

TODAY is the beginning of the summer worship schedule. The 9:00 am
Worship Service will continue through September 5th.

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Eric Dundore

Lector: Patty Scott

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Dick Bensel

Ushers: Cindy and Tom Stone

Betty and Tom Olsen

Greeters: Merikay and Don Wood

Children's Sermon: Kim Pirtle

Flower Delivery: Linda Alburger

*“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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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

JUNE 13, 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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "How Firm A Foundation"

Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Leader: The steadfast love of God surrounds us;
be glad and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All : **We celebrate the good things of life that God provides.**
We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.
Come to listen for God's counsel and instruction.

All : **We are here to encounter the one who made us.**
We are open to the Word God will speak.

Leader: God hears our cries and answers our pleas.
Rejoice, O righteous, in God's justice and grace.

All : **Surely God is our strength and our hope.**
We will trust in the one who provides all things.

*THE HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Through the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

OUR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at the home of Gene and Martha Keith (1250 Brandt Rd, Mechanicsburg, 258-0591) **today at 4:00 p.m.** Bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs, swim suit and towel! Place setting, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come even if you have not signed up. Hope to see you there!



Jubilee Day is Thursday June 17th and **St. Paul's UCC will be there.** We will be selling baked goods, water, have brochures about our Church and our Galactic Blast" Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping at the stand, please call Terry in the Church Office or email (stpaulstaff@verizon.net). If you can donate baked goods please package items ready to sell for .50 cents or \$1.00 each and drop off at the Church on Wednesday June 16th by 8 PM. Questions, please contact Terry in the Church office at 766-7931, Rev. John or Shirley Keith Knox. Thanks in advance for helping to make this a successful outreach event.

PFLAG of Central PA is sponsoring a Community Night Fundraiser on Wednesday, June 23 from 5 – 9 PM at the Isaac's Restaurant at Silver Springs Commons, Mechanicsburg. Isaac's will donate 25% of your meal to assist PFLAG in supporting Parents, Families and Friends of the GLBT community. Bring family, friends and co-workers, order your meals, and present the flyer included in the Worship Bulletin at checkout. Thank you for supporting PFLAG.

The Pollyanna's will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday June 22nd at Jean Mogel's home. Please remember your food pantry donations. Any questions, call Jean at 697-1088.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SENATORS BASEBALL & WATER GOLF OUTING – Come join the Youth Group on **Saturday, August 7th, 2010** for Water Golf and/or Senators Baseball Game including a Picnic Dinner. **Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Common area and pay Martha Brown by Sunday, June 27th.** Any questions email Martha Brown at vbrown5325@aol.com or call 697-3522. **Everyone is invited to attend!** Hope to see you there!

*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

“Ancient of Days”

Wilson

*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us.

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 Call to Worship and 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 Shirley and John Knisely “In Honor of our 59th Wedding Anniversary”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF June 13 – June 20, 2010

TODAY 9:00 am Worship Services
4:00 pm Sunday School Picnic at Gene and Martha Keith’s.

TUES 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)
 7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)

THUR St. Paul’s Stand at Jubilee Day
Church Office Closed

SUN 9:00 am Worship Service

MON Epistle (July/August) Deadline

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Welcoming God, we are grateful that you have been inviting us into Your presence for thousands of years now. Thank You for not deeming only some to be “fit” to come to You. Help us to truly invite and affirm one and all. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We constantly judge others. We do this both consciously and unconsciously. Where God’s forgiveness is wide, acceptance is extensive, and love is unconditional, our forgiveness is narrow, acceptance is limited and love is filled with conditions. 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.

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

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

1 Kings 21:1-21a

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 32

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 7:36-8:3

*THE HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.

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

Chancel Choir

“One Day We’ll Stand”

Paige

THE DOXOLOGY

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We give thanks, generous God, because we owe You more than we can
ever repay. We give because we love You and want to show our
devotion. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in
other places where we cannot go. We give because we need to be
generous in order to be whole. Loving God, bless all givers who
provide for others out of their means, and multiply these resources
in Your service. Amen.**

*THE HYMN “When Peace, Like a River”

When peace, like a river, upholds me each day, when
sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, you have
taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let
this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my
helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:

Refrain

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought my
sin not in part, but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when
clouds are rolled back as a scroll: The trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall appear, “even so” it is well with my soul.

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*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

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1798**

In English:

**O God, when all
Who here thy Word do hear
Are so awakened
That they truly turn to Thee
To offer Thee their hearts
Aye souls and very all
Within such people dwellest Thou That is the Lord's house.**

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