

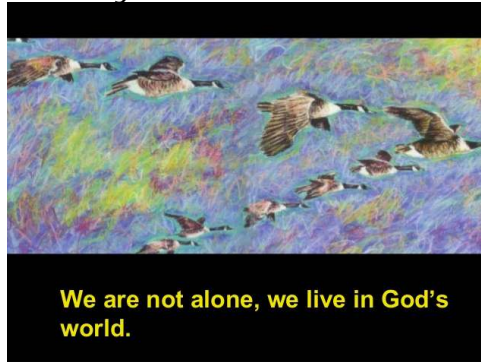
Sunday, August 12, 2018

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "A New Creed"

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

Music Director—Victoria Warwick

Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau



\*Please stand as you are able.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN: VU #409 "Morning Has Broken"

## 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

Surely the presence of our God is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.  
I can feel the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

A PRAYER of Thanks for the Four Elements – Rev. Talitha Arnold, United Church of Sante Fe. Used with permission

## HYMN MEDLEY

MV #39 "Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing" (Tune VU #36)

1. Mother Earth, our Mother birthing every creature from the ground.  
Jesus too was flesh and breathing, kin to all that's green and brown.  
Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of life.
2. Sister Air, our Sister lifting every creature born with wings;  
Jesus shared the breath of forests, breath that makes our spirits sing.  
Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of life.
3. Brother Water, Brother pulsing deep through every vein and sea,  
Jesus drank the very raindrops for our wine and in our tea.  
Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of life.

4. Father Fire, our Father burning with the sacred urge to live.  
Jesus' death completes the cycle, bringing life beyond the grave.  
Celebrate with all creation: God has formed the web of life.

VU #248 "When Long Before Time" vs. 1,2

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The New Creed" VU #918

*(Discovery Kids head upstairs)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lord of All" Bryanna Vanderlek

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READING: [Psalm 104:5-13, John 1:1-5](#)

SERMON: God's World

*We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
To live with respect in creation*

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*DOXOLOGY: VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known;  
Creator, Word and Spirit One.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN: VU #296 This is God's Wondrous World

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION:

Go in love; have no fear.  
God will guide you, God is always near.  
Go in Love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you, and will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you.  
May God's peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love; face each day.  
God will lead you, and will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

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.

Welcome and thank you Bryanna Vanderlek, for the special music today!



Do you have a favourite hymn? Please let Louise in the office know, and Karen will use it at a future service.

July - August Office hours: Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

Desotos Fundraiser Dance: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or participated at this year's event and helped make it a HUGE success. We raised approximately \$4,350, which will be used for ongoing church expenses. Great job St. Paul's!

Financial position for first half of 2018:

TOTAL REVENUE - \$147,258

TOTAL EXPENSES - \$146,339

NET SURPLUS- \$8,173 (includes \$7,255 transfer from Trust funds for Associate Minister expense and a \$919 surplus).

In June the Official Board forgave a trust fund loan to the operating budget of \$15,040 and we received a memorial donation of \$4,960, increasing our income. Otherwise the church would have had a deficit at the end of the 1st half of the year.

The shortfall of member contributions in 2018 is concerning and Stewardship are planning to implement a congregational giving program in the fall. If anyone wishes to review detailed accounting records, please ask at the office.

Summerfest dinners continue. Our next event - is this Wednesday, August 22 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The event will be held in the Great Hall or on the lawn, weather permitting. Menu yet to be determined.



Autumn Newsletter: We are now mid-way through summer, and it's time to look ahead to fall. To have the autumn newsletter ready for delivery just before Labour Day, we need your submissions of committee reports, articles, jokes, photos etc. by August 20, 2018.

#### Upcoming events

UCW Rummage Sale: is Saturday September 29, 2018, in the Great Hall. Donations will be received on Friday September 28, 2018.

Doors Open Simcoe County: is on September 29, 2018. Communities across the county will be opening their doors to showcase their unique cultural sites.

UCW Soup and Salad Luncheon: is Saturday October 20, 2018 in the Great Hall.

We have a system for hearing support.



Please speak to an usher for assistance.

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