

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

February 13, 2011

Worship Leadership

The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Our Young People

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Dennis Plymette

Ushers: Liz Royer, Audrey Runkle

Slater Ward-Diorio, Chelsey Wirth

Greeters: Ashley Bergstresser, Slater Ward-Diorio

Cassidy Westbrook, Chelsey Wirth

Acolyte: 8:15 Kevin MacKinnon

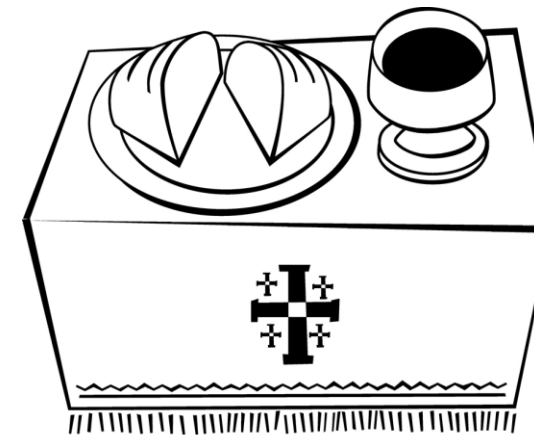
10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

Children's Sermon: Choristers

Nursery: The Grice Family

Flower Delivery: Merikay & Don Wood

Fellowship Time: The Paulus Family



"Before coming to the
Altar, be reconciled to
your brother or sister."

Matthew 5:23

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Lord, Take My Heart"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): Psalm 119:17-18 Jeff Dundore

*THE HYMN NO. 257 "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison) Cassidy Westbrook

Loving God, thank You for Your inclusive love which You never stop offering us. Help us to love like that. Help us to see more clearly how even the small things we do, can build big walls. Help us also to see that we can break those walls down, by speaking directly with those with whom we are having difficulty. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Erin Moyer

We recognize the "big" things we should not do, like murdering someone else. However we often overlook the pain and distance that is caused by the "smaller" things we do, like talking behind people's backs and calling them names. 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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Pam Arnold
Virginia Brown
Denny Browne & Family
Bill and Alice Crouse
Anne Davison
Julie DeLuca
Jackie Diorio
Ethan Dixon
Duane
Pat Eakin
Dave & Jane Hall
Jerry McCartney
Shawn McClintic
Kim Martin
Virginia O'Connell
Ursula R. Pike
Carol & Jack Rhoads
Ken Ross & Family
Donald Rynard
Glenn Schultz
John Scott
Peg & Don Seiler
Thornwald Home Staff & Residents
Leah van Olden
Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

All the People in the Middle East struggling for peace; All the people in the military and their families; All who have lost loved ones; All who have lost jobs and their families; and all who are struggling in this current economy.

Celebrations

Thanks to all our young people for leading us in worship today.

SAT 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in Use
 SUN 8:15/10:30 am **Worship Services/Blessing of Prayer Shawls**
 9:00 am **Choristers (Rm 5)**
 9:15 am **Sunday School**
 2:00 pm Blue and Gold Banquet (FH/Kitchen)
 5:00 pm **I Spy Youth at the Nase home.**
 6:00 pm **Youth Fellowship at the Brown home.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Sunday! Thank you for being so generous on Souper Sunday! The youth collected \$487.00 to help feed others. We greatly appreciate the congregation's support. The youth are donating \$300 to New Hope Ministries, and the remaining \$187 to the Pastor's discretionary fund. Thank you for helping provide nourishment to those who need it. Wondering which Souper Bowl collected the most? Here are the totals by 'Soup Pot':

Steelers - \$219.00
 Packers - \$213.25
 Neutral (Spacklers) - \$54.75

Thank you!!!

Hartman Center Camper Scholarship Fund – Starting today, we have a special giving opportunity to enable members of our congregation to attend Hartman Center summer camp programs. Hartman Center is our UCC Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center located 20 miles below State College in Milroy, PA. Throughout the summer, programs are offered for all ages, including Family, Grandparent/Child, and Adult camps, in addition to those geared to Youth. There is something for everyone! **This special offering to go towards offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through March 27th.** Specially marked envelopes are available in the pews or simply write Hartman Camp Scholarship in the memo portion of your check made payable to St. Paul's UCC. If you have any questions, please contact Jonneke Dundore, St. Paul's Hartman Center advocate.

