

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. Anna Thompson
Lector: The Rev. Anna Thompson

Ministry of Music

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Bill Cashman
Ushers: Kathy and Art Williams
Jane and Dave Hall
Greeters: Lois and Dave Ritter
Acolyte: Jeff Dundore
Children's Sermon: Rev. Anna
Nursery: Eichman Family
Flower Delivery: Lois and Dave Ritter

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 09, 2009



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You are Welcome Here!



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 09, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "In The Garden" Scott

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised!**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

All: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.**

*THE HYMN NO. 18 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts,
waiting to be filled:**

waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;

waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;

waiting to be filled with new energy for service.

Come to us we pray.

Be with us.

Touch us.

**Empower us as your people that we might worship you here and act in the world for
Jesus' sake. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Responsive)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not**

loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the same of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your
ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Parables of Jesus -- Another Look - The Adult 2 Class begins the Fall Season with the start of an exciting journey – relooking at the parables of Jesus with Dr. Greg Carey from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Get ready to look at the parables from a new and creative light, integrating solid scholarship with everyday life! Dr. Carey is a New Testament Professor at the Seminary and is the author of *Ultimate Things and Sinners: Jesus and his Earliest Followers*. Greg is also an UCCer; a member of Grace UCC, Lancaster. This adult study series includes two sessions at the Lancaster Theological Seminary, weekly discussion during the church school hour and a workbook for personal reflection and study during the week. **EVERYONE is welcome to join us in this exciting adventure, even if you do not normally attend Adult 2. You do not need to attend the opening and closing lectures or attend every week.**

Sessions at Lancaster Theological Seminary

Opening Introductory Session – Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Closing Session – Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

(Car pooling will be arranged.)

Some St. Paul's folks have heard Dr. Carey speak on a number of issues and know how dynamic and thought provoking he is. Any questions, please contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or at skeithknox@comcast.net. If you know you will be attending some or all of the sessions, please let Shirley know so we can plan accordingly, especially room choice. Thanks and we hope you join us!



SEPTEMBER IS COMING!! Please note that **Sunday September 13th** will be Rally Day and Congregational Picnic. We will have one service on this day at **10:30 AM**. We will then move outdoors for the Congregational Picnic. All food will be provided for the picnic, there will be an offering plate if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the costs of the picnic. **Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy this time of Fellowship.**



Thank You
Note

To St. Paul's;

Thank you so much for the beautiful Rosebud in honor of our daughter Molly's birth. Also, we greatly appreciated the visit in the hospital from the Minister, that was very touching. Molly and I are both home and doing very well, and we look forward to having her baptized and raised in the Church. Amy and Brett Hockenberry.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE FALL BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING Thursday, evening, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All ideas and help would be greatly appreciated. We still have a couple of co-chair positions that need filled. If you are interested in filling a co-chairperson position or helping in any of the areas, please plan now on attending this meeting. **We need lots of help to make this event successful.** If you are unable to attend this meeting and want to help or if you have any questions, contact Jean Mogel (697-1088) or the Church Office (766-7931). Please note if you hold a chairperson position and are unable to attend this meeting, please have someone come in your place.



BLESSING OF THE BOOK BAGS/ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd** as we prepare for a new school year and bid summer a fond farewell. Bring your book bags, backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special back-to-school blessing during the children's sermon. After the service, come to Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream before lunch? Hey, it's only once a year! Ice Cream will be provided. **If you would like to donate toppings for the ice-cream, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board** in the common area. Thanks and hope to see you there.



YARD SALE!!! Don't throw that good stuff out! The Youth Group of St. Paul's is again sponsoring the annual **St. Paul's UCC Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 5th on the church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Church members may rent a space for \$7, non-members' cost is \$10 (includes table for first 30 spaces) OR you may donate your items to the Youth Fellowship space for them to sell. **NOTE:** No computers, monitors or printers please!! Donations (*marked, please*) can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's youth program and a local mission project. To reserve your space, please call Terry at the church office, 766-7931, or contact Patty Scott (737-3139).



Rev. John is currently on vacation and will be returning Monday August 31st. We will have guest Preachers and Worship Leaders for the four Sundays he is away. **Emergency Pastoral Coverage will be provided by The Rev. Brian Medkeff-Rose August 3rd through August 16th and The Rev. Anna Thompson August 17th through August 30th.** If you need Pastoral Services please call Terry; weekdays in the Church Office @ 766-7931, evenings and weekends @ 697-8329 (H) or 805-5869(C). If there is no answer, leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Terry will have contact phone numbers for you. Thank You

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE of Pardon (Responsive)

Leader: Anyone in Christ become a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world

Red and yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 130

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

John 6:35, 41-51

"Gather Us In"

*THE HYMN NO. 503 "O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
(Debts and Debtors)

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

THE OFFERTORY

Soloist - Cheryl Cotton

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Eternal God, who gave us Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we respond to your goodness by offering ourselves as dough to be made alive by the leaven of the gospel. Knead us and mold us to fit your will for us. Flavor us with the richness of Christ's teaching. Shape us by his sacrificial love on our behalf. Infuse us with your Spirit, and send us forth to be bread for the world.

*THE HYMN NO. 99 "Abide with Me"

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

**All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Benjamin

*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us. Please register your attendance on the Friendship Form that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

References:

The Call to Worship (pg 525), Invocation (pg 529), and Call to Confession (pg 35-37), Confession (pg 37) and Assurance of Pardon (pg 38) are from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship, 1986.

The Prayer of Dedication: (pg 218) When We Gather, James G. Kirk, Geneva Press 2001. "The World Peace Prayer" is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, and is also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine Sisters.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Gene and Becky Collins "In Honor of 53rd Wedding Anniversary"
Sue and Jerry Stada "In Honor of 40th Wedding Anniversary"

PRAYER CONCERNS: Mary Louise Miller; Dory Milletics

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 9-August 16, 2009

TODAY	9:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	FH and Kitchen in Use
TUES	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
	5:30 pm	TOPS (6)
SUN Aug 16th	9:00 am	Worship Service
	5:30 pm	Youth Group (Pavilion and FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME The Rev. Anna L. Thompson as our Preacher and Liturgist today. Anna is a ministerial daughter of our congregation and also served St. Paul's as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries for a number of years. Presently, she is the Chaplain at the Thornwald and Todd Homes of United Church of Christ Homes. We thank her for her participation in our worship service today.