

## Sermon Notes

Hymn #592 - Jesus Calls Us (C. Alexander/W. Jude) CCLI License #734595

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call, give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

### 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 Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

### Church Calendar

Sunday: 9:30 am One Worship in the Sanctuary  
or Listen Live in our Parking Lot

Tuesday: 1:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Learn How to Pray

Thursday: 7:00 pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran

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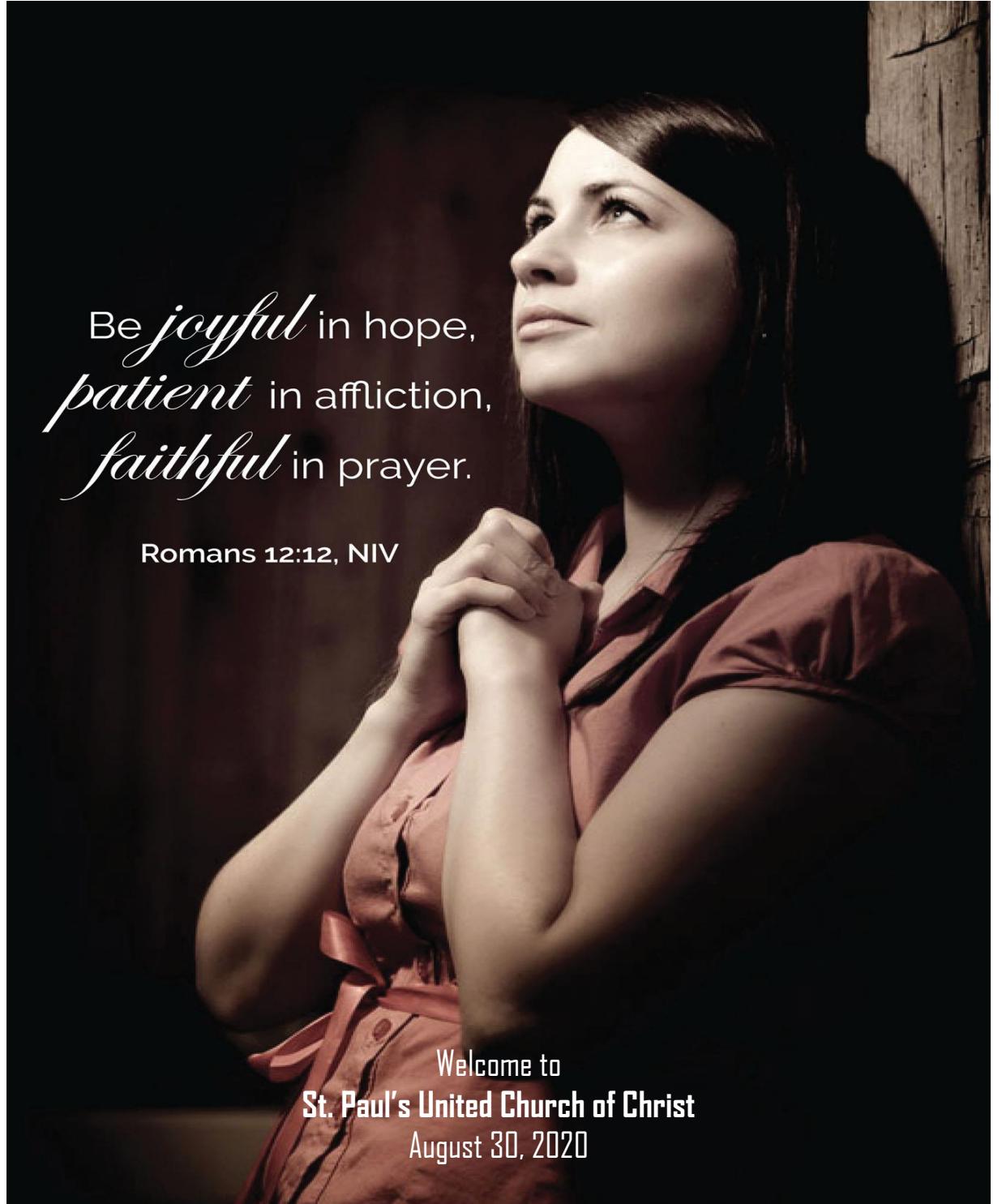
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*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*

**Romans 12:12, NIV**



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

### Praise & Worship

#### ♦ Call to Prayer/Morning Collect

#### Prelude

"Variation on 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'"

#### Call to Worship

#### Prayer of the Day

#### ♦ Hymn #342

#### 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)

Jeremiah 15:15-21/Romans 12:9-21 ♦ St. Matthew 16:21-28

#### Song

"On Eagles' Wings"

- Soloist: Kelly Kleinfelter

#### ♦ 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 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

"Stumbling Blocks or Foundations?"

- Pastor Bill Long

#### ♦ Hymn #151

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

- Malan/arr. Hoffman

♦ 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 Jim & Erica Hoffman

**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 Wed. evenings @ 6:30 pm September 2 & 9 in Fellowship Hall. (Isaiah Bible Study resumes on September 16 @ 7 pm – week 8).

## 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 copy of the book, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

## Prayers of the People

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, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Jennifer McCracken, Tabitha Miller, Jane Moyle, Glen & Delores Mumma, Terry Myers, Ralph Paine, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Jack Reed, Denise Russo, 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: God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick. Amen.