

Sunday, May 27, 2018



Ministers: Rev. Bev Irwin & Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director – Victoria Warwick

A special welcome to Members of Toronto Conference
visiting with us today
and to the TC AGM Youth and Young Adults Sharing in our worship.

*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN VU #509 Here I Am Lord

CALL TO THE GATHERED

One: Here we are, gathered from many places, carrying many stories

All: Here we are, gathered with many gifts, celebrating many callings

One: Here we are, remembering who and where we have been,

All: Looking to what we can become and celebrating what is possible as we journey together.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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 #375 refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling & free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir us from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN MEDLEY

THREE THINGS I PROMISE (verses 1, 4, 6) MV #176

Three things I promise, Holy God
In age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

4. Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth, may seed and grow in all I do.
Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE MV#145, vs. 3

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Refrain

GATHER US IN, GROUND US IN YOU (MV #7)

Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

THEME CONVERSATION; The Youth of Toronto Conference

LORD'S PRAYER

(Discovery Kids and TC Youth leave for their programs at this time)

PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READINGS; [Ezra 3:10-13](#) [Philippians 1:1-5](#)

ANTHEM: Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

SERMON: Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: We Are Children of Our God blest with joy,
to have, to share. (3x)

*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

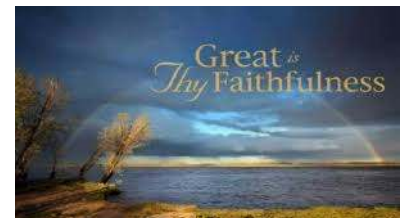
*HYMN: VU #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING: MV #156

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
Work and hope for the new life ab-born-in,
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

POSTLUDE





Announcements

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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.

Memory Discussions: On Monday May 28 and June 4, two presentations and discussions on the topic of Memory will take place in the Upper Room of St. Paul's, for members of the congregation. Each session will start at 10 a.m. and run for about 1.5 hours. The main presenter is Dr. Raymond Hébert who will attempt to explain our understanding of memory as we now know it, help answer your questions, and work hard to ease any fears and misconceptions around memory and memory loss presented in our modern media. Medications will not be discussed.

Volunteer Appreciation night for all Toronto Conference helpers will be on Wednesday, May 30th at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall. Everyone who has volunteered over the three year period is invited to attend! Refreshments will be served.

Official Board Meeting: There will be a joint meeting of the Official Board and HUB committee on Tuesday June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room. This is as a follow up from our meeting of April 23rd, 2018. At 8 p.m., there will be a ½ hour presentation from the Midland Heritage Committee.

Butter Tart Festival – June 9 St. Paul's will be serving peameal on a bun and hot dogs in the Great Hall, from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you're interested in volunteering at this event please speak to Sheila Thompson.





YOUTH GROUP (ages 13 – 17)
will meet Sunday, June 10th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for a SCAVENGER
HUNT!

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 or drinkilldoug@gmail.com

The annual St. Paul's Family Indoor Pot-Luck Picnic will be on June 17 after worship. Please dress for a picnic and bring your favourite picnic dish to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided and there will be games for the children.



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 or at the church office.

If you know a child who may be interested but not able to attend Camp Simpresca due to financial constraints, please speak to Colleen or to Louise in the office. If you would like to assist a child in going to Camp Simpresca this year, contact the church office.



The Tuesday VON exercise classes will resume on May 29, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Come on out and improve your health and energy, Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.