

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Becky Thompson
10:30 Lois Ritter

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Jenn Martek
8:15 Donna & Ron Chronister
10:30 Dave Ritter & Darryl Wentz
Susan Stada & Brandon Thomas
Greeters: 8:15 Shirley Keith-Knox & Martha Keith
10:30 Chris & Dave Grice
Acolyte: 10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Rev. John
Nursery: Grice Family
Flower Delivery: Becky Drazba
Fellowship Time: Cashman

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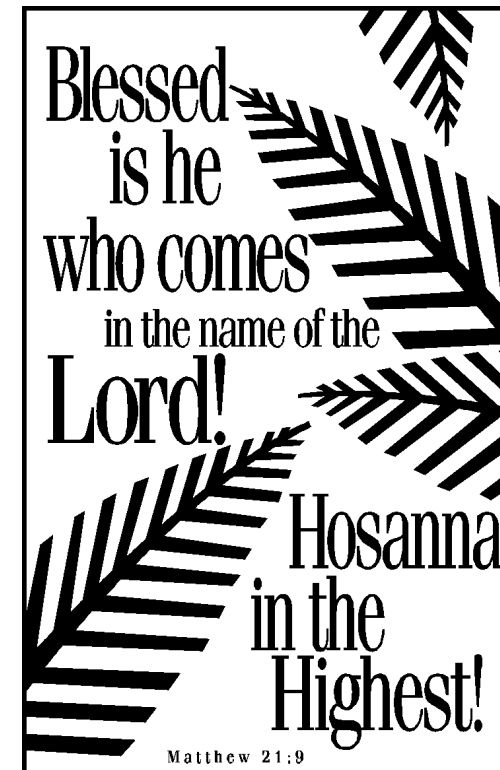
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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 17, 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



PALM SUNDAY

April 17, 2011

Karen & Kevin Allison and the entire family of Charlie Ziegler

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

Tim Carter

Catherine Cotton

Bill and Alice Crouse

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

“The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure

Irene Davinroy

Anne Davison

Julie DeLuca

Rev. John, Sue and entire family of Jackie Diorio

Ethan Dixon

Pat Eakin

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Dave & Jane Hall

Addison Holl

Sandy & Skip Kline

Emily Koontz

Shirley Knisely

Doug Knox

CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN NO. 216 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, be with us as we enter our own “Jerusalem’s.” Help us to courageously live our lives in ways that reflect Your love for one and all. Amen.

Judy Aumiller and the entire Family of Lucille Mattern

Jerry McCartney

Sue Miller & Family

Treva & the entire Family of Clyde Miller

Ursula R. Pike

Carol, Wesley, Jason, Barrett Rhoads and entire Family & Friends

Rhoda Rupp

John Scott

Pete & Linda Shea

Peg & Don Seiler

Rena Smith

Nancy Steck

Tom Stone

Leah van Olden

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

*Lenten Song “Give Me a Clean Heart” (Congregation unison)

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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:

We often look to see what others are doing, what others are excited about, worried about, and angry about. We take our lead from the crowd. Jesus took his lead from God, even when that meant going against the crowd, going out on his own. Jesus led in this way, and we are called to do the same. We shrink from witnessing to our faith in this way. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

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

Celebrations

The white rosebud on the altar is placed there in loving memory of Clyde Miller who died Tuesday, April 12th. Please keep Treva & Clyde's entire family and friends in your prayers.

Thank You:

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, cards and the flowers during our recent bout of illness. We are both well now and are so happy to be back at Church with our Church Family.

We also want to thank you for your prayers for our little 7 year old great niece, Emily Koontz. At this point they have been able to remove 90 % of the tumor that is on her spine and soon she will begin chemo at John Hopkins. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Thanks again, Donna & Bud Sponsler

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17th - 24th

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship/Blessing of Prayer Shawl

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

6:00 pm YF-Easter Sunrise service practice & dinner

MON 6:00 pm Wolf Den (FH)

TUES EPISTLE Deadline

5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)

6:30 pm Yoga (FH)

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 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (FH/Sanctuary)

FRI Good Friday/Church Office Closed

SAT 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

SUN 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Easter Sunday/Pew Communion

6:00 am Sunrise Service @ Simpson Park Pavilion

8:45 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Easter Breakfast (FH)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Oh Loving God, as we journey into Holy Week, 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, 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, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Prayer of Blessing (Unison):

May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

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 Zechariah 9:9-10

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE
"The Whole City In Turmoil?" Matthew 21:1-11

*THE HYMN NO. 215 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

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 "The Way of Faith" Sylvia K Riggs

10:30 Chancel Choir "Blessed Is He Who Comes" Larson

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May these offerings bring life-changing good news, both to those who give
and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they
help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity
that echo Your steadfast love around the world. May Your saints be raised
to new life that cuts through the deceptions of society to bring Your new
order among us, O God of all times and places. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*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 "Lift Up Your Heads" 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 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
Gene & Martha Keith "In Honor of Shirley & Greg Knox's
25th Wedding Anniversary"

Jean Myers & Family "In Memory of Herbert A. Myers"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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St. Paul's on a Mission:

EASTER EGGS ORDERED FOR APRIL 17TH will be available for pick up in the kitchen after both services today! We do have some extra eggs also, \$1.00 each.

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.

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