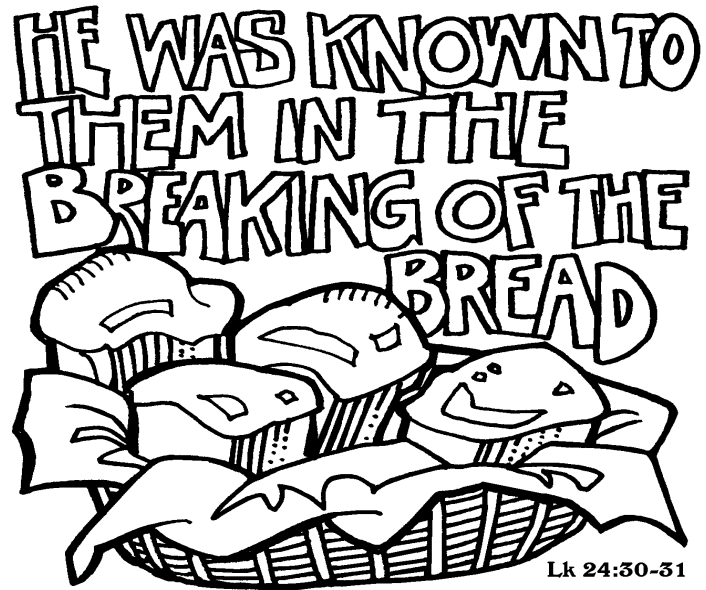


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SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2013



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**Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church**

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Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam  
Director of Music: Paul Sloan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

\*When you see this sign, please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #161 *Welcome, Happy Morning*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Impatient God –

While we are still looking for you in wounded hands,

**All: you are sparking an Easter sunrise in our world.**

One: While we hang on to fear and sadness,

**All: you are grabbing our hands and lifting us into a  
new day!**

One: Wake us up, that we search for you not only in an  
ancient story of wounded hands, but in our lives today.

Make us certain your Presence in the renewal of our  
spirit, in the laughter of peace, in the liberation of  
people.

**All: Shine your Easter through each of us. Give us  
Courage for hallelujahs! Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

INTROIT: 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

One: O Christ, when you came and stood among your disciples you said, "Peace be with you." Peace is often illusive for us. We are troubled by what happens around us and by our own failures. We, like Thomas, know what it is to doubt. Use our doubts to deepen our faith. Help us remember we do not need to have all the answers to walk with you in doing what love demands. Forgive us for those times when we have let doubt prevent us from walking in the light-whether that doubt be in you, or in ourselves, or in your church.

**All: We pray that we might have life in your name, now and always. Amen** Printed with permission from Gathering

\*HYMN #173 *Thine is The Glory*

### **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 (SUNG TWICE) VU#933

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come, come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

**The gifts of bread and wine have been received, even to the ones who betrayed and denied, even to the ones who fled into the night, even to us. Holy One, in grace and peace, in bread and fruit of the vine, in faith that embraces the mystery of your presence, we give you thanks.**

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

### **We Hear the Wisdom of the Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SAID BY ALL)

**May we hear these ancient scriptures with trusting faith and gentle hope, with creative enthusiasm and honest doubt, rooted in the teachings of Jesus and grounded in your love. May we hear your call in scripture today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20: 19-31

ANTHEM: *There Is a Happy Land Accompanied by the Bell A 'Peal Choir*

*Words/Music by Andrew Young Choral/Setting by Russell Schulz-Widmar*

SERMON

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Special Music: Bell A'Peal Choir

\*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

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* HYMN VU#185 *You Tell Me that the Lord is Risen*

\*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN Hallelujah Amen #974

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Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.*

**UCW** will be meeting on Tuesday, **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.** The program is fundraising ideas. Please bring a bag lunch.

**Camp Simpresca** is having their spring cleaning day on **Saturday, May 4/13**. It will from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch provided. More information on the bulletin board.

Thank you everyone for doing such a great job with the recycling this week. However, the transfer station has asked us to separate the bottles/plastic and the paper in separate bins. The appropriate signs will be above the blue bins and this will make it much easier come garbage day. Let us all do our part. Thank you to Judy and Mary Ellen for setting this up.

