

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, MARCH 31, 2013

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (printed on the back of your bulletin, responsive)

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

*HYMN #509 *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*

THEME CONVERSATION

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN/LORD'S PRAYER

(Children may go up to Sunday school now)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *FOR JOHN 20:19-31*

One: Doubt....

All: Does not damage faith.

One: Wondering....

All: does not damage faith.

One: Questioning....

All: does not damage faith.

One: Fear....

All: does.

One: So we will...

All: question, wonder, and doubt,

knowing that God's love is with us, always.

One: We shall not be afraid!

All: We shall not be afraid!

Alleluia!

One: Let us pray:

All: We sometimes envy your first disciples, Christ.

The ones who walked with you.

The ones you healed.

The ones you taught.

And then we remember,

You do that with us too.

Thanks be to God, who does such marvellous things!

(Richard Bott, St. Andrew's U.C., Maple Ridge, B.C.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle lujah! Halle, halle, halle lujah!

Halle, halle, halle lujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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

Epistle Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

ANTHEM Christ is Risen! Alleluja! JSB Monsell/Deborah Govenor

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN #211 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*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#155 *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY*

*COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION

** 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, God 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, God will show the way.
 Go in love and live in faith. Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

Welcome to all who have joined us today.

A special welcome to our guest musicians *Trumpet*: Philip Pfaff, Earle Birt, Dave Taylor, *Flugelhorn*: Sadie Bridgeman, *Baritone*: Paul Rayment *Trombone*: Vince Evenden, *Timpani*: DJ Thorpe, *Cymbals*: Noah Leis, *Tuba*: Brian Lewis. We would like to thank them for their contribution of music to our service today. We would also like to thank our choir for their gift of music today and throughout the Holy Week services.

Thank you to Bea Nayduk and team for preparing our Easter Sunday breakfast.

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 M&P committee.**

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK APRIL 1ST THRU APRIL 5TH			
Monday	Holiday (church not open)		
Tuesday	UCW Executive	9:30am	Parlour
	M&P	2:00pm	Parlour
Tuesday	Fellowship Club	7:00pm	Great Hall
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!

Administrator
 Custodian

Judy McConnell
 Mary Ellen Petticrew

Captain of the Greeters for March – *Sheila Thompson*

Diane & Graham Patchell will be delivering DVD's for the month of March. *Bea Nayduk* will be in the Nursery today.

Captain of the Counters for March – *Heather Wilson*

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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**

Please join us for a Fellowship Evening Tuesday April 2nd at 7pm at the Midland Huronia Museum. A presentation will be given by curator Jamie Hunter, then, we encourage everyone to tour the museum. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Welcoming of new members on Sunday on April 21st. 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, 21st and 28th. The sessions will 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 11th 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 12th 2013 and items should be in by April 25th.



The beautiful flowers are placed at the front of the church in memory of loved ones...

In loving memory of **Marian Wilcox** placed by Gail, Bruce & Linda Wilcox and family

In loving memory of parents and husband

Bun Hornsby from Marjorie Hornsby

In loving memory of **Donna Lee & Nick Rachey**

from Louise & family

In memory of **loves ones** from Joy & Don Edwards

In memory of **loved ones** from Frank & Mary Graham.

In loving memory of **Ron White** from Joyce & family.

In memory of **Bill VanOoyen** from Barb VanOoyen.

In memory of the **Timmins/Bellamy** families

from Eileen & Wm. Ron Bellamy.

In memory of **loved ones** from Jean Stainton

In memory of **David & Grace MacDiarmid & George & Bea Wainman** from Allan & Doris MacDiarmid.

In loving memory of **Annie Middleton** from Ray.

In loving memory of **Claude Keast** from Arlyn & family.

In memory of our **loved ones** from Mary & Allan Edwards.

In memory of **loved ones** from Anne & Joe Faragher
and Lenore & Ivan Price

In loving memory of **Leona Lewis** from Dr. Ken Lewis

In honour & memory of **lady care givers and friends**
from Dr. Ken Lewis

In memory of **family & friends** from Ruth Sutherland

In loving memory of **Don Spearn** from Bea & family

In memory of **loved ones past & present** from Allan James

In loving memory of **Jim McCullough** from Phyllis & John
In loving memory of **Cliff Pendlebury** from Zena & family
In memory of **loved ones** from Ivan & Lenore Price
and Joe & Anne Faragher.

In memory of **loved ones** from Alex & Alys Widmeyer
In loving memory of **Gerry Stokes** & loved ones from Iris Williams.
In memory of **loved ones** from Clint & Bev Truax.

In memory of **loved ones** from Carol & Wayne Morrison.

You may take your flowers after the service. Thank you to everyone who supported the Children's Community choir in this fundraising venture.

Thank You! Once again the congregation of St. Paul's have shown their generosity by filling the baskets with food in our sanctuary. The food will be sent to the Salvation Army to help with their ongoing work of feeding the hungry in our community!!!

Our Drop In Centre - Each Monday morning in our Great Hall, Bea Nayduk and her many volunteers offer coffee, goodies, fresh vegetables and fruit, homemade soup. Sometimes there is French toast, or hot dogs or pancakes. We would like to thank Bea, George, Don, Judy, Debbie, John, Peter and whoever else has given their time to provide a safe and welcoming environment to our neighbours in this community who come to the **Drop In Centre** on Monday mornings.

UCW GARAGE SALE APRIL 26TH 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 26TH - PENETANG LEGION**

YOU CAN DROP THINGS OFF AT THE LEGION ON THE AFTERNOON OF

THURSDAY APRIL 25TH FROM 1-4PM OR MORNING OF THE SALE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TERRY STELLS @ 705 540 9021

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: MINSPUCMIDLAND@GMAIL.COM. YOU ARE INVITED TO EMAIL KAREN DIRECTLY AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS.

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!

The local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs help to wrap daffodils on **Friday April 5th**. If you can give a couple of hours of our time to this worthy cause, please join the other volunteers at the Midland Curling Club, King Street at 8:30am on that day.

Dear St. Paul's United Church:

Thank you for letting us use the gym on Saturday for our Garage & Bake Sale. From our Bake Sale alone we made \$215 and with the Garage Sale our final total was \$750. We are very pleased with the results. Once again we saw several of you out supporting our youth. Thank you so much for being there for them. Yours in Scouting, *Katherine Faulkner*