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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 19, 2018

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts and our very lives to your presence this day. As we worship you this day, may our lives be a healing remembrance of your love to all the lives of those we touch. Amen

**INTROIT**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "When Morning Guilds the Sky" No. 86

**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)** "Silhouettes at Dusk." Jill Haley  
**(10:25)** "Wondrous Love is This." William Walker  
Linda Young. Vocal Soloist

*(Congregation Standing)*

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

**All: (singing) Amen!**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness!

**People:** **Come into God's presence with singing!**  
**Know this! The Lord is God.**

Pastor: Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.  
Know this! We are God's people,  
and the sheep of God's pasture.

**People:** **So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,**  
**Come into the holy courts with praise.**  
**Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.**

Pastor: For the Lord is good;

**People** **God's steadfast love endures forever,**  
**God's faithfulness is for all generations.**

—based on NRSV and Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. Written by Carolyn Brown

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**Choral Response:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Verse 1 and 2)

1. Praise to the LORD, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
2. Praise to the LORD, who oer all things so won - drous - ly reign -  
3. Praise to the LORD, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made  
4. Praise to the LORD, who doth pros - per thy works and de - fend  
5. Praise to the LORD, O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal -  
eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -  
thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and  
thee; sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion. All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re -  
tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
fore Him! Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a -

near: join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
lief, spread - ing His wings for to shade thee!  
do, if with His love He be - friend thee.  
gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

**PENITENCE**

Pastor: Merciful God, have mercy on our souls, according to your unwavering love; according to your abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long.

**People:** **Instead write on our hearts your love Your boundaries for our lives**  
**Your salvation that sets us free from our sins to live the abundant life**  
**you have for each of us.**

Pastor: Lord, create in us clean hearts renew your spirit within us. Do not turn us away from your presence; do not take your holy spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Write on our hearts, your love O God.

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

Pastor: Lord we would see Jesus, We would love Jesus,  
People: **We would follow Jesus, We would serve Jesus**

**Choral Response:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Verse 5)

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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON TEXT** First Kings 2:10-12: 3:3-14 OT pg. 305

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:15-20 NT pg. 194

**Choral Response:**



**SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55)** "Wondrous Love is This." William Walker

Linda Young - Vocal Soloist

**SPECIAL MUSIC (10:25)** "Silhouettes at Dusk." Jill Haley

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 6:51-56 NT pg. 98

*(Congregation Stands)*

**Choral Response:**



*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

**SERMON**

"If I Had One Wish . . ."

*(Congregation Stands)*

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" No. 329

*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, as Christ offered himself for the life of the world, let us pray: For the church in every land. Confirm in the hearts of Jesus' disciples a will to serve you by loving their neighbors and doing good to their enemies.

**All: For the church universal, Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, we pray for those who lead your church: guide the pastors, elders, deacons, teachers, and administrators who order the life of our Christian community, and strengthen them to be faithful in their calling and humble in service. For our Conference minister, Rev. Bill Worley and our Associate Conference minister, Rev. Sharon Morris and all the support staff at the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference; for the Rev. John Dorhouer, President of the United Church of Christ, and those who lead the churches throughout the world, grant them wisdom and courage to lead us into the future.

**All: For the Churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, we pray for those who govern the nations and exercise authority in civic life: give our governing officials wisdom in the ways of peace and justice and a determination to pursue the common good. For President Trump for Governor Wolf for our mayor, Tammy Gore and the rulers of every nation and city;

**All: For the Borough of Fleetwood, Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, we pray for the sick, the poor, and the oppressed: help those who are in trouble and stir up in your church a desire to be your instruments in the relief of human misery. For those in need;

**All: Hear us as we name them. (You may say their names out loud or to yourself.)**

Pastor: God, we pray for our planet Earth: calm the storm and extinguish the raging fires; give us seasonable weather and tranquil seas. Let Earth yield an abundance of fruit for the flourishing of every creature, and give humankind the will to use its resources wisely.

**All: For the good of the earth, Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people and grant that what we ask in faith we may receive according to your gracious love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the one who taught us when praying to say:

**All: Our Father, Who art in the heavens, 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 the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

## Choral Response:

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his

won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow

strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

## GIVING

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY "If Thou Art Near." J.S. Bach

(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

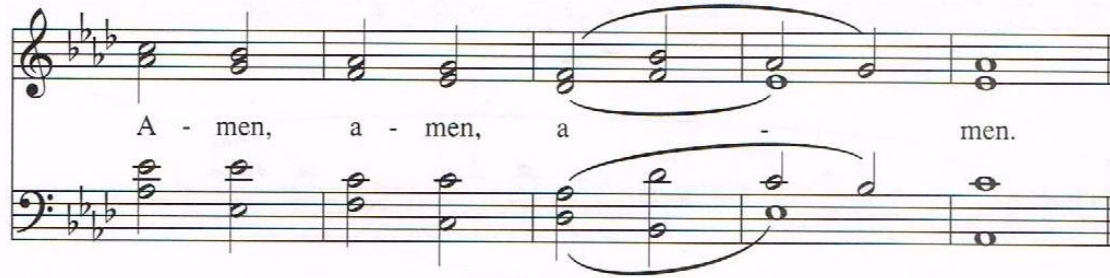


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**SENDING**

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**      “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”      No. 82

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**



**CHIMES**

**THE POSTLUDE**      “Trumpet Tune in C”      Purcell

*“Those who eat my flesh  
and drink my blood  
have eternal life.”*

**John 6:54**



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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. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- **Bible Study is held on Wednesday’s at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge**
- 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 Rick and Lori Luckenbill in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Joanne Sholedice and family in memory of Neil Ludwig.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by James and Kathi Fry.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Michael and Cathy Berg In honor of their son's birthday.

**Coffee Time Sponsor:** Women’s Guild

**Readers:** 8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf      10:25 a.m. – Gary Reinert

**Acolytes:** 8:55 a.m. – Cassandra Batz, Aidan Strohl      10:25 a.m. – Chase Reifsnnyder, Stella Koch

**Ushers:** 8:55 a.m. – Cindy R., Christoph S., Dennis W., Ro W.,  
10:25 a.m. – Jim G., Bill T., Dennis R., Ian M.

<b>Attendance:</b>	August 12, 2018	8:55 a.m. – 97	10:25 a.m. – 60
July	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$ 41,728.14	\$ 35,360.40	\$ 6,367.74
Other Accts	\$ 3,278.99	\$ 3,029.30	\$ 249.69
<b>Year to date</b>			
General Acct	\$231,519.89	\$263,527.20	-\$ 32,007.31
Other Accts	\$ 51,956.71	\$ 48,323.54	\$ 3,633.17