



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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday July 28th, 2013

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*OPENING HYMN VU# 672 *Take Time to Be Holy*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To pray is to open our hearts.

All: To pray is to open our minds and our souls.

One: To whom do we pray?

All: We pray to the Ground-of-our-Being.

We pray to that which gives us life.

We pray to God-beyond, around, within.

One: All the world changes.

All: And we change.

One: With that change,

All: we worship God! Alleluia!

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)

Offering our words to you, Holy One is considered foolish by some, misguided by others, and laughable by a few. But we come to talk with you, again. To share our fears and our hopes, our nightmares and our dreams. Help us to say what needs to be said, then to listen and to live-your love-alive in the world. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen

*HYMN VU# 661 *Come to My Heart*

THEME CONVERSATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Abba, in heaven's realm your name is holy and good. We long for your day of justice when all people will follow your way, and all of creation will know peace. We have what we need because you are good. We know you forgive us when we fail, and so we learn to forgive those who cause us harm. You are the one we worship, follow, and adore, and we give our lives to you each day, and forever. 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 READINGS: Psalm 85 VU# 802, Luke 11:1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC The Samis Family

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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***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 # 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

* 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 Dunk-Hayward family.**

Guest Soloists	The Samis Family
Lay Reader	Colin Whiteside
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

The beautiful flowers at the front of the church are placed in memory of **Tom Hazell**.

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

Thank you to Samis family for their ministry of music during our service today.

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.

Youth Night: Our next youth Night will be Friday August 9th at 6:30pm Kids Day:

August 7th we will be having a kids day from 11:00am – 3:00pm. They will be making lots of fun summer crafts.

August 14th the Kids will be baking cookies and other baked goods from 1:00pm till 4:00pm. All ages welcome!

Senior Tea & Worship and Communion service on Wednesday July 31st 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. 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