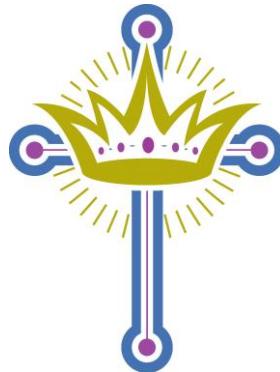


**Please Welcome The Rev. F. Christopher Anderson** as our guest preacher today.

Pastor Anderson is the author of six books, God is Still Laughing and many articles on theology and humor. He is also the editor of the New Mercersburg Review and former pastor of Heidelberg UCC, York, PA.

Please give Pastor Anderson a welcoming wave as you leave church today!

Pam Herman is the lay leader today.



#### 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. If you call during weekend hours, please leave a message and someone will get back to you within 24 hours.

#### Church Calendar

**Sunday:** **September Newsletter Deadline!**  
9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary  
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot

**Wednesday:** 6pm Parking Lot Prayer Meeting

**Thursday:** 7:00 pm Zoom AAA Meeting

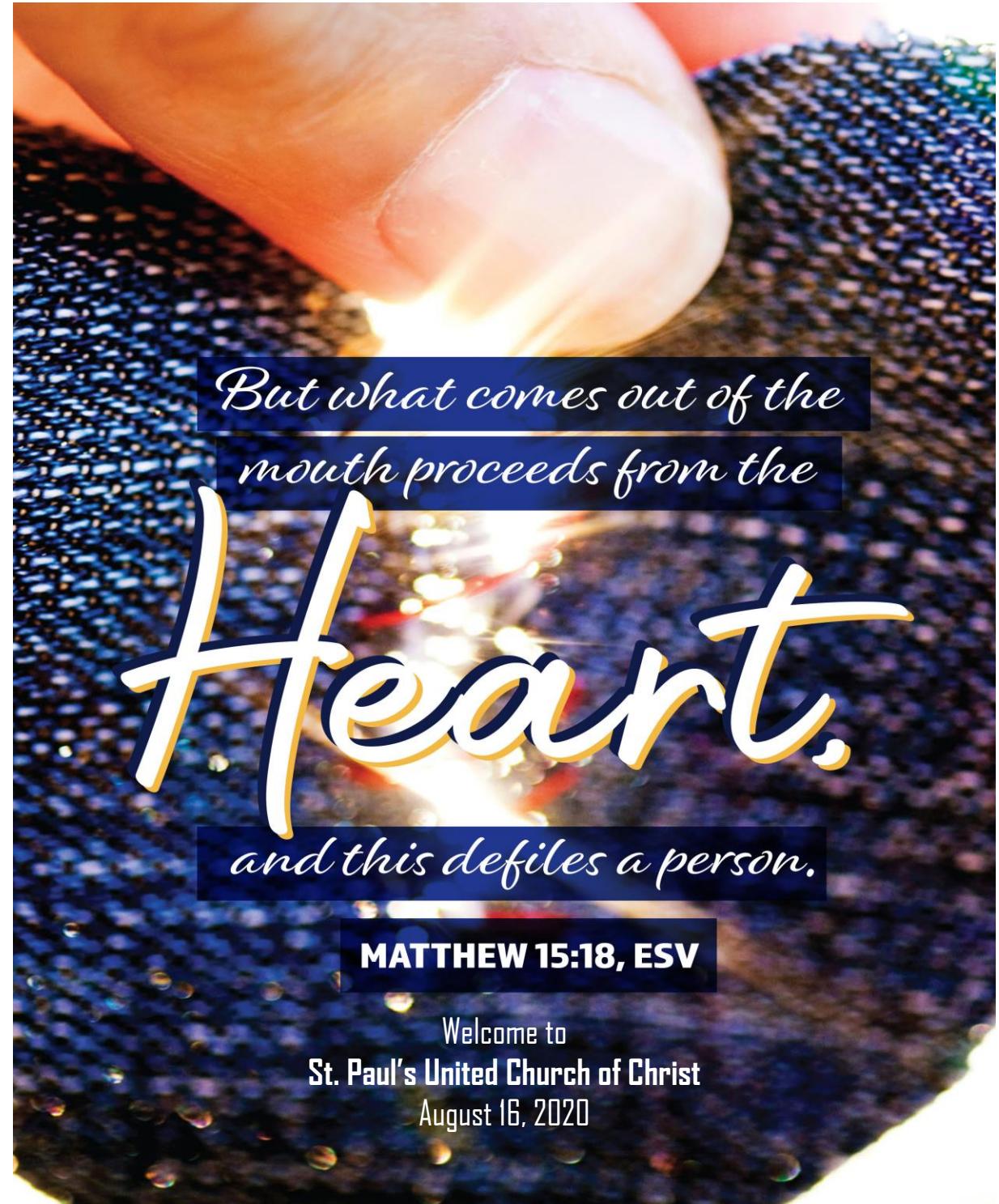
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# WELCOME to ST. PAUL'S

Making a Difference through the Love of Christ to  
Know God ♦ Love God ♦ Serve God

## Welcome & Announcements

### Praise & Worship

#### ♦ Call to Prayer/Morning Collect

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

#### Prayer of the Day

#### ♦ Hymn #690

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

L: Gracious God,

P: I open my heart to you. Search me and know me. May your light shine upon me and reveal all to you. I confess my sins to you, both known and unknown. Forgive me, renew me; and lead me into your peace. May my life reflect the radiant love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ my Lord, I pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Prayers of Intercession

#### Reading of Scripture (Celebrate Insert)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 ♦ St. Matthew 15:10-28

#### Song

"I Know Who You Are"

- Wong

#### ♦ Confession of Faith

P: I believe in the Love of God who is the Creator of all things. And in His power raised Jesus from the dead. I believe in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who shared our human life; died on the cross, and on the third day rose from the dead and sits at the right hand of the God the Father, Almighty. I believe in the Holy Spirit who call us into community of the Church; Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

#### Sermon

"Be Open"

- Pastor Bill Long

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

"This Little Light of Mine"

- Loes/arr. Hayes

♦ All who are able may stand

## Announcements

**Welcome Back!** It's so great to worship with you once again!

### Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Council Members

Music Provided by Brent & Mandy Peiffer

**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!

## All Events Cancelled

All Church Events except for Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am have been cancelled until September due to Covid-19. Feel free to call the church office at 717.665.2447 or check our website for updates.

## Parking Lot Prayer

- ♦ Parking Lot Prayer will begin on Wednesday, September 16 @ 6-7 pm. All are welcome to come for a time of prayer. Prayer Partners are needed – come and learn more about how to pray on Wednesday evenings, starting @ September 2 & 9 @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ Isaiah Bible Study resumes September 16 @ 7 pm.

## Book Club to Begin October 26

Book Club will meet with Pastor Bill Long on Monday, October 26 to discuss "The Great Gatsby." Social distancing protocols will be in place. To sign up and get your book, call the church office at 717.665.2447.

## Prayers of the People

Please  
Pray  
for...



Please pray for: Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Sally Bright, 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, Jennifer McCracken, 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 the Teen Central kids.

Today's Prayer: Lord, you gather your church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Amen.