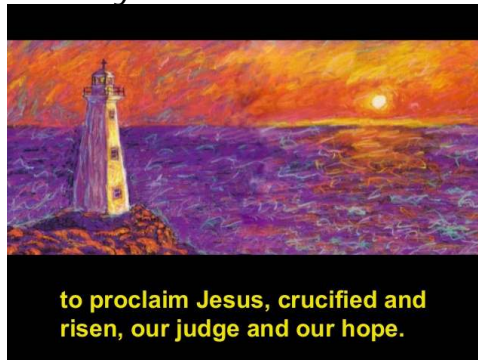


Sunday, August 19, 2018

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

Music Director—Victoria Warwick

Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau



\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

\*HYMN: VU #357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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.

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY

MV #81 Love Us into Fullness

1. Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace;  
Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.
2. Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,  
cheer us with your presence here and everywhere.
3. Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;  
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

MV#28 God of the Bible vs.1,2

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

*Refrain (2x)*

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

*Refrain (2x)*

VU #359 He Came Singing Love

A NEW CREED: VU #918

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "A Mighty Fortress" Dan Donaldson, Bass Trombone,  
Victoria Warwick piano

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READING: [Luke 2:25-40](#)

SERMON: Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCC New Creed  
We believe in God...

Who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new...

We are called to be the church....

to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope

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 #341 Fairest Lord Jesus

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



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## Announcements

Sunday, August 19, 2018

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

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, Dan Donaldson, playing bass trombone today.



Official Board/HUB meeting today: Immediately following the service there will be a brief meeting, to make a decision regarding the sound booth design and cost. Please make your way upstairs to the sound booth in the balcony. After the meeting, you'll be free to go downstairs for coffee.

Summer office hours: The office will be closed from August 20 to 24, 2018. Office hours for the last week of August will be Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed on Friday.

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

Our final Summerfest event will be this Wednesday, August 22, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Menu will be cold meats with buns, salads, corn on the cob, dessert and a drink for \$15.

Autumn Newsletter: Thank you to those of you who have sent in their reports, photos etc. Deadline for submissions is THIS MONDAY, August 20, 2018. Please send your articles to Bev Irwin, at [bev.irwin@sympatico.ca](mailto:bev.irwin@sympatico.ca)



Next Youth Group meeting is on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Ages 13-17 welcome! Guest speaker will be Rebecca Arbour, Youth Volunteer Coordinator at Georgian Manor. Please contact Colleen at [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Upcoming events

A weekly Bible Study group will start on Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Parlour.

Theological Studies group will start up again on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.



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.



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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