

John 20:31, NRSV

HOLY
BIBLE

These are written so that you may ...
BELIEVE
... that through believing you may have life ...

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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♦ All who are able may stand

Welcome

Praise & Worship [*"Joy to the World \(Unspeakable Joy\)"*](#)

Call to Worship

Psalm 16

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #357

[*"Christ Arose"*](#)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

People: Have mercy upon me. I confess that I have turned away from You, knowingly and unknowingly. I have wandered away from the new life that You offer to me. I have strayed away from your Love that You offer to me. Turn me back to You, O Lord. Give me a new heart and a right spirit, that I may live my life to Your honor and glory. I pray this in the name of Christ, Amen.

The Offering

Time for Personal Prayers and Prayers for the Church

Reading of Scripture

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

♦ [St. John 20:19-31](#)

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.

Song

"King of Kings"

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

"Those Who Have Not Seen" – Pastor Bill Long

Hymn #360 [“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”](#)

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

Sermon Questions

Sunday, April 19 In the Year of Our Lord 2020

And Two Months into the Coronavirus

1. Pastor Bill calls us *Easter People*. What do you think is meant by that?
2. Even though we are not meeting at St. Paul's, how can we still be the Church?
3. Thomas is called by us "*Doubting Thomas*" - what doubts do you have?
4. What is the toughest question you have about the Christian Faith?
5. In the sermon, Pastor bill quotes from the *Letter to the Romans*; this was written by Ignatius of Antioch (written during the Roman persecution) where he says: "*Let nothing seen or unseen hold me back from Jesus Christ. Neither fire or wild beasts or broken bones or crosses I must carry **through it all let me get to Jesus Christ!***" Think about what he means for your Spiritual life.

Announcements – April 19, 2020

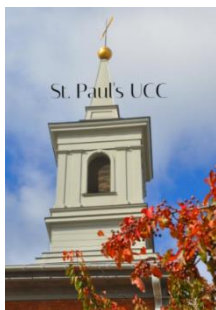
Prayers of the People: Dorothy Swan-Hummer on the loss of her husband; the Family/Friends of Gary Weaver; Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Sally Bright, Lori Dietz, Marie Durborow, Alison Dyer, Fred Engle, Lynn Foard, Brooke Gabster, Stephen Glaus, Jennifer Green, Hedy Hontz, Susan Houck, Mary Kiphorn, Jaxson Kulp, Cheryl Lauer, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Wayne Martin, Jennifer McCracken, Carole Meckley, Tabitha Miller, Glen & Delores Mumma, Woody Myers, Lori Nissley, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Joe & Ruth Raia, Jack Reed, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Eric Smeltz, Linda Steiner, Christopher Trostle, Lisa Weaver, John Wenger, and Teen Central kids.

We Pray: Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way.

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 April Mission of the Manheim Central Food Pantry. Your contribution to this mission helps families in our community meet a basic need – food! Please use your April special envelope to support these families in need.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am ONE Worship



All Church Events have been cancelled, at last until at least Thursday, April 30 due to the Coronavirus. Feel free to call the church office at 717.665.2447 or check our website for updates.

- ◆ 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.