



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
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Minister – All of the Congregation  
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Director of Music: Paul Sloan

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday July 21<sup>th</sup>, 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#232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Turning, turning, turning, the clay on the potter's wheel comes round.

**All: The turning of the seasons brings us round to this new day.**

One: Gripping, moulding, forming, the hand of the potter forms the clay.

**All: In the hands of God we are formed anew.**

One: God's hope in us renews us and transforms.

**All: Let us worship God. (Ron Sykes, Gathering 2004)**

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.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

**Loving God, we seek your presence here this morning. In this hour of worship, may we allow ourselves to be led, encouraged,  
supported and upheld. Fill us with your Spirit, O God, that we may be empowered to serve your world and be the people you  
would have us be. In Jesus name. Amen**

\*HYMN *VU# 506 Take My Life and Let It Be*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Creator God, there is a lot not right with our world; too many people live in fear, too many are hungry, too many are homeless, too many cannot find work. Often we blame others; sometimes, we even blame you. But we know that as human beings we have created many of the evils we see today. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our minds and hearts and help us participate in solutions to the wrongs we see. Encourage us to be the community of your people, the Body of Christ in the world. Grant us strength and courage to begin again. We pray in Jesus name. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### **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 READINGS: Luke 14: 25-33, Psalm 1 #VU724

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

*SPECIAL MUSIC Living Spirit, Holy Fire by Lori True*

SERMON GOD'S POTTERY!

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

*SPECIAL MUSIC Blest Art They by David Haas*

**\*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 (in unison)

**We bring our gifts to you, O God, believing that your blessing will be shown; in renewed lives, in joyful hearts, in hope restored, in community strengthened. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* *HYMN VU # 266 Amazing Grace*

\* COMMISSIONING (in unison)

**May the blessing of God our creator who formed us give life to us, to the church, and to the world making of us a new creation.  
May God's spirit breathe through us, strengthening and renewing us for service to the world.**

\* SONG 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 Rachel Leck and Iris and Xavier Sagar.**

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| Guest Speaker     | Lorna Bywater        |
| Guest Soloist     | Lana Lyons           |
| Guest Pianist     | Victoria Warwick     |
| Lay Reader        | Allan James          |
| Pre-Service Music | Rick Taylor          |
| Administrator     | Judy McConnell       |
| Custodian         | Mary Ellen Petticrew |

Captain of the Greeters for July is Tom Barber

Joan Lavin will be delivering DVD's for the month of July

Captain of the Counters for July is Linda Jarvis

Today we welcome **Lorna Bywater** are our guest speaker.

**Thank you to Victoria Warwick** who is our guest pianist. We would also like to welcome **Lana Lyons** and thank them both for their ministry of music.

**Volunteers Needed:** This year we are going to video the Sunday services for distribution to those unable to attend. We need someone, or two, to volunteer to pick up the DVDs at the church on Monday morning and deliver them. If there are two volunteers, we would suggest that they take a month each.

The passing of **Tom Hazell** June 8, 1937 – July 7, 2013 - The celebration of Tom's life will be held on **Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's United Church with visitation from 12:30 p.m. until the service begins at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow downstairs at the church.**

**Senior Tea & Worship and Communion service on Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> Volunteers Needed:** We will be hosting a Senior Tea, Worship and Communion Service on July 31st and August 21st for Seniors. The ceremony will take place from 11am till 2pm on both days. We are looking for volunteers to help transport participants to and from the Church. As well as to assist in the preparing of sandwiches and refreshments. 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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For more information and the complete job description: Go to [WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG](http://WWW.STPAULSMIDLAND.ORG) for additional information telephone St. Paul's at (705) 526-6077