

## Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ The Revelation Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Even if you didn't begin the study earlier this year, please feel free to continue in this study of the powerful journey through Revelation.
- ◆ Book Club will meet on Monday, May 10 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis. Books are still available on the table outside the church office. Even if you didn't get to finish reading the book or found it disturbing, please plan to attend the book club as there are great insights for believers re: temptation.



### From Pastor Bill Long:

If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

If you need Pastoral Care: If you are hospitalized or in crisis, please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for *emergency* weekends, please call Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

### Church Calendar

Sunday: 9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary  
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study  
7:30 pm Elite Bells

Thursday: 1:30 PM Women's Fellowship  
7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

Next

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or Listen Live in our Parking Lot

I am the  
good shepherd.  
I know my own  
and my own  
know me,

John 10:14, NRSV



Welcome to  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
April 25, 2021

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# WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to  
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

## Welcome & Announcements

**Praise & Worship** "King of Love" - Baker/Smith/Garrard/Hein/Palmer/Kulla

♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "The Lord Is My Shepherd" - Denton

**Call to Worship** (Psalm of the Day) (Celebrate Insert)

♦ **Hymn #688** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Verses 1, 2, & 4

## Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to my help, turning me from my sin to live for you alone. Give me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may confess my sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

**Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)

**Reading of Scripture** Acts 4:5-12/1 John 3:16-24/St. John 10:11-18

**Song** "One Bread One Cup" - Fisher/Lee/Aven/Canedo

## ♦ Confession of Faith

**P:** What is my only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own but belong body and soul in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

**Sermon** "For the Rest of My Life" - Pastor Bill Long

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** See Insert

♦ **Hymn #686** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

## ♦ Benediction

♦ **Postlude/Offering** "Majestic March" - Peery

♦ All who are able may stand

## Announcements

**Welcome!** It's so great to worship with you once again!

### Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members

Music Provided by June Smith, & Steve Smith

The Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and In Honor of Steve Smith's birthday by June Smith.

**Offering Options:** Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several ways to give your offering:

- ♦ Drop your envelope in the offering plate as you leave church today.
- ♦ Mail your offering to the church.
- ♦ If you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option.
- ♦ Or set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry here @ St. Paul's UCC!

## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet this Thursday, April 29 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to attend. Social distancing protocols are still in place, so please wear a mask.

## Save the Date

Pentecost Sunday is May 23 – the day we wear RED to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. To continue the celebration, we'll hold our Church Picnic that day right here in St. Paul's parking lot. On the menu is Andy Ressler's world-famous BBQ Chicken served with a baked potato and more! And yes, social distancing safety measures will be in place, so if you feel safer bringing your own picnic supplies, please feel free to do so.

## Mission of the Month

The April Mission of the Month is the Manheim Central Food Pantry. Please use your April special envelope to give to our neighbors in need right here in Manheim. Thank you for your support!

## Prayers of the People

Please Pray for...



Please pray for: Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Linda Coe, John & Betty Condran, Faye Deem, Alison Dyer, Eric Eaby, Lynn Foard, Brooke Gabster, Dan Ganse, Susan Gates, Stephen Glaus, Betty Guynn, Hedy Hontz, Susan Houck, Mary Kiphorn, Jaxson Kulp, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Jennifer McCracken, Tabitha Miller, Jane Moyle, Glen & Delores Mumma, Marilyn O'Connor, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Bill Reed, Jack Reed, Denise Russo, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Lynn Scott, Eric Smeltz, Linda Steiner, Christopher Trostle, Lisa Weaver, John Wenger, Patrick White and the Teen Central kids.

Today's Prayer: Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Amen.

# 686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Psalm 90:1

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come, 2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure; 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame, 4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone; 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way; 6. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home! Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure. From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day. Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90  
MUSIC: William Croft

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C.M.

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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.  
P: And with your spirit.  
L: Lift up your hearts.  
P: We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.  
L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
P: It is right for us to do so.

### ♦ Gloria Patri

Sung Softly

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Prayer of Consecration

L: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and of your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

P: We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your kingdom.

### Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

Sung Softly

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabbath; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

L: 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. 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.

### Hymn #87

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Verse 1

### Sharing of the Elements

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: Let us pray.

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

**Fellowship & True Vine Cups:**

St. Paul's UCC is using Fellowship Cups (grape juice) and True Vine Cups (wine in chalice shaped container) for communion as a way to stay safe during the Coronavirus. True Vine Cups are available with both regular and gluten free wafer; gluten free cups are clearly marked Gluten Free at the chalice opening.

To use the Fellowship Cups, please hold the cup with one hand. There are two layers to open the cup. The top layer holds the communion wafer - peel the clear layer off first for the wafer. The second layer holds the grape juice - carefully peel the foil layer off and use as a cup for the grape juice.

To use the True Vine cups, hold the cup firmly and peel the wafer end of the cup first. At the appropriate time, please flip the chalice container and carefully peel open the wine side to drink.

If you need assistance, please feel free to check with an usher.



**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 688**

*He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3*

D A G D A7 D A D A7 A9 EIm A7 D

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;  
 2. We are Thine, do Thou be - friend us, Be the Guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin-ful tho' we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

D A G D A7 D A D A7 A9 EIm A7 D

In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:  
 Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:  
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our be - ings fill:

D G G2 4 G D A A9 EIm A7 D

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

D G G2 4 G D D2 D A7 D

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*Optional segue to "Lead Me, Lord." No transition is needed, but tempo will be faster. ♩ = ca. 120*

TEXT: *Hymns for the Young*, 1836; attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

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