

Sunday, September 2, 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 #218 We Praise You, O God

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 #176 Three Things I Promise

1. 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.
2. Your love unfolded time and space and life,  
and all that life became, and so,  
with thankful heart and voice,  
through good and ill, I bless your Name.
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.

MV #4 All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.  
Dip you heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow

be washed away in the waves of his mercy  
as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come. (4x)  
As deep cries come.

A NEW CREED: VU #918

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Shayla Brown and Madeleine Rice  
"The Wonder of God's Majesty"

### 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

ALL: May the bread and the wine remind us that you are in us and in our  
world O God. Help us to follow you as your disciples. Amen  
*(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)*

PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT:

SCRIPTURE READING: [Psalm 26:1-3; Isaiah 12:2; 1 Timothy 4:10](#)

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

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Shayla Brown and Madeleine Rice  
"Declare the Glory of God"

\*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 #675 Will Your Anchor Hold

## 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

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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, Shayla Brown and Madeleine Rice for the special music today.

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



**CASTING CALL!** This year's Christmas musical will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018 during our regular worship service. Auditions will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday September 8, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Victoria Warwick at [warwick.victoria130@gmail.com](mailto:warwick.victoria130@gmail.com) or at 705-209-3064 for more information.



Next meeting (Ages 13-17) is on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Theme is "Do You Pray". Questions? Contact Colleen at [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com).



St. Paul's Summerfest has come to an end. This year's efforts raised \$2,416, that will be used for ongoing church expenses. A HUGE THANK YOU to those who volunteered their time and to those who came out to share a meal. Great job St Paul's!

### Upcoming events

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



meets on Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Our Guest Speaker will be Steven Pelletier, recently appointed Executive Director of the Guesthouse Shelter. Everyone is welcome

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



St. Paul's Annual Beef Dinner is on Wednesday September 26, 2018, with 2 sittings - 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are now available at the church office, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday Sharon Whiteside will be selling tickets after church today.



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.

In Grandmother's Hands Huronia is collecting donations of gently used jewellery, purses and hats for their "Pearls to Purses" sale on November 17, 2018. Please call Carol MacDonald at 705 828 2158 for pick up of your items.

We have a system for hearing support.



Please speak to an usher for assistance.