

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

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

July 25, 2010

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: Melba Bomberger

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Herb Sutton

Greeters: Martha and Gene Keith

Acolyte:

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Flower Delivery: Davinroy 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."*



## Is Prayer One Size Fits All?

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Appalachian Meditation" Donald Lee Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 138

\*THE HYMN NO 386 "The Church's One Foundation"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Listening God, be with us as we pray. Help us to honestly share what is on our hearts and to openly listen for Your responses. May we remember we can argue and plead, and that You hear and respond to all. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We often think that God does not respond to our prayers if things do not go the way we want or the way we think they should. We forget the basic premise that God acts according to God's will, not ours. We forget that we cannot see the whole picture and cannot know ultimately why God does or does not do certain things, at least in this lifetime. 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

July 25, 2010



Cindy Bensel  
Bill and Alice Crouse  
Julie DeLuca  
Floyd Gouse Jr.  
Dale Guanowsky  
Bob Heisler  
Megan Kern  
Glenn & Esther Kline  
Ralph Kiner  
Elaine McCracken  
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
Jean Myers  
Jack Rhoads  
Rhoda Rupp  
Elizabeth Schultz  
John Scott  
Peg and Don Seiler  
Cindy Stone  
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**

Everyone who participated in the Voices United Concert, those who decorated and worked on the float, and all who rode or walked in the Central Pennsylvania Gay Pride Parade this weekend.

## Announcements

**VBS Star Sponsors** – Thanks to all who sponsored “Stars” for VBS. The “Stars” were hung the week of VBS. If you would like yours, please take it off the wall outside of Holly’s office.



**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)



Anna Thompson would like to invite you to participate in a card shower for Rena Smith’s 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Rena would so enjoy hearing from you! Her address is: 442 Walnut Bottom Rd., % Thornwald Home # A2, Carlisle PA 17013-3742.

**BAZAAR MEETING!!** - Please plan to attend the **Bazaar Meeting on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.** We need lots of help to make this event successful. Hope to see you at the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS** are in the box on the table in the Commons Area. Please stop by and pick yours up on the way out.

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

Genesis 18:20-33

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 85

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 11:1-13

“Is Prayer One Size Fits All?”

\*THE HYMN NO 520 “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

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 "Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington  
Sung By David Ward (Sue's brother)

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship You with our offerings. They represent our labor, our investment of time and energy. We want them to be put to the best possible use. May they save many from the course of evil and turn them toward faithful discipleship. May they provide bread for body and soul, that Your people may be preserved and strengthened for ministry. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO 493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\*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

Organ Fantasia on "Duke Street" David Paxton

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  
Kevin and Karen Allison "In Honor of Michael's 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday"  
Don & Merikay Wood "In Memory of Helen "Date" Wood"

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 25 – August 1, 2010

**TODAY 8:30 am Singing for non-singers (Choir Room)**  
**9:00 am Worship Service**  
7:00 pm Spirits United Interfaith Service @ MCC of the Spirit,  
2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg  
**Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event Concludes**

**TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)**

**THUR 7:00 pm Summer Reading Program (Parlor)**

**Sunday 9:00 am Worship/Pew Communion**

**MON Rev. John's vacation begins.**

## Announcements

**Library Books** - We are cleaning out books from our church's library shelves. Please stop by the Choir room and look through the books on the table. You are free to take any and all you would like (just don't plan on giving them back to the church). They will remain on the table for two weeks, after which we will box them up. Whatever books are left we will put up for sale at the Yard Sale on September 4, take to a library and/or dispose of properly.

Don't forget our **Food Banks** when you go shopping. Donations can be dropped off in the Common Area or if you prefer to make cash donation please put in the envelopes marked for New Hope Perishables. Checks should be made payable to "St. Paul's UCC.