



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 August 4th, 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#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Living God, open our hearts to the real
treasures in life: may we seek the love that
lasts, the song that echoes, and the life everlasting

**All: Open our hearts to Christ, the Spirit of life,
And you, the Creator of all the Eternal One.**

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 (in unison)

One: Loving Creator, calm us when we feel pulled between
concerns for the future and living in your realm today.

**All: Stir us to invest our hearts, minds and souls in
your ways, rather than in our possessions, for
Christ's sake. Amen**

*HYMN *VU#684 Make me a Channel of Your Peace*

THEME CONVERSATION

Special Music: Sung by Moo Soe

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Creator God, we come to you with skeptical hearts,
afraid to trust too deeply, to believe too fully, to
surrender too completely. You call us to discipleship
in our everyday living, and it scares us.
Forgive us, O God, that we might find your path amidst
the tangle of our fears and suspicions. Open our hearts
to change and to wholeness.**

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: Luke 12: 12-21

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

**Special Music: Sung by Dah Dah*

***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#639 One More Step Along The World I Go*

*** 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 Susan MacNeil and Terry MacPherson.**

Guest Soloists	Dah Dah & Moo Soe
Lay Reader	Stephan Kramp
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

Our church administrator Judy will be on holidays July 29th and return August 12th. **Gail Wilcox** will be in the office will Judy is away. Thanks to Gail for her help. Judy

The **office** will be **closed Monday, August 5/13** due to the Civic Holiday

Youth Night: Our next youth Night will be Friday August 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Kids Days: Will be August 7th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and they will be making lots of fun summer crafts. On August 14th the Kids will Be baking cookies and other baked goods from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. All ages welcome!

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

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Ken Lewis.

The memorial service will be at St. Paul's, Tuesday, August 6th at 11:00 a.m., with visitation from 9:00 a.m. till 10:45 a.m.. Reception to follow the service in the Great Hall.

Thank you to all how helped in our Senior's Communion service and tea on Wednesday, July 31st. A special thanks to Kelcie Maracle and Kim Haakenberg for organizing this event.

We would like to thank Dah Dah and her daughter Moo Soe, for their ministry of music this morning.

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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.

There will another Senior Worship & Tea Communion Service on Wednesday August 21st 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 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

308 King St., Midland, ON L4R 3M6 Email: STPAULSUNITED@ROGERS.COM For more information and the complete job description: Go to WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG for additional information telephone St. Paul's at (705) 526-6077