

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: Allyssa Boyer

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Dick Bensel
Ushers: Joan and Jim Quick
Leann and Tim Davinroy
Greeters: Pam and Allan Mackinnon
Acolyte: Mike Brown
Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus
Flower Delivery: Jonne and Eric Dundore

“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

June 27, 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 AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Air From "Saul" Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 16

*THE HYMN NO 12 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Still Speaking God, we recognize that You have spoken through Prophets throughout history. Scripture gives us accounts, our histories have stories and even today Prophets speak. Help us to hear what they have to say, and to discern Your wisdom and direction within their words. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We realize we do not always like what Prophets have to say. By nature they confront us, pointing out when and where we are falling short of God's hope for us as individuals, communities and the world. It takes a great amount of courage and spirit to be a Prophet. We are each called, to greater and lesser extents to be such people and we often shrink from this task. Let us offer 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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

June 27, 2010



Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Floyd Gouse Jr.

Dale Guanowsky

Bob Heisler

Megan Kern

Ralph Kiner

Dave Leber

Elaine McCracken

Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer

Jean Myers

Jack Rhoads

Rhoda Rupp

Rev. Mike

John Scott

Peg and Don Seiler

Tommy, America & Cynthia Stone

Stu Tompkins

Leah van Olden

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

The Red Rose on the Altar is in celebration of Caleigh Bree Cowan who was born on Monday Thursday June 21st. Caleigh was 6 lbs. 6 oz and 19 inches long. Our congratulations go out to the proud parents: Molly and Chris Cowan, Grandparents: Sally and Doug Haas and Great Grandparents: Dot and Jim Kinzer

SENATORS BASEBALL & WATER GOLF OUTING – Come join the Youth Group on **Saturday, August 7th, 2010. Today is the deadline to sign up and pay Martha Brown. Everyone is invited to attend!**

New Hope Ministries Open House and Dedication, Monday, June 28th - *Come see and celebrate how New Hope is making a difference to thousands of neighbors in need!* **Join us for the Open House between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Dedication begins at 2:00 p.m. Special Parking Arrangements** - Due to limited space at the new building, parking for this event will be at 5275 E. Trindle Road, with regular shuttle vans taking guests to the center beginning at 12:30 pm. If you have certain accessibility needs, please contact us immediately for special consideration. **For more information, call 432-2087.**

SINGING FOR NON-SINGERS - Have people ever moved away from you in your pew when you begin singing a hymn? Have you found people seem to purposely give you the wrong hymn numbers so you spend half the time looking for the right one? Do friends or family members tell you incorrect times for Worship Services hoping you will be late and have to sit with someone else? Have people just flat out told you to stop singing? Have your children told you not to sing in public because you “embarrass” them? If any or all of the above situations or statements apply to you, Mr. Dundore has offered to help us all. **He will be leading workshops for all us non-singers on Sunday mornings in July (4, 11, 18, & 25).** We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Choir Room. As he has described it, we will warm up, “get in touch with our voices” and then have an immediate chance to actually practice during Worship. Everyone is invited who thinks they (and those around them) may benefit from such lessons. I cannot begin to say how excited I am and grateful to Mr. Dundore for trying to do what no human has been able to do before: get the tone-deaf, off-key warblers in the world to sing well enough not to be outcasts even in an Open and Affirming Congregation. As grateful as I am, my family and anyone else who has to sit near me in Worship will be even more thankful. If this at all sounds like a similar situation for you, please join us. Getting up a little earlier is well worth the price of bringing more peace and harmony to our families and friends. And remember, this is church, miracles do happen!!!

Yours to you in song, John

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

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.**

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 Luke 9:51-62

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING AND MESSAGE

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

“A Prophet’s Energy, Spirit”

*THE HYMN NO 358 “God of the Prophets”

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

Organ "Aria from the Tenth Organ Concerto" Handel

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, we did not know it would cost so much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in Your realm. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 577 "God the Omnipotent"

*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 "Festival" Kendall

*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
Jane and Dave Hall "In Honor of our 40th Wedding Anniversary"
Don and Sandy Heckman "In Honor of our 42nd Wedding Anniversary"
Kim and Jon Nalepka & Lois and Dave Ritter "In Honor of Keira's 6th Birthday and Ian's 1st Birthday"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF June 27 – July 5, 2010

TODAY 9:00 am Worship Service
Vacation Bible School Meeting after Worship Service

MON 1:00 pm New Hope Open House until 6 PM

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

WED **7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Parlor)**

THUR Terry on Vacation
7:00 pm Summer Reading Program (Parlor)

FRI **Church Office Closed**

Sunday **9:00 AM (Pew Communion)**
Happy 4th of July

Monday **Church Office Closed – 4th of July Holiday**

Announcements

Property Committee Meeting, Wednesday June 30th, 7 PM. Calling all members or anyone wishing to join the Property Committee to a meeting this coming Wednesday June 30th at 7PM in the Parlor. Any questions, see Don Wood. Thanks and hope to see you there!

Vacation Bible School is just two weeks away! Don't miss out on Galactic Blast. Registration forms are available in the Commons area or from the church office. Get your cadets signed up for the launch! **Galactic Blast CD's are available @ \$3.00 each. See Holly to purchase one.**





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Tears Beyond the Cheers: Another Side to the World Cup

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One of the things I enjoy most about living in Washington, DC, is its international flavor and vibrant international communities. This means, of course, that World Cup fever has swept up many soccer fans living and working in the Washington area. As I walk through DC neighborhoods I see fans glued to televisions in pubs and restaurants, and hear the chants, cheers and groans echo into the street. I confess that I am not particularly a soccer aficionado, but I am drawn to the energy and excitement around the World Cup. I like the sense of global connection it creates.

But there is another side to this world celebration that reveals a much more troubling reality of global connection – that of international human trafficking. On a weekly television program called “Outside the Lines,” the sports broadcasting channel ESPN ran a story on the dramatic rise in labor and sex trafficking in South Africa, closely linked to the anticipated wave of visitors expected for the World Cup. With over half a million fans expected to converge on soccer venues around the country, labor and sex traffickers have found an opportunity to turn exploitation of women and children into considerable profit.

According to the ESPN report, young women and girls as young as 12-years-old, primarily from countries in Africa and Southeast Asia, have been brought to South Africa in the months leading up to the World Cup, by traffickers who lure them with the prospect of good jobs and educational opportunities. With so many families trapped in desperate poverty around the world, there is hardly a choice. When they arrive, they are forced to work in brothels or on the street, held in captivity behind locked doors, and often severely beaten and raped by traffickers. As one advocate for victims of trafficking notes, they are “tricked, transported and trapped, leaving many families never to see their loved ones again.

On June 14th, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton released the 10th annual “Trafficking in Persons” report, which outlines trends in labor and sex trafficking in 177 countries around the world. This year, for the first time, the United States was included in the report, a reflection of the widespread and far-reaching nature of human trafficking. According to the TIP report, 12.3 million adults and children are caught in the web of forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution around the world.

Human trafficking is by no means limited to large venues and events like the World Cup, but the global stage certainly offers the opportunity to shine a light on this worldwide human rights violation, often so close and yet so far from our sight. Would that we have eyes to see.

To learn more about the issue of human trafficking and what you can do in response, go to <http://www.ucc.org/justice/human-rights/human-trafficking.html>.

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