

*Therefore, since we have been*  
**JUSTIFIED BY FAITH,**  
*we have*  
**PEACE WITH GOD**  
*through our Lord*  
**JESUS CHRIST.**

**R O M A N S 5 : 1 , E S V**

*Welcome to*  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**  
**June 14, 2020**

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♦ All who are able may stand

## Welcome

Praise & Worship "Great Are You Lord"

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

## Prayer of the Day

P: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #620

"Under His Wings"

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

People: I confess that many times I deny your presence in my life. I rely on my own efforts; I place hope in myself. I fear differences and do not welcome others as you have welcomed me. I sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive me; through Your love, renew me; in your Spirit, lead me; so that I may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

## Time for Personal Prayers and Prayers for the Church

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 19:2-8

Romans 5:1-8

♦ St. Matthew 9:35-10:23

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen

**Song**      *“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”*  
**Confession of Faith**      #538 & #539, vs. 2

L: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

**Hymn #277**      *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*\*      Verses 1 & 3  
Hark the herald angels sing; Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim; Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing; Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace; Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings; Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by; Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing; Glory to the newborn King

## Sermon “Merry Christmas: And It’s Not Even a Hallmark Story”

– Pastor Bill Long

### Hymn #746 “He Keeps Me Singing”

#### A Prayer for All of Us Through These Days

L: Lord God,

P: The Creator and Preserver of all people, I pray for Your presence to be with me through these days. May your saving help and grace be given to me and may your Holy Spirit anoint me with Your peace. I commend to Your loving care all those who are ill and afflicted with this flu (especially do I now pray for ....) may Your love be my strength through all suffering and afflictions, I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

#### Benediction

P: Neither death nor life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

#### The Offering

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## 6-14-20 Sermon Questions

1. What is the covenant?
2. What is the Good News?
3. How do we become Disciples?
4. How do we enter the gates mentioned in Psalm 100:4?

## Announcements – June 14, 2020

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

**Holy One**, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Offering Options:** Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several options for you to continue your offering: 1) 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 June Mission of the Month is UCC's Strengthen Our Church** which helps to support the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. Your support also helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please use your June special envelope to give to Strengthen Our Church.

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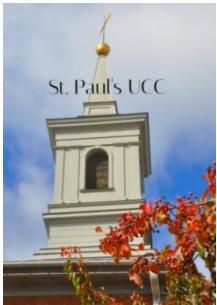
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am ONE Worship



**All Church Events except for Drive In Worship - now @ 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.**



- ◆ Looking for a fun evening for your family and a way to support Teen Central? Come out to The Shack in Manheim on Wednesday, June 17 between 11 am and 9 pm and enjoy a great dinner with mini golf. If you mention Teen Central, 10% of your purchase will be donated to Teen Central. You can also "Dollar Up" your purchase as an opportunity to give an additional donation.

- ◆ 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.