

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

March 14, 2010

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Ron Chronister

10:30 Amy Paulus

Ministry of Music

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Dennis Plymette

8:15 Merikay & Don Wood

10:30 Cindy & Dick Bensel

10:30 Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase

Greeters: 8:15 Patty & Dave Scott

10:30 Jane & Dave Hall

Acolyte: 8:15

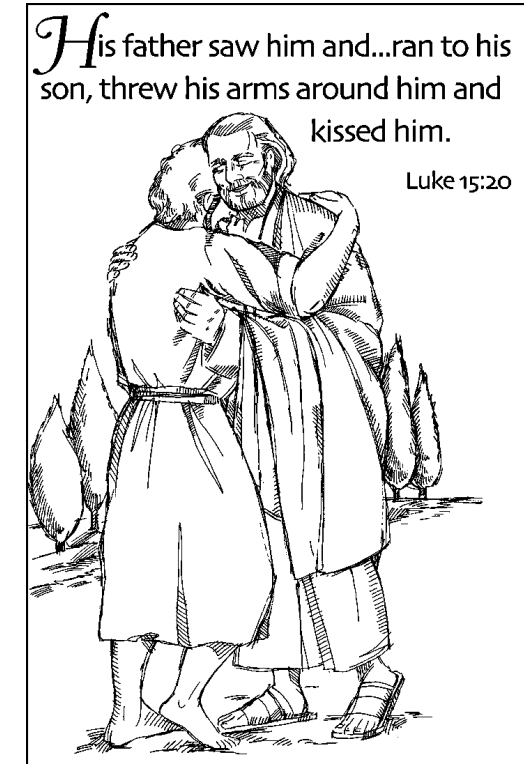
10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

Children's Sermon: Choristers

Nursery: Cathy Thomas

Flower Delivery: Dot & Jim Kinzer

Fellowship Time: Paulus Family



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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" Calkins

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From 2 Corinthians

*THE HYMN NO. 423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious, welcoming God, help us to be gracious and welcoming too. Help us to see how much You desire for all people to be connected or reconnected to You. May we connect more deeply with You, no matter how far or near we have been. And may we reach out and help others with that depth of connection as well. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We avoid recognizing that "good faithful" folks (like us?) can stop following God's way, as well as folks who have more obviously turned away from God. We can avoid hearing when passages from Scripture really speak to our situations, asking us to change our views of others, and ourselves. 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – There are so many facets to a disaster. Here is one that was related on our UCC website. The Church World Service Refugee Resettlement affiliates in Miami, Tampa, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Newark, New York City, and Boston are providing assistance to injured Haitians' who have been medically evacuated to hospitals in these cities. Volunteers are called upon to assist in hosting and extending hospitality in these cities. A special initiative was begun by the Beecher Memorial UCC of New Orleans that was destroyed in Hurricane Katrina four and one half years ago. The congregation sent \$629 dollars right away and then pledged an offering to be taken the first Sunday of each month for Haiti for the rest of 2010. The UCC and other aid givers anticipate that the long term response to this disaster in Haiti will be 5 to 8 years. Let us do our part here at St. Paul's. Support the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Hartman Center Camper Scholarship Fund - Currently we have a special giving opportunity to enable members of our congregation to attend Hartman Center summer camp programs. Hartman Center is our UCC Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center located 20 miles below State College in Milroy, PA. Throughout the summer, programs are offered for all ages, including Family, Grandparent/Child, and Adult camps, in addition to those geared to Youth. There is something for everyone! **A special offering to go towards offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through March 28th.** Specially marked envelopes are available in the pews or simply write Hartman Camp Scholarship in the memo portion of your check made payable to St. Paul's UCC.



ATTENTION SUMMER CAMPERS! If you are planning on going to Hartman Center for summer church camp, please register and pay the full amount and send directly to Hartman Center. If you want to take advantage of a campership that will pay for 1/2 the cost of camp, send the following information to the church office: Name of Camper attending, name of the camp, dates attending, and the total cost. 1/2 the cost will be reimbursed to you after you supply the office with this information. Questions? Contact Jonne Dundore 766-2601 or jonnekev@aol.com. Reminder -- **check out the "Early Bird Discount"** on the Hartman center website, www.hartmancenter.com.

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Consistory
 7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)

WED **6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm 5)**
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THUR **7:00 pm Lenten Discussions (Parlor)**

FRI **4:00 pm St. Paul's on a Mission Egg making (Kitchen)**
7:00 pm Youth 30 hour Famine (FH & Rm 7/8)

SAT **8:00 am St. Paul's on a Mission Egg making (Kitchen)**
Youth 30 hour Famine(FH & Rm 7/8)

Sunday 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Blessing of Prayer Shawls
9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS.

