



## ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

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Minister – All of the Congregation  
With the Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

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**Sunday August 11th, 2013**

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN *VU#409 Morning Has Broken*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throughout the human story the Spirit of God continues to speak in visions and voices, in images and ideas, and in all languages and all times, to all people in all places, inviting the people of God to discover new revelation.

**All: To Abram it came as a sign in the stars and the sand that he had been chosen by God.**

One: And still the Spirit comes to us today in new voices and new visions and in new understandings of the voices and visions passed on to us from yesterday.

**All: It may burn in our hearts like fire or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice. It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within, or embrace us in the touch of another child of God.**

One: Because the Spirit speaks to us and we respond!  
Let us worship.

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: **Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

One: Holy Spirit-Power around us and within us, knowing us and our past perfectly, having a dream for us we can't really imagine: we are in awe of your creation as it lies before our eyes, a living and elegant world wherein we each find ourselves conscious and alive, linked to others of our kind by bonds of love and memory, in awe of your creative presence and caringness.

**All: What shall we do to respond to this revelation?**

One: Inept seem all our efforts at speech: so sometimes we are silent.

**All: You are God, the Sea of Being in which we live and move. Alleluia. Blessed be incomprehensible name. Amen.**

*\*HYMN VU#634 To Abraham and Sarah*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God, we confess that there are many hours when we are not mindful of your presence. We give up the comfort and avoid the challenge that come from your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing you. May Christ be known among us in the breaking of bread. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### 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: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

SERMON

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*\*Special Music: Victoria Warwick*

**\*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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*\* HYMN VU#651 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

\* COMMISSIONING

\* SUNG BLESSING

**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.**

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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 lemonade in the Great Hall after the service hosted by Ruth and Ian Sutherland.**

Guest organist	Victoria Warwick
Lay Reader	Echo Godsmark
Pre-Service Music	Rick Taylor
Administrator	Judy McConnell
Custodian	Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for July is Tom Barber

Al MacDiarmid will be delivering DVD's for the next 3 weeks.

Captain of the Counters for July is Linda Jarvis

We welcome our guest organist today, Victoria Warwick. Thank you.

**World Song Concert** will be at St. Paul's, **Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**. This is a freewill offering concert with money raised will be going to our youth programs within the church.

**Kids Days:** On August 14<sup>th</sup> the Kids will be baking cookies and other baked goods from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. All ages welcome!

**POT LUCK FUNDRAISING DINNER:** We will be having a Pot Luck Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday August 15th starting at 6:00 pm. in the church gym. Tickets are for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The funds raised will go towards youth programs in the church. Come and have a great evening of fellowship and help our youth in the bargain.

Please have your **newsletter reports** into Judy's office no later than **August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**There will another Senior Worship & Tea Communion Service on Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**. At that time we will have a Communion Service followed by a luncheon. We are looking for drivers to help transport participants to and from the Church. If you are interested in helping out or participating please email Kelsi Maracle at [308YAYA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:308YAYA@GMAIL.COM) or speak to Judy in the office.

**Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator Announcement - Applicants Sought For Exciting New Position** St. Paul's United Church Midland wishes to hire a **Faith Formation and Outreach Coordinator**, to begin work on August 26, 2013. This 12 hour per week (on average) contract position will develop and implement programs for Sunday School, youth and families as well as other opportunities for spiritual enrichment for a wide variety of people at St. Paul's and in the community. Remuneration is negotiable, commensurate with qualifications and experience. **Closing date for applications is Friday August 16, 2013.**

**Please apply to:** The Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

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