

The background of the entire image is a composite. The top half features a close-up of the American flag, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. The bottom half shows a wide, flat field of tall, golden-brown grass, likely a wheat or cornfield, under a soft, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. A line of dark trees is visible on the horizon. The text is overlaid on the middle section of the image.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
July 5, 2020

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♦ All who are able may stand

Welcome & Announcements

Praise & Worship [“There Is Power”](#) - Brewster

Call to Prayer/Morning Collect

Prelude *“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”* - Towner

♦ Call to Worship [Psalm 145:8-14](#)

Prayer of the Day (Celebrate Insert)

♦ Hymn #799 [“America, the Beautiful”](#)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

People: I confess that I have turned away from you; by doing the things that I should not do; and by not doing the things that I should do! I have wandered away from the new life that you offer to me in Christ. Turn me back to you, O Lord. Give me a new heart and a right spirit. Help me to live the love to you and my neighbor that you call me to do. I want to live out my life in service to you and to dwell in your Kingdom forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Song [“Same Power”](#) - Camp

Reading of Scripture (See the Celebrate Insert) [Zechariah 9:9-12](#)

[Romans 7:15-25](#)

♦ [St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

♦ Apostles' Creed*

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 [*"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"*](#) - Pastor Bill Long

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 so to do.

Prayer of Consecration

L: We give thanks to God for the beauty and bounty of the Earth; we give thanks for all the gifts that God has graciously given to us.

P: We remember the covenant that you made with your people Israel, and we thank you for all who have gone before us in the faith.

L: We rejoice that you call us to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in the remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ. Born of Mary, our sister of faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross, to be raised from death on the third day and then to live in your glory.

P: We thank you gracious God for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church. With your sons and daughters in all places and time we praise you with joy.

Seraphic Hymn (Hosanna)

Spoken in Unison

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: As your Word became flesh, born of a woman on that night long ago; so on the night in which he gave himself for us, he took the bread; blessed it, broke it saying: *This is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.* After supper, Jesus took the cup saying: *This is God's new promise in my blood; for as often as you drink this you do it in remembrance in me.*

P: Christ's death we proclaim; Christ's resurrection we declare; Christ's return we await; Glory to you, O Lord.

L: Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and send your Holy Spirit on us. Strengthen your church that it may be a sign of your presence in this world!

P: Here we offer to you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and our lives to you in blessed service. May all our worship come before you a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing in your sight and to the glory of your Holy Name.

Hymn #460 [“Let Us Break Bread Together”](#)

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.

◆ Hymn #509 [“He Lifted Me”](#)

◆ Benediction

◆ Postlude *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*
- Traditional American Melody

The Offering

*From the English Language Liturgical Commission, 1988. Other affirmations of the faith for public worship are available in the New Century Hymnal and the Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ. A collection of ancient ecumenical and Protestant testimonies of the faith can be found in The Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ, published by the Pilgrim Press. All three books can be purchased from United Church Resources at 1-800-325-7061.

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Galatians 5:1, NRSV

Sermon Notes

Announcements – July 5, 2020

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members

Music Provided by: Jim & Erica Hoffman

Welcome Back! It is so great to worship with you once again!

Prayers of the People: Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Sally Bright, Jeanette Dalton, Lori Dietz, Alison Dyer, Eric Eaby, Fred Engle, Lynn Foard, Brooke Gabster, Stephen Glaus, Jennifer Green, Rev. Gene Hill, Hedy Hontz, Susan Houck, Mary Kiphorn, Jaxson Kulp, Cheryl Lauer, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Wayne Martin, Jennifer McCracken, Carole Meckley, Tabitha Miller, Jane Moyle, Glen & Delores Mumma, Terry Myers, Woody Myers, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Jack Reed, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Lynn Scott, Eric Smeltz, Linda Steiner, Christopher Trostle, Lisa Weaver, John Wenger, Patrick White, and Teen Central kids.

We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several options for you to continue your offering: 1) drop your envelope in the offering plate or mail your offering to the church office; 2) if you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option; or 3) set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

The July Mission of the Month is UCC's St. Paul's Shepherd Fund which help those in our church that are experiencing financial difficulty due to medical, employment, or housing issues. Please use your July special envelope to give to the Shepherd's Fund.



All Church Events except for Worship @ 9:30 am - have been cancelled, until further notice due to the Coronavirus. Feel free to call the church office at 717.665.2447 or check our website for updates.

◆ **3 Ways to Worship**

- Online Worship
- Listen to the live worship service @ 9:30 am
Sunday mornings from your car in our parking lot and tune into FM Radio 88.1
- Worship in the Sanctuary
- See our website to learn more about [St. Paul's UCC's Covid-19 Safety Guidelines](#).



- ◆ 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 Tues-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office @ 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.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am ONE Worship