

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. Visitors please sign the Visitors Card in the pew rack and place in the basket on the chancel rail. We no longer pass the offering plates during the service. You may place your offering in the plate as you enter (by the greeters) or in the basket on the chancel rail after the service.



This week our card is for Spike Thompson.
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher: Rev. Debbie Derby
Worship Leader: Marlene Dadey
Scripture Reader: Pete Stern
Greeters: Alan & Michele Ross
Acolyte: Alexander Boyer
Tech: Mahlon Boyer

Last Sunday Attendance: 107
Giving: \$2733

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

August 5: Jonathan Berry
August 6: Glenn Stork
August 7: Betty Hampton, Linda Levensgood, Michelle Walker, Katarina Dunning

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

August 6: Nathan & Stacey Maskeri
August 9: Jim & Carol Sterner
August 10: John & Dana Godfrey

Next Sunday: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*
Guest Preacher: Mahlon Boyer
Message: **Dichotomies**
Texts: *Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Psalm 130**
**next Sunday's sermon text*

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

August 4, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor - on sabbatical
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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.



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9:45 A.M.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *We Remember You* -Dearman/Tornquist
Be Still My Soul -Sibelius/Larson

* Processional Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* see insert

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Change My Heart, O God*
**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.**

* The Solemn Declaration (from Ephesians 4:3 & 15) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —based on Ephesians 4:2, 4-6

Come, let us worship our God,
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
**We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.**

* Call to Confession & Silent Prayer

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —from Psalm 51:1-4, 10-11

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak**

**and justified when you judge.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon —from John 6:35

The bread of life God sends . . . This is the good news:
in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayer of the Day —from Psalm 78:25, Ephesians 4:13

Prayer for Illumination —based on Ephesians 3:18-19

Scripture Readings *2 Samuel 11:25-12:13a, Psalm 51:1-17*

Sermon *Forgiven and Re-created*

* Responsive Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* see insert

Prayers of the Prayers of the People response: *God of Unity*, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on Ephesians 4:7

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion (see insert)

* Recessional Hymn *Whiter Than Snow* see insert

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen

Postlude *Recessional* -Wesley

ORDER for HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Acclamation of Praise (The Sanctus)

—based on

Psalms 118:26; Isaiah 6:3

...So now . . . we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth,

Heaven and earth are full; are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Blessed are you, O Spirit, poured out upon your people to open our hearts, to pray within us, to teach us hope.

Through this broken bread, show us life abundant.

Break us, as well, so that with your gifts,

we may tend your earth and feed the hungry, giving thanks for all that nourishes this blessed creation, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Share

Distribution of the Elements

† Please Note: Today communicants are invited to come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. An usher will direct you and those seated with you to come forward. Please let him know if you need to have communion brought to you. Please listen for additional instructions from Pastor Steven.

Special Music *Let Us Break Bread Together*

-arr. Gallina

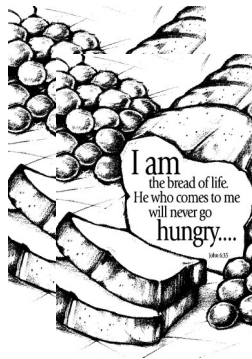
St. Paul's Choral Ensemble

Acclamation

—Revelation 5:12, NIV

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!



ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 8/4	Adult Sunday School Worship	8:30 AM 9:45 AM
Monday 8/5	Prayer Team Youth Ministry	1:30 PM 7:00 PM
Tuesday 8/6	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 8/7	Ladies Aid Consistory Mtg. / Picnic	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
Friday 8/9	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM
Saturday 8/10	PSEC Event	11:30 AM

GUEST PREACHER

Our Guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Debbie Derby. Recently retired from ministry at Trinity UCC, Mount Penn, Pastor Debbie is a friend and colleague of Pastor Steven's. Pastor Steven approached her in the winter and she agreed to preach three Sundays this summer while he is on Sabbatical. Pastor Debbie will also be on call for pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached through the church office at 610-689-9364.

NURSERY SERVICE

Nursery Service is available for infants through first grade. Rachael Rogers and Crystalynn will be delighted to see your children during the service throughout the summer. There is NO Sunday School for children during the summer.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Peach Festival time is around the corner - August 17. We will be accepting items for the White Elephant Sale Monday, August 12 - Wednesday, August 14 from 8 to Noon in the Social Room (downstairs). No items will be accepted on Thursday. The sale is open Friday, August 16 from 8 - 4 and Saturday, August 17 beginning at 8 AM. NO BOOKS, electronics, computers, printers, etc. will be accepted.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At its meeting on July 10, Consistory discussed the newly discovered need to replace the heating system for the gym before winter. At that time they did not have adequate information to know whether funding will require approval by the Congregation. Therefore we are calling a Congregational Meeting following the Sunday, August 11 service in case the funding recommendation requires approval by that body.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!**
- Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**
- Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of
His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**
- Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

HYMNALS

If you are a person who can read music and would prefer to use a hymnal there are a few on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall. We are not moving all the hymnals for everyone to use. We appreciate your understanding.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

- Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**
- In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.**
- Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**
- Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!**

Whiter Than Snow

- Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul,
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Refrain **Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

- Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies,
And help me to make a complete sacrifice;
I give up myself, and whatever I know,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.** Refrain
- Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat,
I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet;
By faith, for my cleansing I see Thy blood flow,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.** Refrain
- Lord Jesus, before you I patiently wait,
Come now, and within me a new heart create;
To those who have sought You, Thou never said "No,"
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.** Refrain