

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: Bill Cashman

Ministry of Music
Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Michael Gray
Greeters: Velez Family
Acolyte: Slater Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Belva and Leo Garman

“St. Paul’s UCC aims to be a fully accessible congregation. Folks having an issue related to accessibility in the church building or a church program should contact the church office or contact a head usher on Sunday mornings.”

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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 1, 2010



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 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 1, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Communion" Reginald W. Martin

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 107

*THE HYMN NO. 23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Giving God, help us to be mindful of the many blessings You have given us. Help us also to remember that this wealth is not measured just by possessions and money. In our appreciation, may we be gracious to You, sharing with others as a sign of our gratitude. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

The vast majority of us struggle with how much is enough. We strive for more and more, pushed by our culture, advertising and our fears. We fail to heed the words of Scripture as spoken throughout the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. We ignore Jesus' example and his teachings about the dangers of greed and the importance of sharing so that all have enough. We refuse to even talk about money and sharing our wealth, labeling such conversations as "political" and having no place in church. Yet there are more verses about wealth and how to share it than just about anything else in Scripture. We have not listened and acted according to God's will in this area. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION(Unison)

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your Name. Amen.



Beverly
Cindy Bensel
Bill and Alice Crouse
Julie DeLuca
Floyd Gouse Jr.
Dale Guanowsky
Bob Heisler
Megan Kern
Ralph Kiner
Elaine McCracken
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
Jean Myers
Jack Rhoads
Rhoda Rupp
Elizabeth Schultz
John Scott
Peg and Don Seiler
Cindy Stone
Leah van Olden
Victoria Velez
Dan Watts

All the People affected by the Earthquakes; All the People and the Environment affected by the oil spill in the Gulf Coast, All the People in the Middle East struggling for peace; All the people in the military and their families; All the people who have lost jobs and their families.

Celebrations

Large Thanks to The Rev. Anna Thompson and Allyssa Boyer for preaching in August and The Rev. Anna's willingness to provide Emergency Pastoral Care and for Terry Shaner's willingness to field phone calls in that regard.

References:

The Prayer of Confession is from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1997, HarperSan Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Gathered By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1994, United Church Press.

“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 Gregory and Patrice Miller “In honor of 34th Anniversary”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 1st – 8th.

- TODAY 9:00 am** Worship Services/Pew Communion
- MON Rev John** Vacation Begins
- TUE Noon** Ecumenical Food Pantry
5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
- THUR 7:00 pm** Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)
- FRI Church Office** Closed
- SAT Youth** Fellowship Mini Golf/Harrisburg Senators Outing
- SUN 9:00 am** Worship Service
4:00 pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rev. John will be on vacation from Monday, August 2nd through Sunday August 29th. We will have guest Preachers and Worship Leaders for those four Sundays. Emergency Pastoral Coverage will be provided by The Rev. Anna Thompson. 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 September Epistle Deadline is Wednesday August 11th. Please get your articles in by this time. We are hoping to get the Epistle in the mail so all will receive prior to the beginning of September.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God receives our apologies and repentance, and has assured us that our sins are forgiven.

All: Let us receive and pursue the new lives, which Jesus showed were possible for all of us. Amen.

*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.**

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 Hosea 11:1-11

THE PSALTER RESPONSE(sung together) Psalm 107:1-9
New Century Hymnal Page #693

THE RESPONSE
One: God is still speaking.
All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE Luke 12:13-21
“Being Rich Toward God”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Organ "But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own" Felix Mendelssohn

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess to causes far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "larger barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank You for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: We Lift Them Up To God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

(Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ's presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO #563 "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

*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

"Celebration"

Benton Price

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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MINI-GOLF/BASEBALL OUTING- If you signed up to play miniature golf, we will meet any time after 3:30 at Water Golf on City Island. Group prices are \$5.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children. If you are coming for the game only, you can meet the group at the main entrance to the ballpark at 5:45 to pick up your tickets, or email Martha Brown at vbrown5325@aol.com to make arrangements to pick up your tickets.



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Please help us get the word out about the Bazaar! FLYERS are on the table in the common area; stop by on your way out and pick up some to distribute. Ask your local stores and businesses if you can put one up on their bulletin board or windows! It helps a lot.

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