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## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, August 26, 2018

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

Guest Pianist - Amanda Clarke

Discovery Kids – Colleen Gareau



\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

\*HYMN: VU #377 Holy Spirit Hear Us

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

VU #376 Spirit of the Living God

VU #381 Spirit of Life

A NEW CREED: VU #918

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

*(Discovery Kids head upstairs)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sharon Foster, Barbara Benson God is My Shepherd

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READING: [John 14: 15-17, 25-26](#)

[UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CREED](#): VU #918

SERMON: Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCC New Creed  
We believe in God, who works in us and others by the Spirit.



#### GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Sharon Foster, Barbara Benson "How Great Thou Art"

\*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 #380 She Comes Sailing on the Wind  
*Refrain, vs. 1,2, refrain, vs. 3,4, refrain*

#### 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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[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, Amanda Clarke, our guest pianist today, and to Sharon Foster and Barbara Benson for their special music.



Office hours: for the last week of August: 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.



Next Youth Group meeting (Ages 13-17) is on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. 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.

Observer Reflections will resume on Monday October 1, 2018.



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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