

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Trinity Sunday
June 11, 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, You have already given us so much: the land and the seas, the breeze that blows gently across our skin, the grass and the trees and all that grows in the soil, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all manner of animal life that shares this fragile world with us. All of Your creation is simply astounding and we offer you our thanks with every ounce of our being. In this next hour, dear Lord, we ask for another act of creation: create within our lives a sacred time, a time that is just for you and for us, to know you, to worship you, and to love you. Inspire us, move us, confront us, console us, change us, support us, and above all, allow us to know your love. Amen JWF

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” No. 277

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 *"Du Bist Wie Eine Blume"* Franz Liszt, Heinrich Heine vocalist François Bessing

Du bist wie eine Blume Du bist wie eine Blume, So hold und schön und rein; Ich schau' dich an und Wehmut Schleicht mir ins Herz hinein. Mir ist, als ob ich die Hände Aufs Haupt dir legen sollt', Betend, daß Gott dich erhalte So rein und schön und hold.

Translation: Thou art like a flower, So lovely, fair and pure; I gaze at thee and wistful wonder Slips into my heart. It's as though I ought to place My hands upon thy head And pray God to keep thee ever So lovely, pure, and fair.

Heinrich Heine (Translation by Wendell Hall)

(Congregation Standing)

Pastor: Beloved, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (Singing) Amen!

Pastor: O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name fills all the Earth and overflows the heavens.

All: When I look up into the night skies and see the work of your fingers: the moon and the stars you have made, we seem so small by comparison.

Pastor: And yet we know that you have made us in your own image and by your own hand and have placed a crown of glory and honor upon our heads.

All: You created us and called us very good, loving us from the very beginning of time.

Pastor: Indeed, the majesty and glory of Your name fills all the Earth and overflows the heavens. Amen.

PENITENCE

Pastor: Now is the time to come before our triune God with open and honest hearts, eager to admit our own sinfulness and seek forgiveness.

All: God, We find delight in your unity, in your peace, in your mercy and in your love. You, who formed the entire universe, created us in your very image; and in that moment of creation, you declared us very good. Sometimes, if we're honest with ourselves and with you, it doesn't feel like we are living up to those words. We don't always care for this world or for each other as well as we should. We forget your commands for our lives and often seek to do what is easy or convenient rather than what is right. Help us to live out Your declaration of goodness, to join together in unity, to show love for you, love for neighbor, and to truly care for all of your creation. Amen.

John: Through the already fulfilled promises of Jesus Christ, we can know grace both grace and mercy. Indeed, you are forgiven and you are loved! Amen!

All(singing) *Open my eyes, that I may see* (Scott)
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,

*Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

(Congregation may be seated.)

HONORING 2017 GRADUATES

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT Genesis 1:1-2:4a

EPISTLE Second Corinthians 13:11-13

SPECIAL MUSIC *"God So Loved the World"* John Stainer vocalist - François Bessing

GOSPEL Matthew 8:16-20

(Congregation Standing)

Choral Response: *O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your
ways;
And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all my days.
(The congregation may be seated.)*

SERMON *"In God's Image"*

(Congregation Stands)

RESPONSIVE HYMN *"Come Now, Almighty God"* No. 275

(Congregation May Be Seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING

OFFERING INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *"Caro Mio Ben"* Giuseppe Giordani vocalist François Bessing

Caro Mio Ben

(Giuseppe Giordani)

Caro mio ben,

credimi almen,

senza di te

languisce il cor.

Il tuo fedel

sospira ognor.

Cessa, crudel,

tanto rigor!

Translation:

My dear beloved,

believe me at least,

without you

my heart languishes.

Your faithful one

always sighs;

cease, cruel one,

so much punishment!

(Translation by: John Glenn Paton)

(Congregation Stands)

THE DOXOLOGY

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

(Congregation Standing)

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN *"Praise with Joy the World's Creation"* No. 273

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.

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And the love of God our Father,

And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.

Forever and ever, forevermore, Amen

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE "Gentle Like Jesus" Roger Copeland vocalist François Bessing

******Be sure to welcome our guest vocalist, Francois Bessing at both church services today. He did a wonderful job last year, and we are happy to welcome him back!**



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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 and Joyful Willing Workers class in the Conference Room. 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 June 11, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Kathryn Yenser in memory of loved ones.
 The **Bulletins** are sponsored by David and Sandra Stern in memory of Sandi’s father, Alfred Bailey and in honor of heir grandson, Austin Stern’s college graduation.
 The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Leroy Fegely and Peggy Wulterkens in honor of Peggy’s daughter, Kristin and Leroy’s son, Steven.
Coffee Time Sponsor: Grace, Karen, and Bill Shollenberger
Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Jack Creswell, Mary Ann Hayes, Grace Hetrick, Cindy Rothenberger, Linda Schaeffer, Christopher Snyder, Dennis Wanner, Mike Werner, Robert Wolf
10:25 a.m. – David Balmer, Allen Crockett, Jenni Hoffman, Chris Vojtasek
Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Sharon Dreibelbis **10:25 a.m.** – David Balmer
Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Jade Vojtasek and Alex Schaeffer
10:25 a.m. – Jonathan Maurek and Michaela Ernst
Attendance: June 4, 2017 8:55 a.m. –107 10:25 a.m. – 202

May Finances	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$27,753.14	\$36,771.56	-\$ 9,018.42
Other Accts	\$12,685.68**	\$ 8,165.17	\$ 4,520.51
Year to date			
General Acct	\$168,430.93	\$188,216.13	-\$19,785.20
Other Accts	\$ 59,753.05	\$ 45,181.95	\$14,571.10

** Includes \$8,000. donation to Endowment.