

# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

July 11, 2010

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: Doug Jacobsen

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Herb Sutton

Greeters: Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

Acolyte:

Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer

Flower Delivery: Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

*"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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**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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Impromptu" Louis Lefebure-Wely

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Deuteronomy 6:4-5

\*THE HYMN NO 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Merciful and Caring God, continue to teach us, to remind us how we can best live life, in the here and now. Be with us as we seek to love others as we are loved by You. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We often will try and limit our "circle of care," those whom we will help out. Often there are practical reasons for this. Jesus reminds us in the story of the Good Samaritan that we are called to help whomever we can, whenever we come across a need. While God understands our practical reasons, God still hopes for our mercy to be extended no matter what. We come up short of this part of God's dream for us. 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.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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July 11, 2010



Cindy Bensel  
Jim Bowers  
Geoffrey Biringer  
Bill and Alice Crouse  
Julie DeLuca  
Floyd Gouse Jr.  
Grayson Isaiah  
Dale Guanowsky  
Bob Heisler  
Megan Kern  
Glenn & Esther Kline  
Ralph Kiner  
Dave Leber  
Elaine McCracken  
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
Jean Myers  
Jamie Parks  
Jack Rhoads  
Rhoda Rupp  
John Scott  
Peg and Don Seiler  
Rev. Tom Simcox  
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

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**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES MEETING** -Young Adults: take a break from your televisions sets, facebook accounts, and minimum-wage-paying jobs (if you're lucky enough to have one) and join Young Adult Ministries for our second meeting on **next Sunday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.** We'll meet at the pavilion (or inside if it's raining). Pizza and soda will be provided. Topics of discussion might include, but aren't limited to, mission ideas, concerns specific to young adults, and how to better connect with the other generations that make up our congregation and community. If you have any questions contact Allyssa Boyer at 697-5390. See you there!

Every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with MS. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS but they can't do it without our help. On July 24-25 Craig Martek will be riding 150 miles in the MS150 bike tour to help raise funds for the National MS Society. If you would like to support Craig in his efforts, you can make a tax deductible donation by going to the website <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/cmartek>, or you can donate to Craig directly with a check made out to The National MS Society. For more information, feel free to contact Craig at 514-6560 or by e-mail [lizardbiker@hotmail.com](mailto:lizardbiker@hotmail.com)



**YARD SALE!!!** Don't throw that good stuff out! The Youth Group of St. Paul's is again sponsoring the annual **St. Paul's UCC Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 4th on the church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Church members may rent a space for \$10, non-members' cost is \$15

(includes table for first 30 spaces) OR you may donate your items to the Youth Fellowship space for them to sell. **NOTE:** No computers, monitors or printers please!! Donations (*marked, please*) can be placed on the designated space on the stage in Fellowship Hall during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's youth program and a local mission project. To reserve your space, please call Terry at the church office, 766-7931, or contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or [joanmoyer@msn.com](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com)

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

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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**

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-17

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 25: 1-10

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 10:25-37 "How To Live In the Here and Now."

\*THE HYMN NO 543 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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 “Andante Con Expressione” Muzio Clementi

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people knowledge of You O God, patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. We would act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the mercy You have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO 567 “Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit” (vs. 1-4)

\*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 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Roger C. Wilson

\*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  
Melissa Cawley “In Honor of Nathan’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday”

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 11 – July 18, 2010**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship Service</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>5:45 pm VBS Dinner, VBS @ 6:15 pm</b>
<b>TUES</b>	1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) <b>5:45 pm VBS Dinner, VBS @ 6:15 pm</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>5:45 pm VBS Dinner, VBS @ 6:15 pm</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>5:45 pm VBS Dinner, VBS @ 6:15 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm Summer Reading Program (Parlor)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am Singing for non-singers (Choir Room)</b> <b>9:00 am Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls</b> <b>4:00 pm Called to Care Picnic @ Keith’s</b> <b>6:00 pm YAMS (Kitchen, FH and Pavilion)</b>

**Announcements**

**PinnacleHealth Hospice** Offers Volunteer Opportunities. PinnacleHealth is seeking caring individuals interested in providing support and companionship to its’ Hospice patients and their families. Upcoming Volunteer Training Sessions will be held: July 28, July 30, August 11 & August 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM until Noon at Messiah Village. For more information, contact Stephanie Schaefer, Coordinators of Volunteers - 782-2300 or e-mail [sschaefer@pinnaclehealth.org](mailto:sschaefer@pinnaclehealth.org).