

Sunday, May 6, 2018

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Music Director – Victoria Warwick



*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN VU #469 we Gather Here

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL TO THE GATHERED

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 #187 vs 1

**The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come,
let all the church be part of it!**

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY

MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts

- 1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**
- 2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty full us,
come touch and bless our souls.**
- 3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**

4. **Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**
5. **Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all
come touch us with your grace.**

MV #12 Bread For The Journey
**Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today. (X2)**

THE UPPER ROOM & 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: [John 15:9-17](#)

SERMON: 'Entwined In Love'

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Bread of Heaven

*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 #574 Come Let Us Sing

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: VU #974 Amen

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen (x3)

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.

Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things: Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or made purchases this year. The final amount raised will be announced next week **A special thank you** to Judy McConnell and her crew for their tireless work in making this a huge success!



Youth Group gathering (for ages 13 – 17) is **THIS EVENING** (May 6), from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Theme for this gathering is "Serving Others". Questions?

E-mail cgareau02@gmail.com



The United Church Women will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 1 p.m. in the Parlour. We will be having a *Chinese Auction*. Find an item at home you no longer want, wrap it and bring it to be auctioned off. You will be bidding to buy a mystery item!

Toronto Conference Volunteer Information Night is on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at St. Paul's. Come out and get details, pick up your schedule and a red shirt if you don't already have one.

St Paul's Handchime Choir will be ringing at a fundraising event for Sistema Huronia on May 12 at 1:30pm. The event is being held at the Midland Alliance Church. Please join us for an afternoon of family entertainment.

May is music festival month.

St. Paul's will be hosting the music festival from May 14 to May 17.

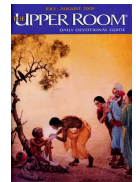


St Paul's men's breakfast is on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at Mom's restaurant. All are welcome.

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

Order of the Eastern Star is having their **Annual Roast Pork Dinner** here at St Paul's on May 11th from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$x for children.

The Upper Room: Its time to renew our publication. The annual cost is **\$12.00 per subscription.** Please remember to put your \$2.00 in the locked box on the shelf in the Sanctuary where these publications are available to you.



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.