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

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.

CHORISTERS "The Rainbow Valentine" Paterson

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Liz Royer

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Clayton Pirtle

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

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE Matthew 5:21-26 Mike Brown
 Katelyn Chamberlain, Ally Moyer, Chelsey Wirth

THE HYMN NO. 307 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
(Debts and Debtors) Audrey Runkle

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

8:15 Organ "In This Holy Hour" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
10:30 Handchimes "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kevin MacKinnon
**Faithful God, we give in gratitude for Your abundant gifts to us. You have
not forsaken us when we were unfaithful. You have not abandoned us in the
hells of our own making. You keep calling to us when we pursue other gods.
As we offer our tokens of thanks today, we hear You sending us out to mend
broken relationships. Our offering is not a substitute for our own
engagement in Your reconciling work. Go with us to help us as we accept
the assignments You give us. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*The World Peace Prayer: Audrey Runkle
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 "With Might and Majesty" Steven Scott

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 Taught By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1998, 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
The Stada Family "In Loving Memory of Chrissy"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 13 – Feb. 20th, 2011

**TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Youth Sunday
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School**

**MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)
7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Bible Study Group (Parlor)**

**TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)
6:30 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)
7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)**

**WED 6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**

**THUR 5:45 pm MLC (FH)
6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)**

FRI 4:00 pm St. Paul's on a Mission Soup Making (Kitchen)

The Laramie Project – HACC Allies and Drama Club, in support of LGBT Freedom Week, encourage you to come out to see a dramatic reading of The Laramie Project, the renowned play by Moises Kaufman about the reaction to the 1998 murder of gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, February 17 and Friday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Lehrman Art Center at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit Common Roads and the HACC LGBT Scholarship. **For tickets, contact Allyssa Boyer at 697-5390 or aboyer@temple.edu today.**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL will be held in St. Paul's sanctuary on Friday, March 4th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in this prayer vigil, please reserve your time(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Common Area. If you are unable to make it to the church, you can sign up for a time and note that you will be doing it at home – this way we will know that the time slot has been filled. Let us join with churches around the world in prayer on this day.

Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin boards in the commons: CHILD SPONSORSHIPS - cost per month to sponsor a child in 2011 will be \$30.00 (there are lots of empty spaces here, please consider signing up to help a child in need); ALTAR FLOWERS - cost per Sunday for altar flowers is \$32.00; FELLOWSHIP TIME ; UCC Homes AUCTION- Looking for donations for the Auction and to sign up to help in the NURSERY.

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ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION UPCOMING FUND RAISERS!

SOUP SALE: This is the last week to order Turkey Corn Soup and Gluten Free Turkey Corn Soup, see sign up sheet in the Common. \$6.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 20th after both services. If you want to pay for your soup by check , please make it payable to Brenda Kern or Sarah Myers. Please sign up to help on Friday, February 18th starting at 4:00pm.

EASTER EGG SALE: Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream Eggs may be ordered on the sign up sheet in the Common. They are available in milk and dark Chocolate and are \$1.00 each. Remember to take orders from friends & neighbors, additional order forms are available for outside orders, see Brenda. All orders must be placed by March 27th. There is also a signup sheet to help make the eggs. If you want to pay for your eggs by check, please make it payable to Brenda Kern or Sarah Myers.

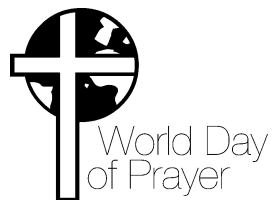
COOKBOOK: We are in the process of gathering recipes from St. Paul's wonderful cooks. Please submit, up to 3 recipes, to bkern59@verizon.net or drop your recipe(s) in the pot in the Common by May 1st. Cookbooks will be ready in the early Fall for purchase.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to defer the cost of the soup and/or peanut butter eggs, please see Brenda Kern. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

Join St. Paul's on Wheels for the 2011 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association – For a limited time the registration fee will be only \$5.00. After that the fee will be going back up to \$15 and eventually up to \$25 as the Tour date gets closer. To join the St Paul's on Wheels team or to make a contribution, you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC> or see Craig Martek for a registration form. For more information, contact Craig Martek 514-6560 (c) or email at lizardbiker@hotmail.com.)

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