

Sunday, September 9, 2018

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Music Director—Victoria Warwick

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We are called to be the Church: to celebrate
God's presence

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*HYMN: VU #221 Sing Praise to God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#46 Refrain,
Bless our God, O my soul,
Bless God's holy name. (2x)
Remember the healing love of God.
Who calls us to be whole and to be free.
Bless our God...

OPENING PRAYER:

HYMN MEDLEY:

MV #176 Three Things I Promise (vs. 1,2,4)

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 #157 I Am a Child of God (vs. 1,4,5)

1. I am a child of God,
I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.
4. I am a cry for peace,
I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.
5. I am a song of joy,
I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

MV # 77 Be Still and Know (2x)

Be still and know that I am God.
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A NEW CREED: VU #918

THEME CONVERSATION/LORD'S PRAYER

(Discovery Kids head upstairs)

ANTHEM: Hymn of Grateful Praise

SERMON: Based on GC43 worship

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In Creation...Psalm 148

God of the sparrow,
God of the whale,
God of the swirling stars.
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

In Scripture...Psalm 119

God of the scriptures,
God of the word.
God who teaches us.
How do your children say Thanks? How do our children live Life?

In Sacrament...Psalm 100

God of the bread
and God of the wine,
God of baptismal waters.
How do disciples say Yes? How do disciples say Grace?

In the Arts ...Psalm 150

God of our music,
God of the arts, novels and poetry,
how does the artist say Truth?
How does the artist show You?

In Others ...Psalm 133

God of the neighbour,
God of the foe, God of community,
How does the creature say Love?
How does the creature say Peace?

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS
OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY: MV#135 Refrain
Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN: VU#321 I Sing the Mighty Power

*COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION: MV#215
Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.



Announcements
Sunday Sept. 9, 2018
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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 back and thank you to St. Paul's Choir for their gift of music.

Next Youth Group meeting (ages 13 – 17) is today, September 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Theme is "Do You Pray". Questions? Contact Colleen at cgareau02@gmail.com.



We commend Diane and Graham Patchell for 42 years of faithful service as part of the St. Paul's Meals on Wheels team. Happy Retirement!

Upcoming events

A weekly Bible Study group begins tomorrow, Monday September 10th, in the Parlour from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



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

Theological Studies starts this Wednesday, September 12th, 2018, in the Parlour.

Faith Formation will be hosting lunch on Sunday September 16th, 2018 after the service. This will be a free will offering for peameal on a bun or hotdogs.

St. Paul's Annual Beef Dinner is on Wednesday September 26th, 2018, with 2 seatings - 5:00 p.m. 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.



UCW Rummage Sale is on Saturday September 29th, 2018, in the Great Hall. Donations will be received on Friday September 28th, 2018.

Doors Open Simcoe County is on September 29th, 2018. Communities across the county will be opening their doors to showcase their unique cultural sites.

Observer Reflections will resume on Monday October 1st, 2018.

UCW Soup and Sandwich Luncheon is on Saturday, October 20th, 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 17th, 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.

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