

**Worship Leadership**  
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 8:15 Doug Jacobsen  
10:30 Colleen Eichman

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

**Ministry of Service**  
Head Usher: Rick Ayers  
8:15 Rhonda & Doug Jacobsen  
10:30 Deb & Bill Cashman  
Kim & Jim Pirtle  
Greeter: 8:15 Belva & Leo Garman  
10:30 Susan & Gerald Stada  
Acolyte: 10:30 Katelyn Chamberlain  
Children's Sermon: Rev. John  
Nursery: Cathy Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Betty & Tom Olsen

*“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*

March 27, 2011



**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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ Andante from "Symphony No. 4" Franz Schubert

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:15 Rev. John, 10:30 Youth Choir)

\*THE HYMN NO. 4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, be with us as we make our Lenten journeys. Drive us into the wilderness. Give us the strength to honestly reflect upon our lives and to engage in faith practices during this season which will draw us closer to You. Amen.**

\*Lenten Song "Give Me a Clean Heart" (Congregation unison) Page 188

**Give me a clean heart so I may serve You.  
God, fix my heart so that I may be used by You.  
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.  
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Our beliefs about others, ourselves and God get frozen. We seemingly cannot change the way we view other people, our own thoughts, feelings and actions, and who it is that God loves and doesn't love. Jesus constantly sought to bring light and heat to our frozen ways. He tried to get us to see the world differently and correspondingly, act differently. Yet we continue to rather cover up and remain believing what we always have believed. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Family of Owen Brezitski

Cassidy Carlis

Bill and Alice Crouse

Anne Davison

Instituto Dela Toro

Julie DeLuca

Rev. John, Sue and Family

The Family of Jackie Diorio

Ethan Dixon

Pat Eakin

Dave & Jane Hall

Ron Hannon

Sandy & Skip Kline

Shirley Knisely

Doug Knox

Cindy Long

Jerry McCartney

Ariel Marshall

Treva Miller

Ursula R. Pike

Carol & Jack Rhoads

Rhoda Rupp

John Scott

Peg & Don Seiler

Donna & Bud Sponsler

Tom Stone

Leah van Olden

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

Charlie & Betty Ziegler

Pat Zitzman

All affected by the disaster in Japan, All those in the Middle East struggling for peace; All in the military and their families; All who have lost loved ones; All affected by lost jobs, the recent budget cuts & the current economy.

**Celebrations**

## THE POSTLUDE

Organ

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Todd 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 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  
Mary Runkle “In honor of Lyne Leeder’s 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday”

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> –April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship**  
**10:30 am Aiden Jude Smith-Hall Baptism**  
**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**  
**9:15 am Sunday School**  
**Noon Called to Care Meeting (I Spy Classroom)**

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

**Tues 5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)**  
**6:30 pm Yoga (FH)**

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

**THUR 7:00 pm Lenten Book Discussion (Parlor)**

**FRI 4:00 pm St. Paul’s on Mission Egg (Kitchen)**

**SAT 8:00 am St. Paul’s on Mission Egg (Kitchen & FH)**

**SUN 8:15/10:30 Worship/Pew Communion**  
**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**  
**9:15 am Sunday School**  
**6:00 pm Youth Fellowship (FH & Rm 7/8)**  
**7:00 pm The Requiem @ Mechanicsburg Presb. Church**

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Oh Loving God, as we journey through this Holy Season of Lent, we admit our hesitation to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with You. We want to follow Jesus, but we confess our reluctance to face the stress and temptation the journey might hold for us. We confess we want our journeys of faith to be devout but not too daring; comfortable but not too threatening. Forgive us and have mercy on us. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share Your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for You all our days, as You come to us in the life and joy of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love and God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

All: **In every wilderness, on every road;  
in every moment, in every life;  
in every journey, in every heart,  
we receive the daily bread we need - God's hope, God's mercy,  
and God’s joy. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – 10:30 SERVICE

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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.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**



Presentation of the Water

Gathering of Witnesses

Baptismal Address

Questions for the Candidates' Parents

Congregational Assent: (unison)

**We, as members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Church Universal, hear your promises with joy and gladly welcome you as sisters and brothers in Christ into the family of faith. We covenant with you to share in the hopes, labors and joys of the Christian life, supported by God's love through this congregation.**

**We will weep with you when you weep, rejoice with you in your rejoicing, and encourage your growth in the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

Prayer of Blessing

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Procession

Let us offer a special welcome on his Baptism Day to Aiden Jude Smith-Hall and his parents Kelly Hall and Jeanette Smith, and his godparents Jeanette Roberts and Blaise Hall; and all his family and friends gathered here today.

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

Exodus 17:1-7

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 95

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Changing Perceptions, Changing Practices”

John 4:5-42

\*THE HYMN NO. 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

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

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

#775

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Organ

“Souvenir”

Steven Scott

10:30 Youth Choir

“More Precious Than Silver”

Pethel

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You, God, for all the ways we have benefited from the labor of others. We here offer our best for the sake of brothers and sisters who need the love and encouragement You are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we stop to realize. When life is difficult, help us to endure and to hope because Your love is sure and certain, ours to receive and to give, in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*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

**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. **All orders must be placed today, March 27th.** There is also a sign-up sheet to help make the eggs.

**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](mailto: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 peanut butter eggs and/or the cost of printing the cookbook, please see Brenda Kern. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

**The combined choirs of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church will assemble to perform *Requiem* by John Rutter next Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM.** The performance will be held at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. The evening of music will be directed by Eric Dundore, Director of Music at St. Paul's United Church of Christ and accompanied by Organist, Suzanne Klinedinst, Director of Music at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian and six instrumentalists. A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the performance. In addition there will be child care available.

