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SAINT PAUL'S U.C.C.
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Youth Sunday
March 18, 2018

GATHERING

*This prayer is not like others because it rhymes,
it makes things more whimsical in these tough times.
So lord we ask you to save us from crimes,
We want everyone to be happy so no one else cries.
Please give us your blessings forever past chimes.
We ask of you for no more grey clouds and for only blue skies.
We wish to be honest in our everyday lives.
That means we are trustworthy,
and no more lies.
Amen*

-Tristin Farr

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The Church's One Foundation!* *NCH#386*

PASSING THE PEACE Jade Vojtasek

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Alex Scheffler

CENTERING

PRELUDE "Morning" by E. Grieg Nick Hill

(Congregation Standing)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Connor Raudenbush and Emma Bigg

Emma: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL singing: (Amen!)

Connor: Geese are amazing animals. They fly in a V shape which allows each bird to share the uplift of the one before it and dramatically increase how far they can fly

Church: People who share a common sense of direction and community get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another.

Emma: When a goose falls out of formation, it immediately feels the resistance of flying alone and quickly moves back into formation.

Church: When we both give and accept help, our lives become easier and our witness more powerful.

Connor: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates backward and another bird takes the lead.

Church: It pays to take turns doing the work that we are called to do, sharing leadership, valuing the skills and gifts of everyone, and sharing our resources freely.

Emma: When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese will follow it down to help and protect it. They stay until it dies or can fly again before returning to the flock.

Church: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

Connor: Geese honk to encourage each other forward.

Church: We need to make sure that our words and our actions encourage each other to live in the best way possible.

Emma: God loves and cares for the geese

**Church: And God loves and cares for each of us. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

PENITENCE

Emma Ertel

Leader: Let us confess our sins.
 All: **Most merciful and loving God, sometimes we are too distracted by our egos to fulfill the requests of you, Jesus, the one who saved us from our sins. We hold on to problems of the past. We try to foresee our future. Lord, help us to focus on living in the present moment with you. Help us to focus on what truly matters. Please forgive us, and guide us through our lives. Mold us into people who can truly love, respect, forgive, and believe.**

(Silent prayers of confession.)

Leader: Hear the Good News: Through Jesus Christ and in God's love, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLE'S CREED

Parker Milyo

Leader: Let us say again what it is that we believe.

All: **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 into hell. 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**

(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 6:8

Sam Ruemmler

GOSPEL

Matthew 10: 29-31

A.J. Laucks

SPECIAL MUSIC

"You Raise Me Up"

Emma Ertel

WISDOM ACCORDING TO DR. SEUSS

Wyatt Hetrick

CHORAL RESPONSE:

"Step by step"

Pastor John

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. O

God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you. I will

seek you in the morn-ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55) "A King Came Riding" Children's Choir

Children's Message (8:55) Tristin Farr & Lydia Heffner

Sending Music "I've got the Joy"
Those staying in the service return to parents

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
 Down in my heart! Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
 Down in my heart to stay

Nursery department departs

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
 Down in my heart! Down in my heart!
 I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart
 Down in my heart to stay.

Primary department departs

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
 Down in my heart! Down in my heart!
 I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart
 Down in my heart to stay

Message Tyler Mowry & Riley Wentz

(Congregation Stands)

RESPONSIVE HYMN "A Place in the Choir" Staines

(Ushers will collect the prayer requests as we sing)

*Refrain: All God's creatures got a place in the choir
 Some sing low and some sing higher,
 Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
 Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now (repeat)*

*Listen to the top where the little bird sings
 On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
 And the hoot owl cries over everything
 And the blackbird disagrees*

*Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
 When little duck quacks, and he's on his way
 And the otter hasn't got much to say
 And the porcupine talks to himself
 Refrain*

*The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
 While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
 The donkey brays and the pony neighs
 And the old gray badger sighs*

*Listen to the bass; it's the one on the bottom
 Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
 Moans and groans with a big t'do
 And the old cow just goes moo*

Refrain

*It's a simple song a little song everywhere
 By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
 The dopey alligator and the the hawk above,
 The sly old weasel and the turtle dove*

Refrain x 3

All God's creatures got a place in the choir

(Congregation May Be Seated)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Caroline Blickley &
Maegan Mileschosky

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response:

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

GIVING

CALL TO OFFERING

Stella Koch

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Maegan Mileschosky

(Congregation Stands)

DOXOLOGY *(All, singing)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jordi Farr

THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Jamin Valick

& David Pierce

Jamin: Jesus Said I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me shall not hunger; anyone who believes in me shall never thirst.

