

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Ally Moyer
10:30 Ruth Wrightstone

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Jenn Martek
8:15 Consistory
10:30 Consistory
Greeter: 8:15 Sandy & Skip Kline
10:30 Eichman Family
Acolyte: 8:15 Audrey Runkle
10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Rev. John
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland
Communion Prep: Donna Sterner & Gay Fitzgerald

“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

April 24, 2011



Resurrection Sunday Easter People

ALLELUIA !!!

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

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

“Easter Hymn”

Edward Broughton

Call To Worship-Choral Introit (8:15 Youth Choir, 10:30 Chancel Choir)

*THE HYMN NO. 233 “Christ the LORD is Risen Today”

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, we offer our great thanks for Your gift of resurrection to new life. In our rejoicing, help us commit our new lives to becoming more of who You created us to be. Amen.

*Easter Song Hymn #234 v.1 “I’ll Shout the Name of Christ Who Lives”

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We often give up on the hope for new life. We feel trapped in our current situations. We believe that our lives and the world cannot be changed for the better. Jesus came into the world, taught, suffered, died and was resurrected so we might come to more fully believe new life is possible. We do not always live as Easter people. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Easter is a wonderful holiday, but we have often failed to make it a way of life. We love the eggs, bunnies and chocolate but the best gift, the understanding that new life is available for us all, is a gift we often leave in the basket, leave at church, and/or leave in the tomb. Loving God, life-giver, new life-giver, forgive our hesitation, our fear, and our stubbornness. May our “Easter Best” not be limited to new clothes but include our transformed lives. Amen.



Dee Bachman

Tim Carter

Catherine Cotton

Bill and Alice Crouse

Irene MacConnell Davinroy

Anne Davison

Julie DeLuca

Ethan Dixon

Pat Eakin

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Sandy & Skip Kline

Shirley Knisely

Doug Knox

Jerry McCartney

Sue Miller & Family

Treva, Dayne, Sue & the entire Family & Friends of Clyde Miller

Ursula R. Pike

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

Sandi Ritter-Butz

John Scott

Pete & Linda Shea

Peg & Don Seiler

Nancy Steck

Anna Thompson, Scott, Sabrina, Sonya & the entire Family & Friends of Rena Smith

Tom Stone

Leah van Olden

Ruth Wunderly

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

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

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 that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. **Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion.** 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

The white rosebud on the altar is placed there in loving memory of Rena Smith. Rena was born on August 6, 1918. She was baptized into the Christian faith at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church on June 8, 1919 and confirmed into membership on March 29, 1931. Rena entered the life triumphant on April 17, 2011.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

- John 11: 25b, 26a.

A Memorial Service for Rena will be held at St. Paul’s tomorrow, April 25th. Visitation will begin in the Narthex at 9:30, Order of the Eastern Star service will be held in the Narthex at 10:15. A memorial service and celebration of the life of Rena Smith will begin in the Sanctuary starting at 10:30. There will be a gathering in Fellowship Hall after the service. Inurnment will be at St. John’s Cemetery (near Peace Church) following the gathering. Please keep Anna Thompson and Family in your prayers.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: Once again on Easter we are reminded of the depth of God’s love for us and what God is willing to go through in order for us to receive that love. God receives our apologies and repentance, has assured us that our sins are forgiven, and eagerly awaits a deeper relationship with us all.

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 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.

CHILDRENS 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 EPISTLE READING

Acts 10:34-43

THE PSALTER RESPONSE (sung together) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

New Century Hymnal Page 700

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Sharing Our New Life”

Matthew 28:1-10

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)

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 Youth Choir

“Death Where Is Your Sting?”

Larson

10:30 Chancel Choir

“Christ Arose!”

