

**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: Autumn Herbst

Greeters: Gerald & Beverly Breitenstein

Acolyte: Garrett Herbst

## **L**ast Sunday

In-person Attendance: 97

Virtual worship viewings: 57 (as of 10/14)

Giving: \$2988

## BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

**October 19:** Marlin Spotts, Tina Hendricks

**October 20:** Connie Riker, Scott Wilson

**October 21:** Spike Thompson, Susan Lincoln

**October 22:** Rich Zuber

**October 23:** Todd Haines

## ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

**October 17:** Marlin & Karen Spotts

**October 18:** Chris & Heidi Davidheiser, Dave & Tiffany Dunning

**October 19:** Steve & Jacqui Clauser

**October 20:** Mike & Lauren Zomolsky

**October 21:** Pat & Jen Leady

**October 22:** Vernon & Valerie Keller, Hap & Heidi Pennypacker

**Next Sunday:** *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Message: *Have Mercy on Me!*

Texts: *Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22), Hebrews 7:23-28,  
Mark 10:46-52\**

*\* 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. Children over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask. Children 12 and older who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask.



## St. Paul's UCC, Amityville

1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

### October 17, 2021

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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

October 17, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

\* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Seek Ye First with Canon in D* - arr. Wagner  
*The Spacious Firmament on High* - Haydn/ Balcombe

\* Processional Hymn *How Great Thou Art* Hymnal #147

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Where He Leads Me* (refrain only) Hymnal #593

Children's Message and dismissal to Sunday School

\* The Solemn Declaration (from Mark 10:43-44) sung response: **Amen!**

\* Call to Worship — based on Psalm 104:1-2, 24

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!  
Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.  
**O LORD my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.**  
He wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
he stretches out the heavens like a tent  
**How many are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you made them all.**

\* Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Mark 10:35-37 and Hebrews 5:2

**Merciful and gentle God,  
we have wanted reward without sacrifice.  
We have been unwilling to serve and  
have not humbled ourselves in obedience.  
Forgive our hubris, gracious God.  
Correct our ignorant ways  
and help us to know your glory through servanthood.  
Guide us to be true followers of your way,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon —based on Hebrews 5:2

People of God, your sins are forgiven,  
for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayer of the Day —based on Mark 10:43-44

Anthem *Fan into Flame* -Schlosser

Prayer for Illumination —based on Job 38:1

Scripture Readings *Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45*

Sermon *Follow the Servant King*

\* Responsive Hymn *Sons of Thunder, James and John*  
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- 1. Sons of Thunder, James and John, left their father fishing – For they found that they were drawn into Jesus' mission. Christ had strength to calm the sea and to bring great healing; He taught with authority – God's own way revealing.**
- 2. As they heard the things he taught – love of God and neighbor – Those ambitious brothers thought they would ask a favor. So they said, "Give just one thing; let our words here guide you: Jesus, when you reign as king, let us sit beside you."**
- 3. "Can you drink the cup I drink? Can you take the suffering?" Jesus told them. "Stop and think! This is what I'm offering. Tyrants reign o'er other folk, rising to high places. You must bear a servant's yoke if you want true greatness."**
- 4. Christ, we love the honored place and the seat of glory. Now, remind us, by your grace, of the gospel story: You gave up your life – it's true! – with a love unswerving. May all those who follow you seek a life of serving.**

Prayers of the Prayers of the People *Merciful God; hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

\* Doxology Hymnal #815

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Recessional Hymn *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* Hymnal #598

\* Benediction and Threefold Amen

Postlude *March of Triumph* -Stickles