

**Worship Leadership**  
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 8:15 Kathy Williams  
10:30 Colleen Eichman

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

**Ministry of Service**  
Head Usher: Dennis Plymette  
8:15 Carolyn & Jere Rutherford  
10:30 Christine and David Grice  
10:30 Lois and David Ritter  
Greeters: 8:15 Shannon and Eric Trout  
10:30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette  
Acolyte: 8:15  
10:30 Mike Brown  
Children's Sermon: Holly Yeuell & Youth on  
30 Hour Famine  
Nursery: The Nase Family  
Flower Delivery: Cindy and Tom Stone  
Fellowship Time: The Pirtle Family

*“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*

March 21, 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 WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Ah, Holy Jesus" Johann Cruger

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Isaiah 43

\*THE HYMN NO. 6 (vs. 1-3 only) "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Holy God, be with us as we seek to focus on today. We are so often caught up in our pasts or worried about our futures that we fail to see what the present is offering us. We also fail to see what the present moment needs from us. Help us to be present, right here and right now, today and through our lives. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We look back with longing to an idealized past, or we cannot shake what hurt us previously. We look forward with desires for that which we don't have, without regard to what we really need, or we worry about things we cannot control. Our eyes and ears, hearts, minds and spirits can be so blinded by our pasts and futures that they are unable to fully function in the present, where God calls us to be. 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.**

**Large Print Bulletins** – Each week, the Worship Bulletin, Hymns and UCC Weekly Calendar of Prayer are available in large print. These are located in binders on a table in the sacristy. Please feel free to take any (or all) of the above, out of the binders, and take along home for your use. Any suggestions on how to improve this process can be made to Rev. John or Terry in the Church office.

**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](mailto:jonnekev@aol.com). Registration Forms are on the Hartman center website, [www.hartmancenter.com](http://www.hartmancenter.com).

**Join St. Paul's Tour de Cure cycling team to help fight diabetes!** - St Paul's is forming a team to participate in the 2010 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, which will be held on Saturday, May 22 in Boiling Springs. **To join St Paul's team or make a contribution you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>.**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 21 – March 28, 2010**

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

**MON** **EPISTLE DEADLINE**  
**7:00 pm** Bible Study @ Ron/Donna Chronister's home

**TUES** **1:00 pm** Pollyanna's at Mary Louise Miller's  
**5:30 pm** TOPS (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)

**SAT** **8:00 am** St. Paul's on a Mission Egg making (Kitchen)

**Sunday** **8:15/10:30 am** Palm Sunday Worship Services  
**9:00 am** Choristers  
**9:15 am** Sunday School  
**9:15 am** Youth Practice for Easter Sunrise Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pollyanna's will meet **1 PM Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Mary Louise Miller's home. Please remember your donations for the soldier's care package and your monetary donation for the soupless soup sale. Any questions call Mary Louise at 766-8425.

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG SALE!** If you ordered eggs for delivery March 21st, they will be available for pick up after both services in the kitchen today. \$1.00 each or 13 for \$12.00. There are also extra eggs available for purchase! **ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG MAKING!** We will mix & form the 2nd batch: Fri., March 26th, starting at 4:00PM; Dip/Wrap: Sat., March 27th, starting at 8:00AM.

**Please check out all of the signup sheets in the Common Area:** Altar Flowers; Child Sponsorships, Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Time, Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game, Nursery Helpers, Rebuilding Together Work Day, Transportation Needs, UCC Homes Helping Hands Dinner and Auction and Vacation Bible School Helpers needed.

**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

**Prayer of Blessing (Unison):**

**May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!**

10:30 SERVICE

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.**

30 HOUR FAMINE

Holly Yeuell and Youth Group

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 126

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

John 12:1-8

“Attending to the Moment”

\*THE HYMN NO. 536 “Savior, an Offering Costly and Sweet”

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 Chancel Choir

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Courtney

10:30 Youth Choir

“Ancient Words”

DeShazo

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things You have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for Your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all Your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.**

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\*THE HYMN NO 456 “More Love to You, O Christ”

\*THE BIDDING TO MISSION (8:15 Service Youth Group on 30 Hour Famine)

\*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 Things Are Become New”

Robert J. Hughes

\*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 Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

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 Her daughters; Peggy and Barb “In Memory of Mother, Violet Rodenhiser, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 23rd”

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 Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken  
 Bob Heisler  
 Betty Hyde  
 Megan Kern  
 Lynn Lawler  
 Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
 Tyler, Hayden and Stacy Mustico  
 Jean Myers  
 Ken  
 Tae Pak  
 Irv Sanders  
 John Scott  
 Peg and Don Seiler  
 The Family and Friends of Jim Sufrin  
 Beverly Sutherland  
 Leah van Olden  
 The Family and Friends of Jim Ulrich  
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All the People affected by the Earthquake in Haiti and Chile  
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**Celebrations**

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