

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Eric Dundore
10:30 Ruth Wrightstone

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Susan Williams
8:15 Consistory
10:30 Consistory
Greeters: 8:15 Martha & Gene Keith
10:30 Cassidy Westbrook & Ethan Yeuell
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
Children's Sermon: Rev. John
Nursery: Dar Murphy
Flower Delivery: Donna Chronister

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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 4, 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

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

“The Strife is O’er”

Carl Simone

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Luke 24

*THE HYMN NO. 233 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (8:15 Service)

*(10:30 service) “ Christ the LORD Is risen Today” (sing unison use the words below)

Verse 1 - Christ the LORD is risen today – Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say – Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high – Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply – Alleluia!

Verse 2 - Love’s redeeming work is done – Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won – Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise– Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise– Alleluia!

Verse 3 - Lives again our glorious King– Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? – Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, – Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? – Alleluia!

Verse 4 - Soar we now where Christ hath led, – Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head, – Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, – Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. – Alleluia!



Bring Your Bikes
Blessing of the Bikes
Sunday April 18th

On Sunday April 18th we will be blessing bikes out in the parking lot after the late Worship Service. In anticipation of our members and friends again this year riding in the Tour De Cure, held on Saturday May 22nd in Boiling Springs, we will bless both pedal-powered and motorized bikes. You do not need to be riding in the Tour to participate, as both young and old could use a blessing in hopes of being safe on our bikes. **To join St Paul’s team or make a contribution you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>.**

NEW HOPE NEWS: New Hope Ministries holds its **annual basketball fundraising event, Hoops for Hope, on May 1**, and is currently recruiting people to serve on the planning committee. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please call Molly Helmstetter at 432-2087 x203. **Isaac’s Restaurant and Deli will be holding a “Community Night” to benefit New Hope Ministries on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Twenty – five (25%) of the cost of your meal will go directly to New Hope Ministries. The following locations will be participating: Silver Spring Commons (Mechanicsburg), Rossmoyne Business Center (Mechanicsburg) and Carlisle Commerce Center (W. York). A form must be presented to the server the evening of the fundraiser. The form can be downloaded from New Hope Ministries’ web site or picked up at any of our centers.

Church Pictorial Directory – It has been decided that it is time for our new pictorial church directory. There are a lot of new faces and this will truly allow all of us to get to know each other better. The Council has selected Universal Church Directories to help us with this process. **The dates for pictures to be taken here at St. Paul’s are Monday May 24th through Thursday May 27th.** Pictures will be taken in ten minute intervals from 2:30 to 9:00 pm on these days. You can sign up any Sunday in April, see sign-up sheets on the table in the Commons, or you can sign up online Monday through Friday starting April 5th through April 23rd.

Council for Parish Ministries - If you are interested on serving on the Council for Parish Ministries, please plan now to attend the reorganization meeting on **Thursday April 8th at 7 PM in the parlor.**

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 245 "The Day of Resurrection"

*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 "Thine is The Glory"

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 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.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Life-Giving God, help us to believe in the new life You offer us. We still want to look for the living among the dead, thinking that You only resurrect us after our physical deaths. Help us to see You also offer us new life right here and right now. Easter's promise is a gift in the present as well as in the future. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Our fear of death has long held us captive. This fear prevents us from taking chances, prevents us from letting go, prevents us from changing; prevents us from picking up our crosses and following Jesus. God offers us the promise of new life. Jesus shows us how this works. We must pass through "death" of one sort or another to achieve new life, but new life is there for us, always. Yet still we hesitate, hold back. 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.

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

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 Isaiah 65:17-25

THE EPISTLE READING Acts 10: 34-43

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 24:1-12 "New Life Right Now"

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

8:15 Youth Choir

"We Bow Down"

Paris

10:30 Chancel Choir

"Raise Your Joys", "Coronation", and
"Day of Resurrection"

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You, God, for resurrection. We rejoice in Christ as the first
fruits of all that You make available to us. As You offered Christ to
the world, so we would offer ourselves. May we, along with our gifts,
testify to good news of Your forgiving love and empowering
acceptance. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 44 "Beautiful Jesus"

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

Please note, names dropped from the Prayer List in the Worship Bulletin may or may not be on the Epistle list of those we are praying for. Please refer to the Epistle for a more complete listing of those we are praying for.

