

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Art Williams
10:30 Jonathan Nase

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kathy Williams
Greeters: 8:15 Susan and Gerald Stada
10:30 Joan and Jim Quick
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Mike Brown
Children's Sermon: Rev. John/Holly Yeuell
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Joanne Miller
Fellowship Time: Dundore 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

May 23, 2010



’Fire appeared among them, all were filled with the Holy Spirit’

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OCWM CERTIFICATE (10:30)

John Bryner, St. John's UCC, Chambersburg

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response):

From Psalm 105

*THE HYMN NO 261 "Let Every Christian Pray"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy God, on this Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of Your Holy Spirit. May we recognize Your presence in wind and fire, and the power those elements represent. May we realize You have gifted us with such power that we may share, along with Your compassion and love, Your will and way for the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Fear holds us back. Fear of the unknown; fear of others opinions; fear of failure; fear of violence; all prevent us from speaking, sharing and doing what we understand we have been called to do. Fear is powerful. God has sought to meet power with power. Yet, we often refuse the gift of Holy Fire. We often pass on the chance to become Holy Fire. 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.



**Fundraising & Fellowship for St. Paul's UCC &
Pride Festival of Central PA**

Bring a covered dish to share!

Friday, May 28 5:00 p.m. - or after work!

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626 Williams Grove Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

SIGN UP TO ATTEND NOW!

Donations payable to "St. Paul's UCC" or "Pride Festival of Central PA" are warmly welcomed and tax deductible. The mission of the Pride Festival of Central PA is to increase the positive visibility of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Ally community of central Pennsylvania by providing opportunities to express and celebrate diverse perspectives, emphasizing acceptance of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Pride Festival of Central PA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

St. Paul's UCC is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.

**Music by DJ "Big Daddy D" begins at 5 p.m.
Rainbow Attire Encouraged**

This is a Family Friendly Event

Performance by the "famous" Rainbow Flaggers at 6:30!

Bring your flag from last year's PRIDE - flags available for newbies!

Music, Dining and Dancing for ALL AGES!

RSVP 5/25: Beth Mihmet bethmihmet@yahoo.com 458-5672, Shirley Keith Knox
skeithknox@comcast.net or sign-up on the sheet in the common area.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Lori Obrock and Family "In Memory of Dr. and Mrs. Albert J. Wahl"
The Valenteen Family "In Memory of Tom and Tillie Valenteen on their
Wedding Anniversary"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 23 – May 31, 2010

**TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services / Blessing of the Prayer Shawls/
Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering /
10:30 Service - Presentation of OCWM Certificate
& Presentation of Bibles to Rising Fourth Graders**

9:15 am Sunday School

MON EPISTLE DEADLINE

1:50 pm Pictures for Pictorial Directory(Rm 7/8 & Parlor)

TUES 1:00 pm Pollyanna's @ Dot Kinzer's home

2:00pm Pictures for Pictorial Directory(Rm 7/8 & Parlor)

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

WED 2:00 pm Pictures for Pictorial Directory (Rm 7/8 & Parlor)

6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm 5)

6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)

7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THUR 2:00 pm Pictures for Pictorial Directory(Rm 7/8 & Parlor)

FRI Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Fundraising & Fellowship Event (FH & Kitchen)

Sunday 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services

9:15 am VBS Crafts Event Preschool-Youth Classes (FH)

9:15 am Sunday School (Adult and Nursery)

1:00 pm FH & Pavilion in use

MON Church Office Closed Memorial Day

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

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.

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO RISING FOURTH GRADERS:

Mason Sang Elliott
Rachel Bay Thompson
Madeline Riley Simpson
Lily Evelyn Ward-Diorio
Rebecca Peace Ward-Diorio

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 GOSPEL READING

John 14:8-18

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Acts 2:1-21

“Why Not Become Fire?”

*THE HYMN NO. 270 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

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

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Larson

10:30 Youth Choir

“Canon for Pentecost”

Catherwood

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because
of these gifts we return to You. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry
Your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be
to one another channels of Your love and peace, both in person and
through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO 391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

*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 “Sing Praise to God”

Broughton

*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.

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.

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Jere and Carolyn Rutherford
John Scott
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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

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