help, we were able to accomplish both. Again, thank you!

*Zena Pendlebury*



On Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

On Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our service will start at 9:30 a.m. to allow us to attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m. There will be no social hour that Sunday, to allow folks to attend the Cenotaph service.



Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is Welcoming Sunday.

Interested in joining the church? Talk to Karen or Louise in the church office.



Order of the Eastern Star is having their Annual Lasagna Supper on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

In Grandmothers Hands Huronia African Luncheon is on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Midland Legion. Lunch is served at noon and is by donation. Proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.



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

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