Slips to sign-up for the EASTER FLOWERS are on the table in the Common Area. You will have the choice of ordering an Easter Lily (\$6.50) or Tulip (\$ 6.75). They will be placed in the Chancel area on Easter Sunday, April 4th. **Completed slip along with payment** (cash or checks made payable to St. Paul's United Church of Christ) should be dropped off at the Church Office or put in the offering plate.

Would you be willing to give a fellow member a drive to worship services?

There have been times that members cannot get to Worship Services either because they do not have a car, do not drive or their regular ride is unable to pick them up that week. We are looking to set up a list of volunteers who would be willing to drive a member to worship when they need a ride. If you are willing to have your name put on a volunteer driver list for worship services, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the common area.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG MAKING! We will mix & form: Fri., March 19th & Fri., March 26th, starting at 4:00PM; Dip/Wrap: Sat., March 20th & Sat., March 27th, starting at 8:00AM.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives our sins, and seeks our increased awareness of how we turn away from God and God's will for the world.

All: **Let us seek to be more conscious of how our thoughts, words and deeds, and what we choose to do and not do, reflect lives other than what God created us to be. Let us turn back to God and pursue lives of discipleship, seeking to more fully follow the words and way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

10:30 SERVICE

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.**

CHORISTERS "A Lenten Lesson"

Shafferman

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 32

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

“Appreciating Love”

*THE HYMN NO. 202 “O God, How We Have Wandered”

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

8:15 Organ

“Offertory on Rockbridge”

Broughton

10:30 Handchime Choir

“Wondrous Love”

McChesney

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You, God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not value
ourselves. Thank You for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so
many precious gifts. Thank You now for the privilege of sharing so
others may be led to Your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in
gratitude for Your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO 449 (vs. 1, 2, 4) “Softly and Tenderly”

*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 “Trumpet Tune”

Mouret

*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 so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

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

Susan and Ed Thorn “A Gift to God”

The Paulus Family “In Memory of Loren Rider”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 14 – March 21, 2010

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services

9:00 am Choristers

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (FH)

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship @ Bergstresser Home

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Betty Hyde

Megan Kern

Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer

Tyler, Hayden and Stacy Mustico

Edna Myers

Jean Myers

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Leah van Olden

Jim Ulrich

Ruth Wrightstone

All the People affected by the Earthquake in Haiti and Chile

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

Next weekend our Youth will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. Starting around noon (after their lunch) on Friday they will begin their fast. At 7 PM they will be meeting at St. Paul's for activities, sleepover and continued fasting. On Saturday they will be going to St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen to assist with the set up, serving and clean up over the lunch hour. Their fast will conclude around 5 or 6 pm on Saturday when they will be served dinner here at the Church. The Youth will be collecting money after both services on Sunday March 21st to go to World Vision and a local food bank. Please be generous with your donations.



No time for breakfast before or after **Sunrise Service (6:30 AM) or Early Service (8:15 AM)**? Did the Easter Bunny get you off your normal schedule? Want to enjoy someone else's breakfast specialty while sharing yours with others? Then join us at **9:15 AM** in Fellowship Hall for our annual **Easter Morning Breakfast**. Everyone is invited!!! There is a sign-up sheet on a bulletin board in the common area. Everyone is also invited, urged, to **bring a delectable food offering to share, and/or volunteer to help with set-up before hand, cooking/serving, or clean-up**. We are looking for **Hot Stuff** (casseroles, breakfast meats, spicy if you want—just warn us) or **Fruits/Pastries**. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Ovens will be available to cook or warm hot items during the Early Service. We **really** need different folks to sign up for the clean-up than who set-up or cook. In the past, some folks have not gotten to go to either **Easter Service** because they ended up being needed to volunteer for the whole time. There will be places on the sign-up sheet to indicate what **you will bring and/or when you can help**. It is a great time to break bread together. We look forward to seeing lots of folks there. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Scott 737-3139, Holly Yeuell or Rev. John 766-7931. Thank you.



HOLY WEEK UPCOMING DATES TO SAVE: SCHEDULE

Sunday March 28th – Palm Sunday – 8:15/10:30 am services.

Thursday April 1st – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm service with communion

Saturday April 3rd – 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul's.

Sunday April 4th – Easter: 6:30 am sunrise service @ Simpson Park
(directions on table in common area)

8:15/10:30 am services with communion (pew).

Breakfast in FH between 8:15 and 10:30 services.



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