

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 yet, please feel free to participate in this study of the powerful journey "Come to The Table" through Revelation.
- ◆ [Book Club](#) will meet this 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.

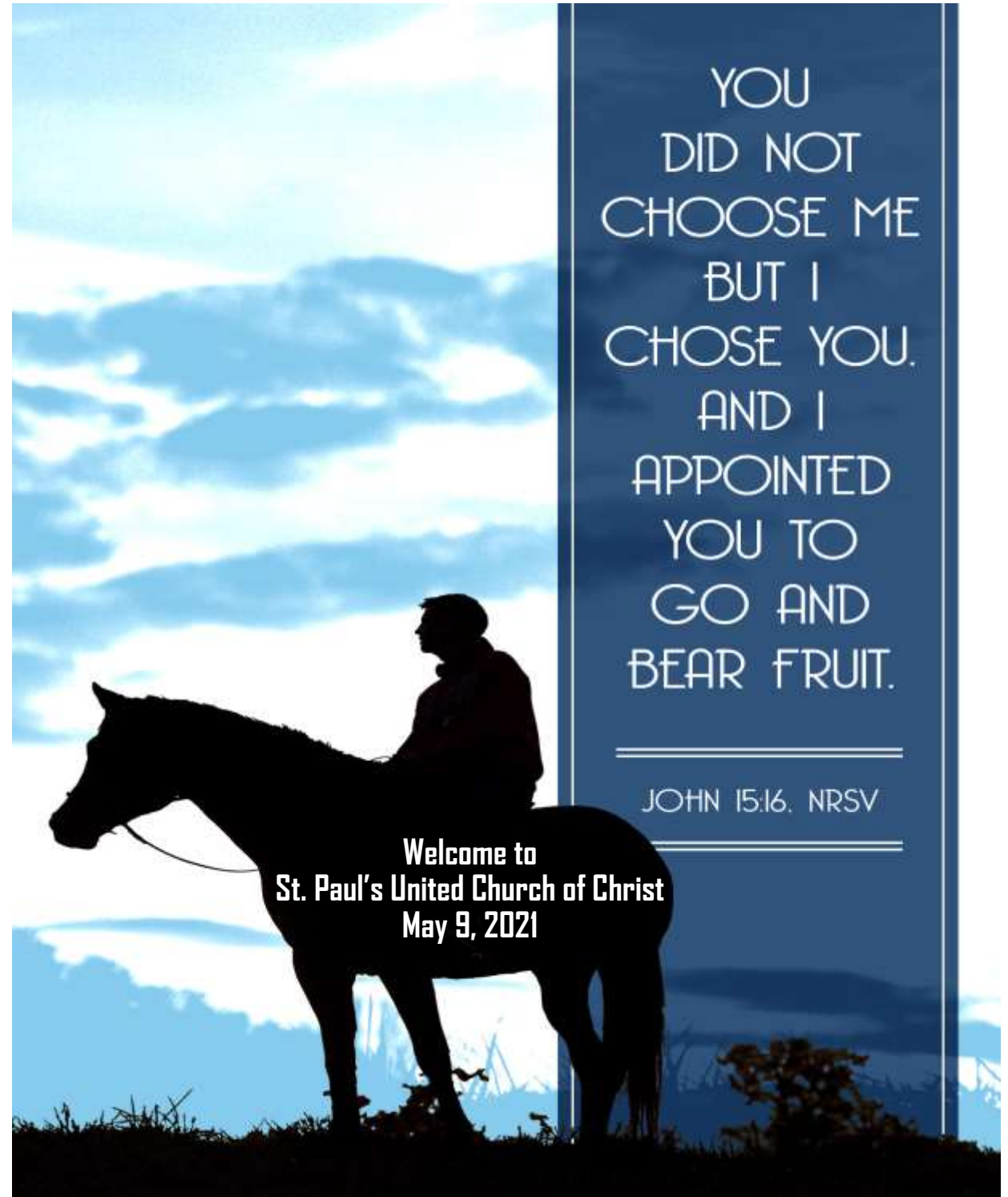
Church Calendar

- Sunday: 9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
Monday: 6:00 pm [Book Club](#)
Tuesday: 8:30 am Lancaster Association Mtg.
Wednesday: 12 Noon Manheim Ministerium
6:30 pm [Revelation Bible Study](#)
7:30 pm Elite Bells
Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 9-10:00 am [FREE Community Takeout Breakfast](#)
Next
Sunday: **June Newsletter Deadline!**
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot

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JOHN 15:16, NRSV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
May 9, 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** ["All The People Said Amen"](#) - Maher/Moak/Morgan
- ♦ **Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude** "When There's Love At Home" - Wilson
- Call to Worship** ([Psalm of the Day](#)) (Celebrate Insert)
- ♦ **Hymn #458** ["O Perfect Love"](#)
- Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession**
P: I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- Assurance of Pardon**
- Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)
- Reading of Scripture** [Acts 10:44-48](#)/[1 John 5:1-6](#)/[St. John 15:9-17](#)
- Song** ["Who You Say I Am"](#) - Fielding/Morgan
- ♦ **Apostles' Creed**
P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.
- Sermon** ["I Choose You"](#) - Pastor Bill Long
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion** See Insert
- ♦ **Hymn #508** ["Love Lifted Me"](#)
- ♦ **Benediction**
- ♦ **Postlude/Offering** "Rise, Go Joyously Into Life" - Smith
♦ 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 In Honor of All Mothers by Leon & Deb Kleinfelter.

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!

FREE Community Breakfast

The [FREE Community Takeout Breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 9-10 am. Come enjoy a warm meal to go. To help out or serve, please contact Sandy Bareford @ 717.341.5931 or by email at sandybareford@gmail.com.

Pentecost Sunday & Church Picnic

Pentecost Sunday is May 23 – the day we wear **RED** to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Church Picnic will be held 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! Please sign up on the table outside the Sanctuary if you plan to attend. Please bring your own lawn chair/picnic supplies for safer social distancing. Additional takeout meals will be available for \$10.each.

Mission of the Month

The May Mission of the Month is the Manheim Ministerium Assistance Fund. Please use your May special envelope to help our neighbors in need right here in Manheim. Thank you for your support!

Prayers of the People

Please
Pray
for...



Today's Prayer:

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Amen.

508 Love Lifted Me

He reached down from on high and drew me out of deep waters. Psalm 18:16

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y
 2. All my heart to Him I give; Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove; Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will
 deep-ly stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter
 bless-ed pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing, Love so might-y
 lift you by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter
 of the sea Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me-
 and so true Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice, too,
 of the sea, Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be-
 Now safe am I Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!
 To Him be-long. Love lift-ed e-ven me! Love lift-ed e-ven me!
 Be saved to-day. Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!

When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!

TEXT: James Rowe
 MUSIC: Howard E. Smith

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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: Remembering, therefore, his command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

P: we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

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 #464

["Come to The Table"](#)

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.



O Perfect Love 458

Husbands, love your wives. Colossians 3:19 Women, love their husbands. Titus 2:4

1. O per - fect Love, all hu - man tho't tran - scend - ing,
2. O per - fect Life, be Thou their full as - sur - ance
3. Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row;

Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore Thy throne,
Of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
Grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,

That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
Of pa - tient hope and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
And to life's day the glo - rious, un - known mor - row

Whom Thou for - ev - er - more dost join in one.
With child - like trust that fears not pain nor death.
That dawns up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

TEXT Dorothy F Gurney
MUSIC Joseph Barnby

O PERFECT LOVE
11.10.11.10.