The circle would like to give you a sneak peek of some of the great things that we have so far for the talent auction.

Baby girl knitted blankets  
Quilt art  
Gourmet lunch and boat cruise  
Cushion covers  
Stainglass sun catcher's (Church glass)  
Knitted hats, scarf and mitts  
Handmade wooden jewelry holder  
Framed Photograph's  
Fleece tie blanket  
Handmade bags  
12 jars homemade jam  
Preserves  
Batch of chili sauce  
Pies  
Picnic for two  
Refinishing of a small project  
4 hours of gardening  
Dinners

## Victorian Tea

The **Oddfellows** will be hosting their soup and sandwich meal on **Wednesday, April 10/13**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. The cost is \$7.00. More information on the bulletin board.

**St. John's United, Elmvale**, are hosting their **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON**, on **Wed. Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.. Along with the luncheon you can shop for homemade baking, white elephant goodies and take part in a silent auction. Lunch is \$10.00/adult and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets at the door only. Take outs available.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY YOU MAY CALL KAREN AT HOME AT 705-355-0224 OTHERWISE PLEASE CALL CHURCH AT 705-526-6077. KAREN NOW HAS HER OWN EMAIL ADDRESS: [MINSFUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MINSFUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM). YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

**UCW GARAGE SALE APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 10AM TO 2PM**  
TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT RECYCLING ALL  
THOSE ITEMS THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED OR USE. RECYCLE THEM TO THE  
UCW GARAGE SALE ON FRIDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> - PENETANG LEGION  
YOU CAN DROP THINGS OFF AT THE LEGION ON THE AFTERNOON OF  
THURSDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1-4PM OR MORNING OF THE SALE!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TONY STILES @ 705 540 9021

**Help Wanted** – We are looking for 3 people to deliver newsletters (3) times a year. Two routes are in Midland and one is in the Midland Point area. Please contact the church office or speak with Sheila Thompson if you are able to volunteer for these positions. Thank You!

POSTLUDE

***Welcome!***

### **Are you new to St. Paul's?**

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. Please make yourself known to our greeters, and pick up a welcome package. Please join us after the service for refreshments, in our Great Hall and find out more info about St. Paul's and get connected into the

community. **What to expect** - The only thing we ask you to do is to relax. You are with people just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience. **Please join us for coffee downstairs in the Great Hall compliments the Outreach Committee**

We wish to thank the **Bell A 'Peal Choir**, under the direction of **Victoria Warwick**, for there ministry of music this morning.

Lay Reader

Pre-Service Music

Administrator

Custodian

Ian Sutherland

Rick Taylor

Judy McConnell

Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for April – Bud Wooldridge  
will be delivering DVD's for the month of April.

*Cathy Metzgar* will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for April – Linda Jarvis

Communion Preparers are Arlyn Keast, Wilma Plews  
and Ewing Rae

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**CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK APRIL 8TH THRU APRIL 12TH**

Tuesday	Worship	9:00am	Karen's office
Tuesday	UCW	12:30pm	Parlour
Tuesday	Property	7:00pm	Chapel
Wednesday	Bible Study	11:30am	Parlour
Thursday	Choir	7:00pm	Chapel

*Don't forget to let the church know if you're meeting day or time changes!*

**Out of the Cold** – our Lenten project: Please find envelopes for your donations on the back window of the sanctuary. Your cheque should be made out to “St. Paul’s United Church” our Trust Funds will match the total raised on this project. Please have your envelopes in by Easter Sunday March 31st. Thank You! **So far we have raised \$3132.00**

**Welcoming of new members and adherents** on Sunday on April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to become a member of St. Paul’s please contact the church office at 705-526-6077 or speak with Karen.

**The Official Board** has called three gatherings of the congregation to discuss our wedding policy. Please mark your calendars for April 14, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The sessions with be approximately 1hr 15 minutes long and will be held after church and after you have had a chance to get a coffee. It is hoped that you will be able to attend as many as possible.

**Talent Auction May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013:** Please find slips on the back window that can be used to fill out the information regarding any handmade items that you might like to donate. Just to give you some ideas, suggestions of past donations from our talented parishioners are on the back. Please submit your slips to the church office or put on the collection plate by April 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 and items should be in by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

