

**W**elcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy.

## **S**erving Today

Scripture Reader: Barb Kulakowsky

Greeter: Susan Lincoln

Acolyte: Julia Leady

## **L**ast Sunday

In-person Attendance: 60  
Virtual worship viewings: 64 (as of 9/10)  
Giving: \$1613

**T**he Altar Flowers are the gift of Doug Reinert for his and Marianne's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

**September 12:** Judy LaBelle, Lyla Maskeri  
**September 13:** Jack Hummel, Max Hummel  
**September 14:** Karen Hartline  
**September 16:** Deborah Boyer  
**September 17:** Bernie Shustack

## ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

**September 13:** Charles & Janet Miller  
**September 14:** Robert & Kathy Jones, Doug & Kathy Samsel,  
Doug & Marianne Reinert  
**September 15:** Paul & Judy Leister  
**September 17:** Ken & Joan Moyer  
**September 18:** Ron & Cynthia Ivison

**N**ext Sunday: *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Message: *A Servant for All*  
Texts: *Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:4, Mark 9:30-37\**  
*\* next Sunday's sermon text*

**F**or the Safety of All, we request those who are not fully vaccinated or are at risk to wear a mask when inside our facility. Sunday School children will be required to wear a face covering.



## St. Paul's UCC, Amityville

1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

### September 12, 2021

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC  
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor  
Martha Sitler, Minister of Music  
Maya Herbst and Amy Schafer, Sextons  
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### St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

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.



# St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

September 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day

\* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* -Swedish melody/Broughton  
*When In Our Music God Is Glorified* -Stanford

\* Processional Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hymnal #225

\* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Soul?*  
Duet: Pastor Steven and Emily Zimmerman -Berry

\* The Solemn Declaration (from Mark 8:36) sung response: **Amen!**

\* Call to Worship —Psalm 19:1-4, 14

Look at the heavens!

**They are shouting the glory of God.**

The days and the nights declare the magnificence  
of God's creative works.

**Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

\* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Jeremiah 23:25-29

**You have called us, O God,**

**and we have refused to listen;**

**you have stretched out your hand**

**and we have not taken it.**

**We have taken what you have given us**

**and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.**

**We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you**

**and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**Give us the insight we need  
to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect  
the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

—based on Psalm 19:7-8

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens  
the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living  
Word, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)

Prayer of the Day

Introduction of Sunday School Teachers

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Message and dismissal to Sunday School

Anthem *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above* -Wilson

Prayer for Illumination —based on Psalm 19:14

Scripture Readings *Proverbs 1:20-33, Mark 8:27-38*

Sermon *What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Soul?*

\* Responsive Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Hymnal #324

Prayers of the Prayers of the People response: *God of love, Hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

\* Doxology Hymnal #815

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Recessional Hymn *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* Hymnal #603

\* Benediction

\* Threefold Amen

Postlude *At Length there Dawns the Glorious Day* -Gawler/Mansfield