Larson

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

By Your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food, with refreshment, with hope. Day by day You are saving us, healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us strength to serve with Christ as a part of Your revelation to the world. Thank You, God, for times of resurrection. Thank You for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with our offering. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 237 “I Come to the Garden Alone”

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: We Lift Them Up To God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

(Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ’s presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 245 “The Day of Resurrection”

*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

“Day of Victory”

Gary Davidson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF April 24th – May 1st

TODAY	8:15/10:30 Worship/Pew Communion 8:45 am Choristers (Rm 5) 9:15 am Easter Breakfast (FH)
MON	9:30 am Visitation Rena Smith Memorial Service 7:00 pm Bear Den (FH)
Tues	1:00 pm Pollyannas at Jane Hall's home 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	5:45 Daisy Troop Mtg (Rm 13)
FRI	Church Office Closed PM Youth 30 Hour Famine begins (Church)
SAT	PM Youth 30 Hour Famine concludes (Church) Last Day for registration discount for Hartman Ctr Camp
SUN	8:15/10:30 Worship/Pew Communion 30 Hour Famine Collection 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5) 9:15 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for every gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** that you, the members of this congregation, have given to this special offering for making a difference in people's lives. In addition to this annual offering, individuals and congregations regularly give special OGHS designated gifts during the year as disasters occur. As it was stated in the April 10th Sunday's bulletin Calendar of Prayer, Mission Moments: "Thank you for every gift that you offer in compassion and trust, with hope and love. Together we are sharing resources and changing lives! The total amount collected for this campaign was \$1,296.00. Submitted by Joan Quick.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you ordered Easter Flowers, please pick them up after the 8:15 or 10:30 services today. Flowers that are not picked up will be planted around our Church grounds. **Thank you for purchasing the flowers that have beautified our Sanctuary today.**

Pollyanna's will be meeting 1 pm Tuesday April 26th at Jane Hall's home. We will be having our annual "Mystery Auction." Please bring your items wrapped or in a bag. Any questions, call Jane at 697-2087.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION made over 1,000 peanut butter and coconut eggs, making a profit of over \$1,000.00!! Thank you to everyone who helped mix, form, dip and wrap the eggs. What a team we had this year, young and us "older" folks!! Thank you to all who support our mission, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

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.

THE 1st QUARTER 2010 GIVING STATEMENTS are in a box on the table in the common area. These boxes are in alphabetical order by last name, not envelope #. If you have any questions on your statement, please contact Terry in the Church Office.

PERISHABLES NEEDED BY NEW HOPE - Milk, eggs, hot dogs and butter are needed by families in the Mechanicsburg area. These are needed in addition to the nonperishable foods that many of you have been bringing into the church for delivery to the food pantry and to New Hope. Bruce Perry has agreed to make purchases on our behalf and deliver these perishable foods to New Hope on a monthly basis. If you'd like to contribute a couple of dollars (cash or check made payable to St. Paul's UCC with New Hope in the memo line) for this ministry, there are envelopes in the pews, as well as on the table in the commons marked New Hope. Questions: Contact Bruce Perry at bruceperry@comcast.net.

Please check out all of the signup sheets in the Common Area: Altar Flowers; Child Sponsorships, Fellowship Time, Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game & Picnic, Nursery Helpers, and CTC Transportation Needs.

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! **A special offering to go towards offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through today, April 24th.** 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.



ATTENTION SUMMER CAMPERS! Hartman Center camping season starts in less than 2 months...have you signed up yet? There are all kinds of exciting camps available this summer for children, youth and even adults (Grand camps are great!). If you are planning on going to Hartman Center for summer church camp, please register and pay the full amount and send directly to Hartman Center. If you want to take advantage of a campership that will pay for 25% (and possibly an additional amount based on the # of donations received) send the following information to the church office: Name of Camper attending, name of the camp, dates attending, and the total cost. Questions? Contact Jonne Dundore 766-2601 or jonnekev@aol.com. Registration Forms can be found on the Hartman center website, www.hartmancenter.com or in the commons near the Youth bulletin board. **Hartman Center offers an early discount for all who are signed up by April 30th!**

Hartman Center is in need of the following items: Embroidery Floss, Colored Duck Tape and 11 ounce empty water bottles (Aquapod) with lids. If you have any of these you are willing to donate, please put in the box on the table in the commons.