The *Requiem* by John Rutter is one of the favorites of choral groups. Sections of the *Requiem* are based on Psalm 130 and Psalm 23. The music which is written in Latin follows some of the sections of the Roman Catholic Mass – Requiem aeternam (Grant Them Rest Eternal), Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus), Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), Lux aeterna (Light eternal). Translation of the Latin sections will be included in the bulletin.

*Do you know your hymns?*

- Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING – Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> –** “I am amazed at the high efficiency and strong support from UCC. Every time there is a disaster, UCC is always among the quickest to act and support.” From: She Hongyu, Amity Foundation, China. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and its global ecumenical partnerships, UCC members are able to provide a critical presence in offering relief and development when the need arises. Four of these partnerships are Oiko Credit (Investing in people); Foods Resource Bank (A Christian response to world hunger); Church World Service (Working with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice around the world); and IMA WORLDHEALTH (Advancing Health, Saving Lives.) Examples of their works are posted on the OGHS bulletin board in the Commons. Please be sure to check the bulletin board and the enclosed insert out.

**ALL WE NEED IS YOUR TIME!!** – The Calico Shoppe has ideas, materials and projects available for you to help fill our tables for the 2011 Bazaar. Please visit us in the Commons on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> to see what you might be able to help us complete. If you are unable to see us then give us a call – we will even make house calls to show our wares. Looking forward to sharing with you!! Susan Thorn and Betty Olsen.



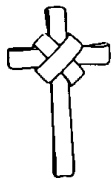
It is time to order the **Easter Flowers** that will beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The order slips can be found on the table in the Common Area. The cost is \$6.75 for a Lily or \$5.50 for a Tulip or Daffodil. The tulips and daffodils will be in a variety of colors. Please fill in the information on the order form and drop off your completed form and payment (cash or check made payable to St. Paul's UCC) in the offering plate or at the church office. This year we are getting the flowers from Paulus Farm Market. **Last Day to Order is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.** You can start picking up your flowers after the 8:15 or 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.

The **Lenten Devotional Books**, “The Jesus Diaries” from the UCC Stillspeaking Writers’ Group are in and are really nice. There are still plenty available for purchase at \$7.00. Please see Rev. John or Terry if you would like one.

**DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH ADVISOR**----St.

Paul's is currently seeking a creative and committed individual for the part-time positions of Director of Christian Education and Youth Advisor. Ideally, we are seeking one candidate to fill both positions but will consider separate applicants. Experience in Christian Education a plus. Full job descriptions are available on the church's website: [www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org](http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or Randy Murphy, Chairman of the Search Committee, at 571-4731.

**Hartman Center Camper Scholarship Fund** - Currently 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! *All Penn Central Congregations have been challenged this year to fully scholarship two young people from our community. The hope is to give two young folks who would not get the chance to go to an overnight church camp the opportunity to go.* A special offering to go towards this and also to offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through April 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**PALM CROSS WORKSHOP – Save the Date - Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM in the Youth Room.** The Rev. Anna Thompson has offered to lead us in making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. We hope to get them done in this one evening but if we need to we will meet again on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> around 6 to finish them up. **We thank all who have volunteered to help but still could use more help. The more help the quicker we will get them done.** If you can't make it by 6 PM, come when you can. Come out, enjoy some fellowship and help make the Palm Crosses that will be handed out on Palm Sunday. Please let Terry in the Church Office know if you will be able to help us.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - As the Transportation Coordinator for St. Paul's United Church of Christ, I am requesting your help to serve as a volunteer to provide transportation for members of our congregation needing assistance with their medical appointments. The requests for assistance have increased significantly within the past several months adding additional demands for our current volunteers.

If you are willing to share your (free) time and consider being part of our team, contact Judy Aumiller @ 766-4614 or Email: [jeaumiller@msn.com](mailto:jeaumiller@msn.com).

If you enjoy helping others, what a great way to experience a rewarding and satisfying encounter with members of St. Paul's that you may never have the opportunity to meet otherwise. Thanks so much!

**UCC Disaster Alert regarding the 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.**

One of the largest earthquakes ever recorded hit Japan at 2:46 pm local time on March 11<sup>th</sup>, triggering a massive 23-foot tsunami. The 9.0 magnitude offshore quake, the largest in Japan's history, was followed by hundreds of aftershocks. Japanese officials say more than 9,000 people have died in the disaster. The death toll is likely to continue climbing given the scale of the devastation; extensive search and rescue efforts are underway. **How You can Help:** 1. Pray for the people of Japan, their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers. 2. To assist the emergency relief and rebuilding efforts, you may donate by check payable to "St. Paul's UCC" or cash, be sure and note it is for "Pacific earthquake/tsunami." We will pool the money together and send one check out. 3. If you prefer, you can send your donation directly, check made out to Wider Church Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115 (be sure to mark in the memo portion it is for "Pacific earthquake/tsunami" or you can make your donation online @ [www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011](http://www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011).

**EASTER BREAKFAST** – We are looking for someone to coordinate the Easter Breakfast. What would this entail? Working with the Church Office to put up signup sheets to get donations of breakfast items, getting volunteers for setup and clean up and coordinating the breakfast that will be held 9:15 – 10:15 on Easter Sunday. Easter Breakfast is a fun time for fellowship. Please let Rev. John or Terry in the Church office know if you would like to chair the breakfast this year.