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

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Greeters: The Eichman Family
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Nursery: Cathy Thomas
Flower Delivery: Joy and Bruce Perry

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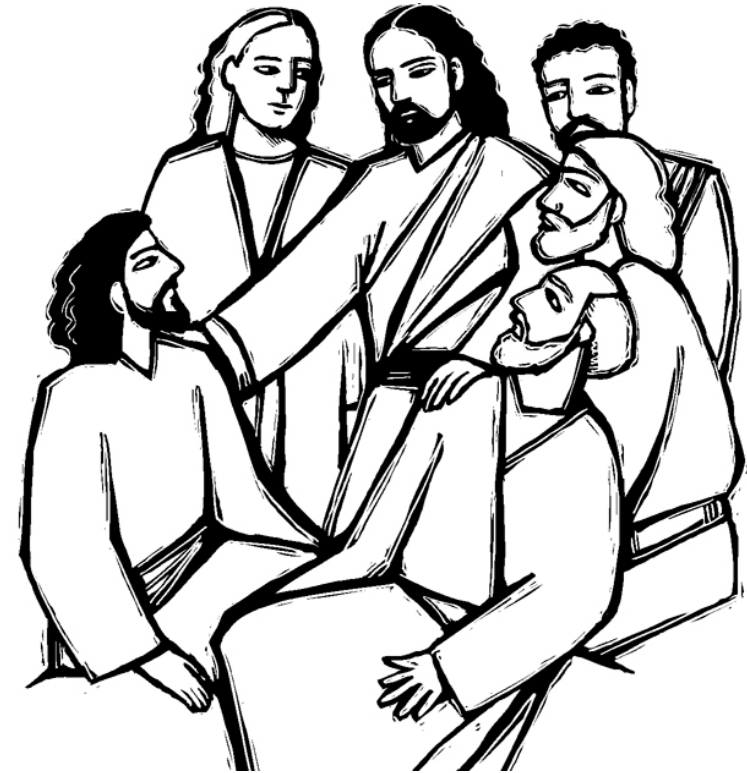
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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

JULY 4, 2010



Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there and say to them, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you”

Luke 10:8-9 NRSV

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "His Truth Is Marching On"

Davis

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 30

*THE HYMN NO. 592 "God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Sending-Out God, help us to hear Your call. Help us to believe that You equip us for the work You are inviting us to do, even as we feel unprepared. May we sense Your Presence so we know You always walk with us, in all places, at all times. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Rather than going out, we often move to hunker down. This is an understandable instinct. However our Scriptures are filled with the stories of the people of God following paths that take them away from their homes and connect them with people whom they never imagined they would meet. We continue to resist God's invitations to go. 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

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July 4, 2010



Cindy Bensel
Jim Bowers
Geoffrey Biringer
Bill and Alice Crouse
Julie DeLuca
Floyd Gouse Jr.
Grayson Isaiah
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
Rev. Tom Simcox
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

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
Ralph and Cathy Kiner “In honor of Molly’s 1st Birthday on June 30th”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 4th – 11th.

- TODAY 9:00 am** Worship Services/Pew Communion
- 8:30 am** Singing for Non Singers (Choir Room)
- 11:30 am FH/Kitchen in use if it rains
- MON Church Office Closed July 4th Holiday**
- TUE 5:30 pm** TOPS (Rm 13)
- THUR 7:00 pm** Summer Reading Group (Parlor)
- SUN 9:00 am** Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vacation Bible School starts July 12th! Don't miss out on Galactic Blast. Dates & times are: July 12th – 15th, Dinner at 5:45, VBS 6:15 – 8 PM (pre-school 3 – 5 year olds) & 6:15 - 8:30 (children completing kindergarten through 5th graders). Registration forms are available in the Commons area or from the church office. Please be sure and sign up if you are

planning to come to Dinner before Bible School. If you have already registered, please check the Dinner sign-up sheet on the VBS Bulletin Board in the Commons to make sure we have your count for dinner correct. **Galactic Blast CD's are also available @ \$3.00 each. See Holly to purchase one.** Get your cadets signed up for the launch!

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.**

CHILDREN’S 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 2 Kings 5:1-14

THE PSALTER RESPONSE(sung together) Psalm 66
New Century Hymnal Page #662

THE RESPONSE
One: God is still speaking.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE Luke 10:1-11,16-20
“Wow, Look What We Can Do!”

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

Organ "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Boyles

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

With gratitude for Your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may Your name be praised here and many other places. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

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 #594 "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"

*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

"God of Our Fathers"

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.

SINGING FOR NON-SINGERS – Today was the first workshop for non-singers with Mr. Dundore. If you missed out coming this morning you are not too late. **The workshops will continue Sunday July 18th & 25th.** We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Choir Room. As Mr. Dundore 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



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Witness for Justice - For God So Loved

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60 Minutes aired a feature story on the Seed School in Washington DC on May 24. Located in an inner city community, this public charter school gives low-income children an education that more than triples their odds of graduating and going to college. But because it can't accommodate all families hoping to send their children, admission is done by lottery. A crowd of hundreds watch as numbered lottery balls are pulled from a cage. A number is called, and someone shrieks. A parent and child jump up and embrace, ecstatic and sobbing. The camera pans briefly to a family still hoping for their number to be called as their nervous teenage daughter wipes tears from her eyes. And I begin to weep. Why must the children of poor families enter a lottery and try to “win” a quality public education in one of the world's wealthiest nations?

When I first started coordinating a children's program in a homeless shelter in Connecticut, I was baffled and annoyed to be reprimanded by police as we played on the school playground nearby. They told me the neighborhood wasn't safe and I should reconsider working there, but made no reference to my young playmates that attended the school. Did they warn me because I was white? Because I was more affluent? Because I lived two miles away in a safer neighborhood? More importantly, what message did this send to the children gathered around me about the importance of their well-being? In the United States, where the average age of a homeless person is nine, I began to see the ways our culture accepts the disparity of resources offered to its youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

Years later as a new parent, I was bombarded by marketers that exploit people's innate desire to care for their children. Already, as I looked at products like car seats and opportunities like daycare, I saw that my income would dictate various factors in my child's life. Meanwhile, I began to see everyone I encountered - from elderly ladies to burly truckers - as someone's once-held infant, full of promise and worthy of intense, life-giving love and devotion. This is how God must love us –like a new mother devoted to the care and well being of her child. It helped me to remember why God so loved the world, and to renew my zeal for mending it.

When Jesus came “that they may have life, and have it abundantly,” I trust his efforts weren't limited to those born into privilege or lucky enough to have a winning lottery number. All of us want the children in our lives to live abundantly. But why stop at the children we know, when their classmates are just as deserving and their futures are bound up together? As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.” By advocating for an investment in quality, free education for every child, we bear witness to the God who so deeply loves this world and contribute to a better future for its children. For more information and to take action go to <http://www.ucc.org/justice/public-education>.

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