Beginning with the month of April starting with Easter through Pentecost Sunday, the Penn Central Conference Spirituality Task Force and the Congregational Vitality Team are asking the Churches of the Penn Central Conference to include prayers for our conference and for our Wider Church as part of their prayer life. We will be printing the prayer in each week's worship bulletin and is also available for download at www.pccucc.org.

Week of April 5th - Might we pray for our Conference Board of Directors as they prepare to meet on Saturday, April 10 at Quentin UCC. They have many things they will be working on, among them how to move forward with calling new staff to our Conference. As our Conference realigns let us pray for leadership.

--Might we pray to remember what is our calling as the Church? The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. put it eloquently: "We who are members of the church are the lighthouse of the world." Let us pray to be witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to truly offer a home to all who are broken, and need someone to listen. May the light that Jesus brings be a beacon to all.

To all our St. Paul's friends and family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, flowers and visits sent our way on the death of our father and grandpa. It all made us feel so loved during such a difficult time in our lives. We truly appreciate your love and support.

Sincerely - Bill, Deb, Lauren and Rachael Cashman

St. Paul's on a Mission Easter Egg Sale was a huge success, making \$820.00. Thank you to everyone who donated money, ingredients and their time. We had so much fun making the eggs and we all smelled so "sweet" afterwards! Thank you for supporting this very important cause "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer."

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving is from the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ, 1986, United Church of Christ Office of Church Life and Leadership, New York.

"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 Ron Gabriel "In Memory of our Parents and in Honor of our
adult Children"

Susan Williams "In Memory of my Son, Maki Williams"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF April 04 – April 11, 2010

TODAY	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
MON	7:00 pm Bible Study at Donna & Ron Chronister's 7:00 pm Easter Reading Group (Parlor)
TUE	Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry 5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13) 7:00 pm Bear Den (FH)
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 Council for Parish Ministries Meeting (Parlor) 7:00 pm Pack Meeting (Rm 7/8)
FRI	6:00 pm Meals on Wheels Set-up (FH)
SAT	9:00 am Meals on Wheels (FH & Kitchen)

Sunday 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion
9:15 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon New Member Meeting (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS – If you ordered Easter Flowers, please pick them up after the 8:15 or 10:30 services today or by tomorrow. If you want your flower and are unable to pick it up by Monday, please let the Church Office know and we will hold it for you. Flowers that are not picked up will be delivered to our local nursing homes. **Thank you for purchasing the flowers that have beautified our Sanctuary today.**

Meetings and Reception of New Members - We will have two meetings for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation. Both meetings will occur after our late Sunday Worship Service; the first on April 11 and the second on April 25. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. You only need to attend one of these meetings. We will be receiving New Members on Sunday May 16 during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see, call and/or email Rev. John. Thank you.

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 or call Terry in the Church office. Thank You!**

Please check out all of the sign-up sheets in the common area; Altar Flowers; Child Sponsorships; Fellowship Time; Nursery Helpers; Church Yard Clean-up Day; Harrisburg Senators game with the Youth; Rebuilding Together Team and Vacation Bible School Helpers(both dinner and teaching).

April 4, 2010



Tim Davinroy
Bob Drager
Deb Gartland
Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken
Bob Heisler
Betty Hyde
Megan Kern
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
Jean Myers
Rev. George Martz
John Scott
Peg and Don Seiler
Jim and Kathy Short
Clara Sizemore
Leah van Olden
Pete and Patti Watson
Scott Watts
Brian Wickard

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

Our Thanks go out to all who assisted with the Maundy Thursday Service, helped with the Egg Hunt yesterday, set up the Easter Flowers, to the youth who assisted with the Sunrise Service this morning and to all who attended and assisted with the Breakfast today. We also give thanks for Eric, Jonne, Sarah, Patrice and all of our Choirs who provide such beautiful music for our services all year long.