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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, March 4th, 2018
Lent 3

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Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Guest pianist: Amanda Clarke
Scripture Reader: Cathy Metzgar

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN VU#562 "Jesus Calls Us"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#186 vs. 4

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again, Like wheat arising green.**

OPENING PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN: VU#471 "Eat this Bread and Never Hunger"

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

VU# 932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

VU# 933(sung)

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come, come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In the broken bread we are reminded of the brokenness of the world and in the cup of wine we are reminded of the bloodshed and violence of our world. O God, may they also remind us that you walk with the suffering and call us to work love, justice, dignity and compassion for all. Amen

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 1:18-31

SERMON

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "God is My Shepherd"

*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#561 "Take Up Your Cross"

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

* A SUNG LENTEN RESPONSE

MV #20 (vs.1)

**God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:
Hold us in fathomless peace,
Guard us with unwaning love.**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 4th, 2017 www.stpaulsmidland.org

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,

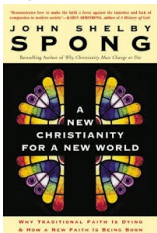
If you come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,

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 to Amanda Clarke, our guest pianist today.

St. Paul's Youth Group meets this Sunday evening March 4th, at the Galaxy Theatre at 6:30 p.m. We will be seeing "**Peter Rabbit**". Friends are welcome. Questions? cgareau02@gmail.com



Theological Studies Group meets on **Wednesdays** from 11:00 to 12:30. We are studying Bishop John Spong's "A New Christianity for a New World". If you're interested, please contact Karen.

UCOBSERVER **Observer Reflections** group meets on Monday March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Observer Magazine: If you **do not** wish to renew, please contact the church immediately. **For continued subscriptions**, please make your cheque payable to St. Paul's in the amount of \$25.00 and drop off at the church office **by** **next Friday March 9.**

Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things (Talent Auction) will be on Saturday Apr. 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by auction at 10:00 a.m. Light lunch will be available for purchase.



Parents and Tots: - Interested in forming a weekly group to play, sing songs, do crafts, read stories and interact with others? Please email Colleen at: cgareau02@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer pastoral care visitors are needed. Please contact Bev at (705)526-6077 or Sheila Thompson at (705) 526-2186 for more details.

2018 Toronto Conference of the United Church

This year's event is May 25 and 26, with set up day on Thursday May 24.

Volunteers are still needed. Volunteer applications are available on the back window in the Sanctuary or on our website at: <http://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> under "Getting Involved". You can **contact Zena at:** zenapendlebury@hotmail.com or call (705) 527-6789.