

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

March 28, 2010

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Joanne Miller

10:30 Victoria Velez

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Dennis Plymette

8:15 Donna and Donald Sponsler

10:30 Susan and Ronald Gabriel

10:30 Patty and David Scott

Greeters: 8:15 Joanne Miller & Mary Louise Miller

10:30 Terry and Gene Shaner

Acolyte: 8:15 Jeff Dundore

10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus

Nursery: Dar and Sarah Murphy

Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland

"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.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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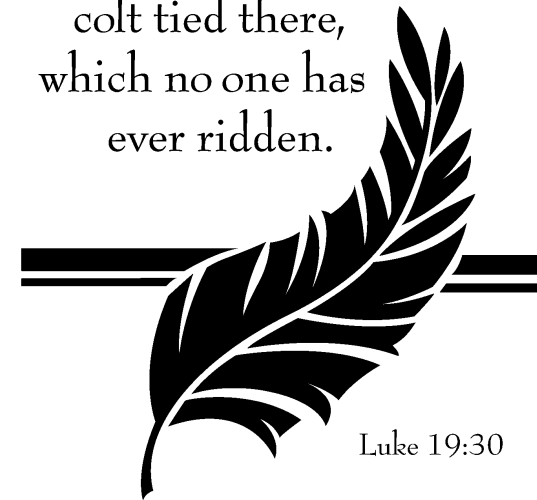
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Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

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

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "March Triumphant into Jerusalem" Robert W. Thygerson

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 118

*THE HYMN NO. 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Confrontational God, help us to see how Jesus challenged the people who were in authority, both religious and political leaders. Help us to understand that You do not side with those who oppress others. Be with us as we seek to confront greed, and support those who have great needs, even or most especially when it can be costly to ourselves. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Jesus asks all of us to wrestle with how we often can put our desires before other's needs. Jesus confronts the self-serving attitudes and practices that have always existed and are increasingly prevalent today. We often find it hard to live out the commandment to love our neighbor as 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.



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. Registration Forms are on the Hartman center website, www.hartmancenter.com.

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.

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. Whether you are a beginner or avid cyclist, there is a route for you. Road routes from a 25K (15.6 miles) to a 100K (62.5 miles) will be supported with rest stops, support vehicles and communications. There will also be a 9K (5.6 mile) family ride for the young ones to participate. Join our team, then contact family and friends and invite them to join in on the fun or to sponsor you. If you don't have a bicycle, there will also be a spin-a-thon in the Boiling Springs High School gymnasium with 25 spin bikes and motivated instructors to lead 1 hour classes. **To join St Paul's team or make a contribution you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>.**

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:00 pm MLC Staff meeting (FH)

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

THUR **6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (FH & Sanctuary)**

FRI **Good Friday – Church Office Closed**

SAT **10:00am Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)**

Sunday **6:30 am Sunrise Service @ Simpson Park Pavilion**
8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion
8:45 am Choristers
9:15 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Narthex. 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.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG SALE! If you ordered eggs for delivery March 27th, they will be available for pick up after both services in the commons today. \$1.00 each or 13 for \$12.00. There are also extra eggs available for purchase!

EASTER FLOWERS – If you ordered Easter Flowers, please pick them up after the 8:15 or 10:30 service on Easter Day or on Monday April 5th. Flowers that are not picked up will be delivered to our local nursing homes. Thank you for purchasing the flowers that will help beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Day.

ST PAUL'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. All children 12 and under are invited to attend. It will be held rain or shine. Bring a friend! If you have any questions, please call Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or email at joanmoyer@msn.com.

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 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.**

CHILDRENS 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

Zechariah 9:9-10

THE PSALTER RESPONSE(sung together)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Century Hymnal Pages 700 & 701

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 19:28-40 "Riding in Opposition"

*THE HYMN NO. 215 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

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 Youth Choir

"Clap Your Hands"

Drennan

10:30 Chancel Choir

"Sing to the Lord Hosanna"

Liebergen

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Loving God, we recognize that we lack nothing we really need. When we ask that Your will be done, our vision is stretched beyond our immediate situation. We are thankful that we can give in Jesus' name. We are grateful that our wealth can ease the hunger of our sisters and brothers. We celebrate the promise that lies beyond the cross. Bless the offerings we bring. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 216 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*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 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

John Carter

*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 Mary Runkle "In Honor of Lyne Leeder's 29th Birthday"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 28 – April 04, 2010

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Palm Sunday

9:00 am Choristers

9:15 am Sunday School

9:15 am Youth practice Sunrise Service

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Lynn Lawler
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
Tyler, Hayden and Stacy Mustico
Jean Myers
Ken
Warren Miller
Tae Pak
Irv Sanders
John Scott
Peg and Don Seiler
Clara Sizemore
Beverly Sutherland
Leah van Olden
Scott Watts
Brian Wickard
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

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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– We will begin by gathering in the Fellowship Hall at **6:30 PM**. We will share some time together as well as food: fruit and nuts. We will also celebrate The Sacrament of Holy Communion there. We will then move to the Sanctuary for the Order of Tenebrae which is Latin for *shadows*. Lessons involving Jesus' betrayal, trial and desertion of the disciples are read and candles extinguished. I know this is later in the evening, but children and young people are welcome at both parts of this Worship Service. Some people find this Service one of the most meaningful of the year.

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

Easter Sunday April 4th -

Sunrise Service – at **Simpson Park Pavilion** starting at **6:30 AM**. Our youth will be taking a major part in the leadership of this Service. Directions to this park can be found on the table in the common area, please take a copy with you.

Worship Services with Pew Communion – 8:15 & 10:30 AM.

Breakfast in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. 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 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.

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