

Opportunities to Know God, Love God & Serve God

- The [Wednesday Bible Study](#) is focusing on the minor prophets of the Old Testament. The study is held in the 3 C's Café on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm beginning this Wednesday – all are welcome!
- The [September Fellowship Breakfast](#) will be held this Thursday, September 24 @ 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Please contact Claire Reed @ 717.951.4325 by Monday, September 21 if you plan to attend.
- [Women's Fellowship](#) will be held on Thursday, September 24 @ 1 pm in the 3 C's Café! All women are invited to attend.



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.

Church Calendar

Sunday: **October Newsletter Deadline!**
9 am Sub Sale/Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)
Tuesday 6 pm Church Council
7 pm Work Day!
Wednesday: 6:30 pm [Bible Study](#)
Thursday: 8:30 am [Fellowship Breakfast @ Kountry Kitchen](#)
9 am Simply Yoga
1 pm [Women's Fellowship](#)
7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 pm AA @ Zion Lutheran
Saturday: 10 am Simply Yoga
Next
Sunday: 9 am Prayer
9:30 am [One Worship](#)
10:30 am [Coffee Hour](#)

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Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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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

Prelude/Call to Prayer/Prayer of the Day "Lay Your Burdens Down" - Moore

Call to Worship ([Psalm of the Day](#)) - Celebrate Insert Page 2

♦ **Hymn #591** "[Have Thine Own Way, Lord](#)"

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession

L: Compassionate God,

P: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

♦ **Offertory #815** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayers of Intercession Celebrate Insert Page 4

Song "[Come As You Are](#)" - See Insert

Confession of Faith - Based on [Romans 8:31-39](#)

P: "What then are we to say about these things? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," Amen and Amen!

Reading of Scripture [Jonah 3:10-4:11](#)/[Philippians 1:21-30](#)/♦[St. Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Sermon "[Grace and Mercy](#)" - Pam Herman

♦ **Hymn #435** "[God of Grace and God of Glory](#)"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Postlude** "Recessional" - Turner

♦ All who are able may stand

Announcements

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

Worship Assistants:

Greeters/Ushers: Kermit & Dottie Drumheller

Music Provided by June Smith, Organist

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 donation box 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!

You're Invited to [Coffee Hour!](#)

After worship today, please follow the crowd downstairs to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee and some scrumptious treats. There's something for everyone and you'll have a chance to get to know the people of St. Paul's UCC!

Please Pardon Our Appearance

Renovations to our 2nd floor are beginning, so please pardon our appearance as work continues. Current planned events may move at the last minute depending on rooms used – check our website for updates or with the church office.

Mission of the Month

The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Shepherd's Fund. This fund is used to help members and friends of St. Paul's that are facing a financial difficulty to help with things like housing, utilities, transportation, or medical needs. Please use your September envelope to give support to a friend in need that might just be sitting next to you in worship.

Prayers of the People

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



Please pray: God, the endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Amen.

Discernment Prayer:

- Pray for the future of St. Paul's UCC, that God would show us, in His perfect timing, what steps we need to begin to take, to honor His Great Plan for us.



DATE

SPEAKER

SERMON TITLE

NOTES

Come As You Are

(V1 C V2 C B V3 C Ending)

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
Come as you are