

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 October 15, 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, push out the worry that I carry with me and allow your peace and comfort to enter my heart. Fill me with your spirit, your gentleness, your compassion, and your comfort. Gather me in and help me to fully devote myself to you. Help me love others as deeply as you love me. Amen.

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Some Glad Morning” No. 595

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING

PRELUDE (8:55) “I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow” C. Stanley
 Jill Haley – oboe Greta Ertel - piano
(10:25) “You are my Sunshine” “Peace Like a River” Children’s Choir
(Congregation Standing)

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

All: (singing) Amen!

Pastor: You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice

People: We set the worries of our daily lives aside

Pastor: You invite us to worship, O God, and we give thanks

People: We remember all of your wonderful gifts

Pastor: You invite us to worship, O God, and we open our arms and our lives

People: We embrace your love so wonderfully shown in Jesus

Pastor: You invite us to worship, O God, and we answer

All: Let us praise God with our lips and our lives!

All (singing) *Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, Rejoice! (Music on p. 7)*
Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice!

PENITENCE

Pastor: It is good for us to confess to God when our lives do not follow his ways.

All: There many things that get in the way of our faithfulness O God:

**We like our comfortable and routine lives,
 and it is hard to change.**

**We are invited to try out new skills, meet new people, learn new ideas
 but instead of risking faithfully... we turn them down.**

Family and friends and social promises

take up so much of our time,

that we are not open to new possibilities

**Forgive us God when we miss your call
 your invitation to new adventures in faith
 to take part in new experiences and dreams
 for your world.**

Silent prayers of confession

Pastor: God offers us new beginnings every day.

All we have to do is accept the invitation.

So rejoice! Step out and move forward,

filled with courage and God’s love.

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Modified from WholePeopleofGod.com Lesson10/15/2017

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe. Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
People: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
People: 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

CHANCEL CHOIR (10:25) “*Down to the River to Pray*” Traditional arr. By Lloyd Larson

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 and who shall wear the starry crown; good Lord show me the way.
 O sisters, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
 O sisters, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 and who shall wear the starry crown; good Lord show me the way.
 O brothers, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
 O brothers, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
 with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 and who shall wear the starry crown; good Lord show me the way.
 O sinners, let’s go down, let’s go down, come on down.
 O sinners, let’s go down, down to the river to pray.
 As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way
 and who shall wear the starry crown; good Lord, show me the way.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON STORY (8:55) based on Matthew 22:1-10
 Kayla Laucks, Katy Milesosky, Ian Miller,
 Emilee Scheffler, Penny Wentz

SERMON TEXT (10:25) Matthew 22:1-14 NT pg. 24

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55) “*You are my Sunshine*” “*Peace Like a River*” Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON “*Are You In or Are You Out?*”

SENDING HYMN

*All (singing) Jesus loves the little children
 All the children of the world
 Red, brown, yellow, black and white
 They are precious in His sight.
 Jesus loves the little children*

SERMON (Continued...)

(Congregation Standing)

RESPONSIVE HYMN “*My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast*” See Insert
(The congregation may be seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Response: *Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
 Lord listen to your children praying,
 send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY “*In the Highways*” M. Carter
 Jill Haley – oboe Greta Ertel - piano

(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. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN "Keep On the Sunny Side"

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

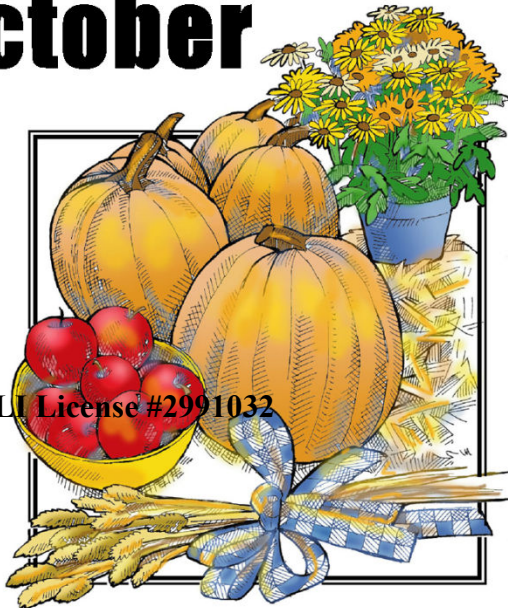
*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.*

*May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
Forever and ever, forevermore, Amen*

CHIMES

POSTLUDE "I Am Weary (Let Me Rest)" P. Kuykendall

October



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Rejoice in the Lord Always 606

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Phil. 4:4

4 Part Round (optional)

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn, including a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: "Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re -"

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn, including a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: "joice in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A -"

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn, including a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics: "gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce!"

WORDS: Philippians 4:4, KJV
MUSIC: Anonymous

REJOICE
Irregular

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 Tuesday evenings and 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

(For the week of October 15, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Elaine Heller in honor of loved ones.
 The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Sandra Stump in memory of her father, Lee S. Gauker.
 The **Piano Arrangement** is sponsored by Joan Hoffman in memory of loved ones.
 The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Dolores Eastland in honor of the Music Ministry.
 The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Dale Hollenbach in memory of his parents, Hattie and Melvin Hollenbach and his wife, Doris Hollenbach.
Coffee Time Sponsor: The Wentz Family
Ushers: **8:55 a.m.** – Steve Wentz, Allen Crockett, Tom Agnew, Heidi Pierce
10:25 a.m. –Paul Moll, Jenn Hoffman, Stephen Maurek
Readers: **8:55 a.m.** – Family Worship **10:25 a.m.** – Family Worship
Acolytes: **8:55 a.m.** – Alex Scheffler and Parker Milyo
10:25 a.m. – Emma Ertel and Jade Vojtasek

Attendance:	October 8, 2017	8:55 a.m. – 102	10:25 a.m. – 81
September	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$29,522.20	\$39,979.94	-\$10,457.74
Other Accts	\$ 3,651.22	\$ 8,505.40	-\$ 4,854.18
Year to date			
General Acct	\$301,352.30	\$367,232.68	-\$65,880.38
Other Accts	\$ 78,777.94	\$ 83,487.56	-\$ 4,709.62

An additional \$22,060.18 of income was collected for the Sewer Project



The Parable of the WEDDING BANQUET