All: **Amen. Come, Christ Jesus.**

David: It is in the communion meal and in remembering all that Jesus did for us that we experience love that transcends anything else that we might experience in this world.

All: **Amen. Open our eyes, Lord Jesus**

Jamin: This table is open to all who love God and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance.

David: Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to be the people of God's new age.

All: **Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.**

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.
Come, for all things are ready.

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

We offer wine or grape juice as the symbol of the Blood of Christ. Grape juice is the light, wine is the dark. We also have gluten free wafers for those with sensitivities.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jamin Valick

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "They'll Know we are Christians by our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

THE BENEDICTION

Jaiden Valick

THREE-FOLD AMEN & CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE

Ushers: Jade Vojtasek, Maegan Mileschosky, Ethan Raudenbush, Alex Scheffler, Michaela Ernst, Jaiden Valick, Nick Hill, Madison Woerner, Emma Ertel, & Tristin Farr

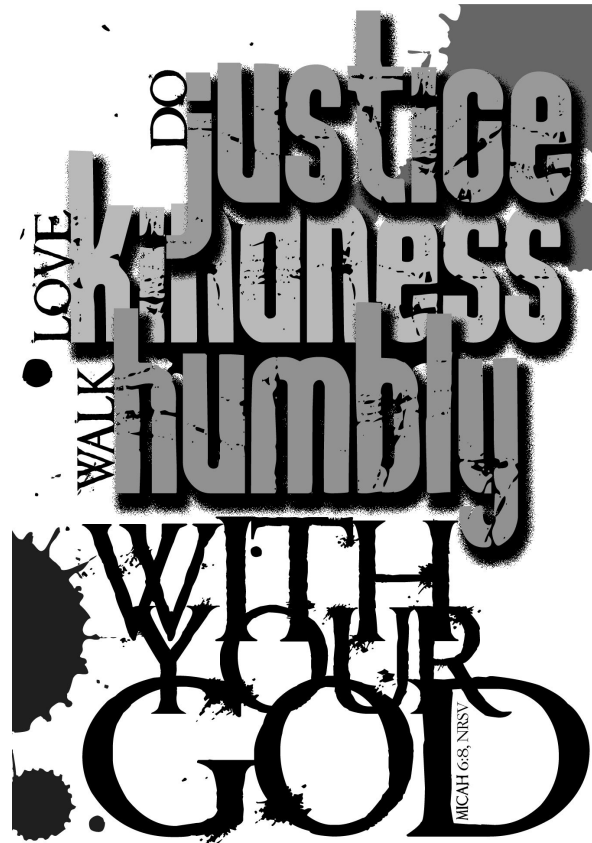
Greeters: Jordi Farr, Ryan Levan, Jamin Valick, Riley Wentz

Art: Stephen Maurek, Jonathan Maurek

Hymn Selection: Brooke Mowry

Call to worship inspired by "Lessons from Geese", a 1991 speech by Angeles Arrien

A place in the choir was written by Bill Staines and has been performed by a number of artists. The specific lyrics for today's service were taken from those used by Celtic Thunder's performance of the song.



MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul's please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by David Balmer in memory of his Parents Clifford and Renee. The **Organ arrangement** is sponsored by Peter and Sharon Koller in honor of Lilah Grace Gilmore and Timothy Koller's birthdays March 13 & 20 respectively.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Victor and Patty Pytleski.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Cheryl Weiser in memory of her parents: Ed and Shirley Weiser.

Rosebud in honor of the birth of Brielle Mae Koller. She was born February 17. Her Father is Timothy Koller and Mother is Samantha Miller.

Coffee Time Sponsor: Sandi Stern and Chris Scheffler

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Youth

10:25 a.m. -- Youth

Acolytes: 8:45 a.m. – Maegan Mileschosky, Ethan Raudenbush

10:25 a.m. – Colin Snyder, Cassandra Batz

Ushers: Jade Vojtasek, Maegan Mileschosky, Ethan Raudenbush, Alex Scheffler, Michaela Ernst, Jaiden Valick, Nick Hill, Madison Woerner, Emma Ertel, & Tristin Farr

Attendance: March 11th, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 102 10:25 a.m. – 90

	Income	Expense	Difference
January			
General Acct	\$ 28,849.87	\$ 50,367.03	-\$ 21,517.16
Other Accts	\$ 5,253.00	\$ 3,740.14	\$ 1,512.86
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