



St. Paul's UCC

Amityville, Pennsylvania

September 13, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises* -Baloche
"Forever" with "Joyful, Joyful" -Tomlin/McDonald

*Processional Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **To all, life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest the true life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.**

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

* The Solemn Declaration (Romans 14:11-12) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship -from Exodus 15:1b-5, 11

I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
**He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**
The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.
Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.

The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

**The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.**
Who among the gods is like you, LORD?
**Who is like you—majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:28-30

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon —based on Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:27, 33

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, we are free to live and love through Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Day —based on Exodus 15:1-12

Special Music *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* —Israeli Folk Song
Pastor Steven text from Exodus 15:1-2

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings *Matthew 18:21-35, Exodus 14:19-31*

Sermon *A Song to Celebrate*

* Responsive Hymn *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

Prayers of the People response: *God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on Exodus 15:13

[Please mail offering envelopes to the church.]

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication —based on Matthew 18:33, Romans 14:7-9

* Recessional Hymn *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

- 1. We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee;
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.**
- 2. We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;
Thro' life's storm and tempest our guide Thou hast been.
When perils o'er take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.**
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

* Benediction —based on Exodus 15 & Matthew 18:33

Threefold Amen

Postlude *Creation Sings the Father's Song* -Townend, Getty and Getty

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Virtual Worship September 13, 2020

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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.

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

Next Sunday: *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Message: God Will Provide for Our Needs
Texts: *Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45,
Exodus 16:2-15, Philippians 1:21-30,
Matthew 20:1-16*

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

September 13: Jack & Max Hummel; **September 14:** Karen Hartline;
September 16: Deborah Boyer; **September 17:** Bernie Shustack;
September 19: Linda Czeiner, Beverly Beshore-Strohm

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

September 13: Charles & Janet Miller;
September 14: Bob & Kathy Jones, Doug & Kathy Samsel,
Doug & Marianne Reinert;
September 15: Paul & Judy Leister;
September 17: Bill & June Shirey, Ken & Joan Moyer;
September 18: Ron & Cynthia Ivison;
September 19: Ken & Ruth Biles, Brent & Priscilla Knerr,
Ken & Debbie Davis