

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Looking for a deeper connection with God? Come and experience Lent like never before as we explore [The Lent Experience](#) on Wednesdays in Lent through March 24 @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Study guide/journals are available on the table outside the church office.
- ◆ [Upcoming Services include:](#)
 - Wednesday, March 31 @ 7 pm – Preparatory Service
 - Thursday, April 1 @ 7 pm – Tenebrae Maundy Thursday Worship Service
 - Friday, April 2 @ 2-3 pm Good Friday Worship Service
 - Easter Sunday Worship, April 4 @ 8:30 & 9:30 am



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: 7 pm Property Board
- Tuesday: 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
- Wednesday: 6:30 pm [The Lent Experience](#)
7:30 pm Elite Bells
- Thursday: 7:00 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
- Next
Sunday: 9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am GIFT Team Meeting


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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
February 28, 2021

WHAT DO YOU BENEFIT?



IF YOU GAIN
the whole world
BUT LOSE YOUR
own soul?

MARK 8:36, NLT

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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** ["The Heart of Worship"](#) - Redman
- ♦ **Call to Prayer/Morning Collect/Prelude** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Smith
- Call to Worship** ([Psalm of the Day](#)) & **Prayer of the Day** (Celebrate Insert)
- ♦ **Hymn #653** ["Whiter than Snow"](#)
- Call to Confession**
- Prayer of Confession**
L: God of depths, searcher of hearts.
P: Lead us into this holy time of Lent so we can let go of that which pulls us from your path. Give us the courage to persist in prayer, excel in kindness and walk gently on the earth. Heal the wounds we carry, forgive the errors we commit and lead us to new life. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Amen.
- Assurance of Pardon**
- Prayers of Intercession** (Celebrate Insert)
- Reading of Scripture** [Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16/Romans 4:13-25/St. Mark 8:31-38](#)
- Song** ["Make Room"](#) - Hall/Maher
- ♦ **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** ["To Those Who Have Sought You, I Never Said No"](#) - Pastor Bill Long
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion** See Insert
- ♦ **Hymn #591** ["Have Thine Own Way, Lord"](#)
- ♦ **Benediction**
- ♦ **Postlude/Offering** "Behold, The Master Cometh" - Moore
- ♦ 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 Loving Memory of Phoebe Hunter By the Family.

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!

Easter Flower Deadline Extended

Think Spring and place your order for Easter Flowers to glorify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please use the order form insert – deadline to place your order has been extended to TODAY!

Livestreaming Update

Our worship service is now LIVE, so be sure to subscribe to St. Paul's UCC Manheim Youtube Channel to see the latest livestream video of worship.

Disaster Relief for Texas

The people of Texas are suffering due to recent winter storms, lack of power and safe water to drink. If you would like to donate, please use your envelope, marked Texas Disaster Relief in the Other line item.

Inclement Weather?

In case of inclement weather, be sure to call the church office at 717.665.2447 after 8 am on Sundays for service or event changes or cancellations. Postings can also be found on WGAL, WGAL.com and on our website. Sermons and bulletins will always be available online on our website: www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org.

Prayers of the People



Please pray for: Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, John & Betty Condran, Alison Dyer, Eric Eaby, Fred Engle, 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, 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: We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Amen.

591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

We are the clay, You are the potter. Isaiah 64:8

The musical score is written in 9/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound - ed and
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter Thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er- all pow - er- sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, As in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways liv - ing in me!

TEXT: Adelaide A. Pollard
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins

ADELAIDE
 5.4.5.4.D.

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 Sabbaoth; 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 #485

["Into My Heart"](#)

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty God,

P: We thank you for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. We thank you that through these holy mysteries we are fed with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. We are assured that we are members of the mystical body of your Son and heirs through hope of your everlasting kingdom. We pray this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 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.



PURITY AND HOLINESS

Whiter than Snow 653

Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7

G G/B D G G⁴ G D7 Bm D7 G

1. Lord Je - sus, I long to be per - fect - ly whole; I
2. Lord Je - sus, look down from Your throne in the skies, And
3. Lord Je - sus, for this I most hum - bly en - treat; I
4. Lord Je - sus, be - fore You I pa - tient - ly wait; Come

G G/B D G G⁴ G D7 Bm D7 G G/B

want You for - ev - er to live in my soul. Break down ev - ery
help me to make a com - plete sac - ri - fice. I give up my -
wait, bless - ed Lord, at Your cru - ci - fied feet. By faith, for my
now, and with - in me a new heart cre - ate. To those who have

C G G/B G D D7 G/B

i - dol; cast out ev - ery foe- Now wash me and I shall be
self, and what - ev - er I know- Now wash me and I shall be
cleans - ing I see Your blood flow- Now wash me and I shall be
sought You, You nev - er said "No"- Now wash me and I shall be

D D⁴ D7 G Refrain D7 Em C G

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

G C G/B D7 G/D D D⁴ D7 G F/G Em Dm

Now wash me and I shall be whit - er than snow. *Optional transition to
"Change My Heart, O God"*

TEXT: James Nicholson
MUSIC: William G. Fischer

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