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**SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Fleetwood, Pennsylvania  
 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 Holy Communion  
 August 5, 2018

**GATHERING PRAYER**

*Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts, and our very lives to your presence so that today we may worship and serve you in faithfulness and be a blessing and healing reminders of your love to all whose lives we touch. We offer this prayer and our lives in Jesus name. Amen*

**INTROIT**

**OPENING HYMN**      “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”      No. 18

**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)**      “Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart.”      Frederick Cook Atkinson,  
 Greta and Jill- Organ/Piano Duet  
**(10:25)**      “Rise Up”      Andra Day      vocal and piano solo - Abby Miller

**(Congregation Standing)**

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

**People (singing): Amen**

Pastor:      Jesus said: “I am the bread of life.  
 Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
 and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”—John 6:35, adapt.  
 In the wilderness, God commanded the skies above, and opened the doors  
 of heaven. God rained down manna to eat and gave the grain of heaven.

**All:      For no one lives by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from  
 the mouth of God.**      —adapted from Psalm 78:23-24, Deu

**Choral Response:      “Whiter Than Snow”      Verse 1**

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1. Lord Je - sus, I long to be per - fect - ly whole; I want Thee for -  
 2. Lord Je - sus, for this I most hum - bly en - treat; I wait, bless - ed  
 3. Lord Je - sus, Thou know - est I pa - tient - ly wait; Come now, and with -

ev - er to ran - som my soul. Break down ev - 'ry i - dol, cast  
 Lord, at Thy cru - ci - fied feet. By faith, for my cleans - ing I  
 in me a new heart cre - ate. To those who have sought Thee, Thou

out ev - 'ry foe: Now wash me, and I shall be whit - er than snow.  
 see Thy blood flow: Now wash me, and I shall be whit - er than snow.  
 nev - er said “No:” Now wash me, and I shall be whit - er than snow.

*Chorus*

Whit - er than snow, yes, whit - er than snow;

Now wash me, and I shall be whit - er than snow.

Pastor:      Let us pray. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
 according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**People:      Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Pastor:      For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

**People:      Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so  
 you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**

Pastor:      Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**People:      Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me  
 wisdom in that secret place.**

Pastor: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**Choral Response: "Whiter Than Snow" Verse 2**

**People:** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

**People:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Pastor: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**People:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Pastor: Jesus said, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life. The bread of God is that which comes down from and gives life to the world."

**All:** Lord, give us this bread always. —Psalm 51:1-12

**Choral Response: "Whiter Than Snow" Verse 3**

Pastor: Let us affirm our baptism.

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.)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC (8:55)** "Rise Up" Andra Day vocal and piano solo - Abby Miller  
**(10:25)** "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart." Frederick Cook  
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**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON TEXT** John 6:24-35 NT pg. 98

*(Congregation Standing)*

**Choral Response:**

*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

**SERMON**

**"Bread of Life"**

*(Congregation Stands)*

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

**"Let us Break Bread Together"**

No. 330

*(Congregation May Be Seated)*

**EUCCHARIST**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

**"I Am the Bread of Life"**

Suzanne Toolan

**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*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God, we lift our hearts in thankful remembrance of your reconciling love, outpoured on the cross once and for all time.

**All:** **We praise you for your victory over the powers of evil and death, assuring us that neither life nor death nor anything in all creation can separate us from the love of God.**

Pastor: Jesus, Good Shepherd, you laid down your own life that others may have life and have it abundantly.

**All:** **We thank you for naming us the lambs of your own redeeming and enfolding us in the flock of your shepherding care.**

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of Life, you are the living bread come down from heaven for the life of the world.

**All:** **We pray that you will break this bread for us, that it may be your body broken to feed us until we feast at last at the heavenly table.**

Pastor: Jesus, True Vine, you are the life-giving source apart from which the branches cannot flower by themselves, yet, if they abide in you bear fruit abundantly.

**All:** **We pray that you will fill this cup for us, that it may be your blood poured out for us, and, that drinking of it, we shall never thirst again.**

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the World, whoever follows you will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**All:** **We offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice, dedicated to your service and united in a common ministry, that all may come to believe you are the Christ and, in believing, may have new life in your name.**

Pastor: By the blessing of your Holy Spirit sanctify us and this bread and wine, that we may be nourished in the body through these holy mysteries, and strengthened for service in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Immersed In the Spirit, Mitman*

Pastor: Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us.

**ALL:** **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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessings we participate in the new life Christ gives.

**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. The trailing usher has gluten free wafers. Raise your hand as he/she walks by and they will serve you.)

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*(Children who did not receive communion and infants are welcomed to come forward and receive a blessing at this time).*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (unison)


*(Congregation Standing)*

**ALL:** **We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**


**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *“Ask Me What Great Thing I Know”*

*No. 49*


**CHORAL SENDING**

Soprano 

May the Grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Fa ther, and the

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fellowship of the Spirit be with us----- May the Grace of Christ our Savior, and the

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love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us----- For

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ev-er, and ev-er, for ev-er - more. A - men.

**THE BENEDICTION**

**CHIMES**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*"Sing a New Song"*

Edward Broughton

**Lyrics to Rise Up:**

Verse: You're broken down and tired of living life on a merry-go-round  
and you can't find the fighter but I see it in you  
so we're gonna walk it out and move mountains  
so we're gonna walk it out and move mountains

Chorus: And I'll rise up, I'll rise like the day. I'll rise up, I'll rise unafraid.  
I'll rise up and I'll do it a thousand times again.  
And I'll rise up high like the waves, I'll rise up in spite of the ache  
I'll rise up and I'll do it a thousand times again  
For you, for you, for you, for you

Verse: When the silence isn't quiet, and it feels like it's getting hard to breathe  
I know you feel like dying, but I promise we'll take the world to its feet  
and move mountains, we're going to walk it out and move mountains

Chorus

**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 Lynda Shenk in celebration of Parker Milyo and John Folks Birthdays.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Yolanda Schaeffer and Family in honor of Darwin Schaeffer's birthday.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Seth and Laura Walizer in honor of Laura's Grandmother Jean Fegley's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday next week.

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

**Coffee Time Sponsor:**

**Readers:** 8:55 a.m. – Sarah Herrold 10:25 a.m. – Jason Crockett

**Acolytes:** 8:55 a.m. –Aidan Strohl, Chase Reifsnyder 10:25 a.m. – Ian Miller, Megan Eberly

**Ushers:** 8:55 a.m. – David D., Cindy R., Dennis W., Melissa B., Christoph S., Jamin V., Bob W., Jenn H.

10:25 a.m. – Jim G., Dennis R., Heidi P., Marie R.

**Attendance:** July 29, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 87 10:25 a.m. – 50

June	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$ 27,824.48	\$ 43,328.16	-\$15,503.68
Other Accts	\$ 10,607.65	\$ 15,555.16	-\$ 4,947.51
<b>Year to date</b>			
General Acct	\$189,791.75	\$228,166.80	-\$ 38,375.05
Other Accts	\$ 48,677.72	\$ 45,294.24	\$ 3,383.48