

Sunday, April 8, 2018

HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director – Victoria Warwick



*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU#232 Joyful, Joyful

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

OPENING PRAYER:

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ candle,
may it remind us that Christ
is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: 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

HYMN MEDLEY

Go Make a Difference (2x) MV 209

Refrain 2x

Go make a diff'rence. we can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
go make a diff'rence in the world.
and the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain

Welcome, Jesus, MV 137

Welcome Jesus, you are welcome
in this world made hard by fear;
loving reach us, living teach us,
Jesus you are welcome here.

Welcome Jesus, you are welcome
in the ghettos we have made;
give the tattered, bruised and battered,
winter shelter, summer shade.

Welcome Jesus, you are welcome
with the wealthy and the poor;
give the broken love unspoken,
open wide each prison door.

Welcome Jesus, you are welcome;
let your loving light appear.
In our seeking, in our being,
Jesus you are welcome here.

Jesus Laughed MV #133 (1,4,5)

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

Jesus climbed a hill
to pray and rest alone.
we wondered why we felt the chill
of wind and wood and stone.

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

THEME CONVERSATION:
LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: [Acts 4:32-35](#)

ANTHEM: We Have Seen the Risen Christ.

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE

All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today.

**To bring good news of hope & joy to cherish on the way.
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captive free.
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

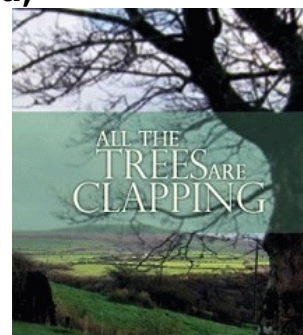
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU#624 Give to Us Laughter

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: VU#884

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.**



POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.



St. Paul's Youth Group meets tonight April 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ages 13-17 welcome! Theme is "**bring your own utensil**". Please bring one utensil from your kitchen drawer - the stranger, the better! Any questions? Contact Colleen at cgareau02@gmail.com

Church Newsletter: If you do not receive your newsletter electronically and would like one delivered, please contact Sheila at 705-526-2186 or the church office.

Observer Reflections meeting is this Monday April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



The UCW (United Church Women) meets on Wednesday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m. at Chartwell, Tiffin House Retirement Residence. Please note the change of date, time and location for the month of April only. Everyone is welcome!

St. Paul's Handchime Choir will be ringing at a fundraising event for Sistema Huronia on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. The event is being held at the Midland Alliance Church. Please join us for an afternoon of family entertainment.



Please help us mark **Volunteer Appreciation week** by attending our **Volunteer Fair** on April 15 following the service. This is your opportunity to learn more about our church committees and to help serve in the important work they do. Many hands make light work so please consider lending your talents to the work of St. Paul's. We look forward to seeing you there!

Defibrillator course is scheduled for April 17th, from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. There are a limited number of spaces available for registrants, so if you're interested, please contact Bea at 705-528-0959.



Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things is on Saturday April 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the auction at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for purchase. **Your donated items can be dropped off at the church between April 16 and April 20.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Toronto Conference of The United Church Volunteers are still needed for this year's event on May 25 and 26, with set up day on May 24. Applications for volunteers are available on the back window in the Sanctuary, or on our website under "Getting Involved" at <http://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> **You can also contact Zena at zenapendlebury@hotmail.com** or call (705) 527-6789.

CAMP AWESOME – is July 30 to August 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. **SAVE THE DATE!** Kitchen help will be needed, so if you're able to assist, please contact Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com

