

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- ◆ Join us for [Coffee Hour](#) in Fellowship Hall following worship today!
- ◆ [Lenten meals and worship](#) continue this Wednesday. Come out and enjoy a light meal @ 6 pm followed by Lenten worship based on "In His Steps."
- ◆ The Matthew Bible Study will not be held during the Lenten season, but will resume on Wednesday, April 11 @ 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Next week, be sure to stop by the Bright Library before or after you get your coffee to have your photo taken for the new 2023 Pictorial Directory! No charge for the photo.



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 the church and leave a message - messages are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

St Paul's United Church of Christ

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Church Calendar

Sunday: **Newsletter Deadline!**
9:00 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#) in the Sanctuary or [Listen Live](#) in our Parking Lot
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)/Sub Sale

Tuesday: 6 pm Spiritual Council
7 pm Church Council

Wednesday: 6 pm [Lenten Meal and Worship](#)

Thursday: 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast
5:30 pm Simply Yoga
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran

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10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)/Sub Sale/Directory Photos

"WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD,

*I am the light
of the world.*

John 9:5, NIV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
March 19, 2023

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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

♦ Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day/Prelude "A Lenten Prayer"

- Harvell

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#))

(Celebrate Insert)

♦ Hymn #343 ["Amazing Grace"](#)

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

P: O Lamb of God who bleeding; upon the cross you languished; not scorn or malice did break you; so patient is your anguish. On you my guilt is lying, you save me by your dying. Have mercy on me Lord Jesus; have mercy on me. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ Offertory #796

Verse 3

Prayers of Intercession

(Celebrate Insert)

Song ["Shout for Joy"](#)

- Ingram/Brewster/Baloche

Confession of Faith

P: What is true faith? True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God and have been granted salvation. Amen.

Reading of Scripture

[1 Samuel 16:1-13/Ephesians 5:8-14/ St. John 9:1-41](#)

Sermon

["Blessed Are..."](#)

- Pastor Bill Long

See Insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

♦ Hymn #563 ["Open My Eyes That I May See"](#)

- Hughes

"Our Triumphant Holy Day"

♦ 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.

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!

Holy Cow Survey

The Hoy Cow Survey is now available online at [St. Paul's UCC-Manheim Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#) or pick up your hard copy on the table across from the church office. Be sure to complete your survey and return it to the office no later than April 9. And thanks for your participation!

Winter Weather Info

In case of winter weather conditions, be sure to call the church office (717.665.2447) after 8 am on Sundays for service cancellations or delays. Or check our website at [www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org](#) for service or event updates or to view the worship service online.

Mission of the Month

The March Mission of the Month is [Heifer International](#). This mission helps those who are food insecure become more food secure. Please use your March special envelope to support this important life-giving mission.

Prayers of the People

To update the prayer list, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705.

Please
Pray
for...



Please pray for: Family and friends of Doris Stroud & Linda Steiner.

Today's Prayer: God, our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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. 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.



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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth: 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 #320

["Beneath the Cross of Jesus"](#)

Verse 3

Sharing of the Elements

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty and Everlasting God,

P: We thank you for the great goodness you have shown toward us by nourishing us through these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior; assuring us that we are members of the mystical body of Christ our Lord. Help us to continue in that Holy Fellowship and do all things that shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory. Amen.