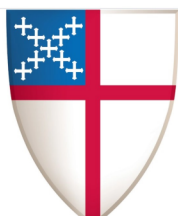


**W**elcome to worship this evening! For two centuries St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Paul's UCC (formerly St. Paul's Reformed Church) shared facilities as a "Union" Church. While we no longer share facilities we share a common faith in the Triune God. For years at Thanksgiving we have paid homage to our past by joining together in worship. In recent years we have also joined with St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church as well. This year we welcome St. Mark's Lutheran Church. May God be honored and praised as we lift our hearts to Him in praise and thanksgiving this evening. *Come—now is the time to worship!*

### Serving This Evening

Worship Leaders: Rev. Steven Simpson, St. Paul's UCC  
 Rev. Gregory Frey, St. Paul's ELC  
 Rev. Andrew VanBuren, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Ch.  
 Rev. James Farnsworth, St. Mark's ELC  
 Deacon Midge Pendergast, St. Gabriel's Episcopal

Organist: Martha Sitler  
 Sexton: Mike Rackey  
 Acolyte: Alexander Boyer  
 Tech: Mahlon Boyer



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**In its life and mission**, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.



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7:00pm

Tuesday Evening Ecumenical Service

we're their own doing. We try to be thankful, but often we feel entitled to your blessings and we presume you should be doing more for us or we are forgetful altogether. The ways we sin against you are many and our need for forgiveness is great. In your mercy, please forgive us. Through Christ, we pray our Lord. Amen.

\* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *We, Your People, Praise You* -Haydn / Edwards  
*Now Thank We All Our God* -Cruger / Smith

\* Processional Hymn *We Gather Together* Hymnal #790

Greeting The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Words of Welcome

Introit *In All Things Give Him Thanks* Hymnal #789

\* The Solemn Declaration (Deuteronomy 8:10-11, 17-18) sung response: **Amen**

\* Call to Worship --based on Psalm 80:1-7

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
You who lead Joseph like a flock  
Awaken your might; come and save us.  
**Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us;  
that we may be saved.**  
How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.  
**Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us;  
that we may be saved.**

\* Call to Confession and Silent Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Deuteronomy 8

**Most merciful God, the Israelites were warned before they entered the promised land, that they must remember you and be thankful. Otherwise, they would forget you and begin to think all their blessings**

\* Assurance of Pardon —based on Psalm 65:3-4

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news God hears our prayers and forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for through Jesus Christ, you are at peace with God. **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of the Evening

Scripture Readings *2 Corinthians 9:6-15, John 15:1-10*  
After the readings: The Word of God for the people of God...  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Isn't It Amazing?* —Father Andrew VanBuren

Responsive Hymn *For All These Things* Hymnal #792

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Call: Give thanks to God, all the earth—  
Response: **Praise God's holy name!**

Call to Give *for the work of the South East Berks Ministerium*

Offertory *Bring Your Thanks to God* Taylor

\* Doxology Hymnal #815

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Recessional Hymn *Count Your Blessings* Hymnal#786  
led by the South East Berks Pastor's Quintet

\* Benediction

\* Threefold Amen

Postlude *Trumpet Recessional* —Callender