

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

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\*Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN                    VU #575    I'm Gonna Live

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL TO THE GATHERED

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

VU #600    When I needed a neighbour

MV #179    Sisters Let Us Walk Together

- 1. Sisters let us walk together, sharing sadness, loss and grief,  
we will move through pain to wholeness, brokenness transformed to  
peace.**
- 2. Brothers let us work together, seeking justice, healing shame,  
filled with hope, imbued with courage, every violence we will name.**
- 3. People let us love together, joining spirits, linking hands,  
we are God's unique creation, clothed with dignity we'll stand.**

All Who Are Thirsty MV #4

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away**

**in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4x)  
As deep cries come.**

THEME CONVERSATION:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: [John 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40](#)

ANTHEM: There is Grace

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: You Are the Branches

**I am the vine, you are the branches,  
I am the vine says the Lord! (2x)**

\*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 #588 Many are the Lightbeams

\*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** **Sunday, April 29, 2018**

[www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) Tel: 705 526 6077

**St. Paul's Talent Auction:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or made purchases this year. Your efforts helped make this year's event a huge success!

**Camp Simpresca Spring Clean-up day** is Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served to all volunteers. Wear work clothes, gloves, hats and sunscreen. One of the cabins is St. Paul's responsibility so hopefully we can get a few people there to help prepare it for the summer season.

The next **Youth Group gathering** (for ages 13 – 17) will be on **SUNDAY, MAY 6**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Theme for this gathering is "Serving Others". Questions? E-mail [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com)



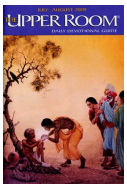
**The United Church Women** will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 1 p.m. in the Parlour. We will be having a *Chinese Auction*. Find an item at home you no longer want, wrap it and bring it to be auctioned off. You will be bidding to buy a mystery item!

**Toronto Conference Volunteer Information Night** is on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at St. Paul's. Come out and get details, pick up your schedule and a red shirt if you don't already have one.

### **May is music festival month.**

St. Paul's will be hosting the music festival from May 14 to May 17.

**St Paul's men's breakfast** is on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Mom's restaurant. All are welcome.



**The Upper Room:** Its time to renew our publication. The annual cost is **\$12.00 per subscription**. Please remember to put your \$2.00 in the locked box on the shelf in the Sanctuary where these publications are available to you.

**Waverley United Church** will be closing in June 2018. A Service of life Celebration will be held on Sunday, **June 10 at 1 p.m.** Guest ministers will share their memories of this congregation. Dinner is hot beef on a bun, potatoes, salads etc. Please RSVP (for dinner count) by April 30 to Doug Truax at 705-835-5553 or Doug Drinkill at 705-322-6324 or by e-mail to [dnatruax@gmail.com](mailto:dnatruax@gmail.com) or [drinkilldoug@gmail.com](mailto:drinkilldoug@gmail.com)

**Your Stewardship committee** manages the finances of the church. During the first quarter of 2018, givings from all sources were lower than our budget projections. Fortunately, our expenses were also less than budgeted and the quarter ended with a loss of \$3,176.45. St. Paul's has a strong mission in the Midland region and it can only succeed with your financial support. This includes your support of fundraising events to help offset our Ministry and Operations costs.

**Year to date results as of March 31, 2018 are as follows:**

**Revenue:** \$64,432 (Budget \$81,170, difference -\$16,738).  
**Spending:** \$73,940 (Budget \$87,502, difference -\$13,561).  
**Net revenue/loss:** -\$9,508 (Budget -\$6,331, difference -\$3,176).



**CAMP AWESOME** – is July 30 to August 3, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. **Registrations are now being accepted.** Forms are available on our website at [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org) or at the church office.