

# **Easter Season Let Freedom Ring!**



**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**St. Paul's United Church**  
**308 King St, Midland ON, L4R 3M6**  
**Tel: 705-526-6077      E-mail: [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com)**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Kirsty Hunter**  
**Music Director: Victoria Warwick**

**Tech Team:**  
Glenn Erwin,  
Gabriela and Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox,  
Marina Commisso, Alexis Danford, Fran Hill

**\* Please take your bulletin home for Recycling \***

# Gathering and Preparation

## Prelude

## Processional

## Sing Praise and Bless the Lord

Sing praise and bless the Lord,  
sing praise and bless the Lord! Peoples! Nations! Alleluia

## Welcome

## Check In

What is something you have learned from a different generation?

## Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

**Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.**

This week a group of Canadian Rangers completed a 5,200 km patrol of the North including 17 communities along the route. One of their goals was to build relationships between the Rangers and the communities they serve. It was the first such patrol in about 80 years. Indigenous knowledge of the terrain and survival techniques were critical to its success. Master Cpl. Julia Elanik of Aklavik, N.W.T. was part of the group. She said that local communities were very helpful in sharing knowledge throughout their journey.

**We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch**

## Call to Worship

A church is:

**A space to learn and grow**

It can be:

**A space to try new things**

It is definitely

**A space to pass on our story**

Sometimes we go to camp:

**A space to connect with nature**

Sometimes we just sit

**We need a space to be still and listen**

And:

**A space to connect with God**

So, let us worship in this space that God is creating, where all are embraced.  
**Together we become beloved community**

**Opening Prayer**

**Reader: Peggy Wallace**

**Lighting of Christ Candle**

**Prayer** As we light this Christ Candle,  
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

**Sung Response**

**Here in this place, the light of God,  
my soul finds repose:  
Holy space, the heartbeat of God,  
My soul finds a home**

**Peace of Christ**

**Stories for All Ages:** Camping.

**Song of Praise** VU#678 For the Healing of the Nations

## **Listening**

**Scripture** Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 **Reader: Terry McPherson**

**Sermon:** What does it mean to be free?

**Song for Reflection** VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

**Life and Work of the Church** (Announcements)

**Offering of Thanksgiving**

**Offertory Music** Choir

**Offertory Response** VU#541 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow  
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.

