

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

seeds of faith



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Sunday, June 16, 2024

242 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

2024  
9:30am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Father’s Day/ Special Locust Lake Camp Ministry Offering

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger  
Organist- Colin Andrew

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **Locust Lake Camp Ministry** from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar.

Please read the announcements that are in this downloadable bulletin, as well as those we post on our Facebook site, our emails, and our phone calls, and then help spread the word to those who do not have access to any of those messages.

INVOCATION

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

*The congregation may stand.*

SOLEMN DECLARATION.....Sung “Amen”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, walk in the light of faith.

**People: We will walk humbly with our God.**

Pastor: Come, love in the light of faith.

**People: We will love everything the light touches.**

Pastor: Come, sing in the light of faith.

**People: We will sing praise to our God.**

Pastor: Come, live in the light of faith.

**People: We will live as faithful followers of Christ. Amen!**

OPENING HYMN NO. 106.....“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward appearances but rather on the heart. We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts. We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts. Please forgive us and help us be the best versions of ourselves. It’s painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.**

MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: As we allow God to shape the desires of our hearts, we live and move in concert with God’s plans.

**People: We rejoice that in Christ we have become a new creation and agents to bring forth the reign of God.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. Amen!

THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD.....Lector, Mike Reber

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:34-16:13 (Page 247)

Psalm: Psalm 20 (Read Responsively)

Lector: The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**People: May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.**

Lector: May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

**People: May he grant you your heart’s desire, and fulfill all your plans.**

Lector: May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

**People: Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.**

Lector: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

**People: They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.**

Lector: Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (Page 1006)

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 (Page 870)

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE.....“Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.”

SERMON.....“You Can’t Judge a Book by Its Cover”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

*The congregation may remain seated.*

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 504.....“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*The congregation may stand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison).....Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The congregation may be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

CALL TO OFFERING

*The congregation may stand.*

OFFERING RESPONSE & DEDICATION.....DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

COMMISSION

Pastor: Go forth to proclaim the good news that we are new creations in Christ Jesus.

**People: As seeds planted by God, we go to spread God's gifts of love and hope.**

Pastor: Go forth to live the good news that we live in a time of new beginnings.

**People: As plantings of the Lord, we go to share God's gifts of mercy and grace.**

BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN.....*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN NO. 21....."This Is My Father's World"

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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- The altar flowers are in loving memory of our fathers and in honor of all fathers by Lorraine and Earl Phillips.
- The bulletins are in honor of the anniversaries of Pauline and David Smith (June 13), Nancy and Peter VanDeest (June 15) and Lucinda and Tom Nagle (June 26) by Marion Bartolet.
- The arrangement of roses this morning is presented in gratitude to God; in memory of Hattie and George Reber and with thankfulness to Hattie and George for their gift of the land on which the church is built.
- Offering on Sunday, June 9, 2024: \$3,097.00
- Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09
- TODAY we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.** Special envelopes are available on the bulletin table in the narthex.
- Our summer worship schedule** is at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during June, July, and August. **There is no Sunday school during this time.** Worship will resume at 10:30am on Sunday, September 1.
- During our 9:30am worship service on Sunday, June 30, we will be recognizing and congratulating the graduates from our congregation.** If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, **please contact the church office by TODAY.**
- The third Sunday of the month is designated as “**Bring your motorcycle to church**” Sunday. **There will be a ride following worship TODAY, and also on July 21, August 18, and September 15.** Spread the word, invite your friend, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of other rides throughout the summer, please notify the church office to have your name added to the “Biker” email list!
- The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products.** Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE. We will be helping tomorrow at 8:30am and this Friday, June 21** at 1pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.
- Vacation Bible School will be held here at St. Paul's beginning tomorrow, June 17 through this Friday, June 21** from 6-8:30pm each evening. All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Please speak to Bill Reber if you would like to participate. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**
- The Mission for this year's Vacation Bible School is the Schuylkill Haven Dive Rescue and Recovery Team.** A donation can is available and all monetary donations are very much appreciated.
- Outdoor worship services will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9:30am. The first one will be held next Sunday, June 23. They will also be held on July 28 and August 25.** Bring a lawn chair and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation on our front lawn.

**-On Sunday, June 30 we will collect the 5th Sunday offering** which is designated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry. Special envelopes will become available.

**-There will be a Board of Christian Education Meeting on Tuesday, July 2** beginning at 7 PM.

**-Join us on Sunday, July 14 following worship for a Fellowship Time (aka, coffee hour).** Enjoy conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments. We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the Second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. Please contact Lori Moyer or the church office if you would like to help or donate any treats!

**-In an effort to keep our records up to date,** please contact the church office if you have had a change to any of your information, to include phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

**-Sound Board help is needed!!** If you are good with computers, please see Craig Borger or call the church office.

**-When you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital for an extended stay,** do not assume that the pastor will know you are there. Please call or email the church office so that Pastor Ken can provide you with spiritual care!

**-Our church services are livestreamed on Facebook!** When you can't join us in person, please join us on line!

**-Prayer is Powerful!** Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns. We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you. **We have a prayer concerns email group for anyone interested.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, *family and friends of Harold Berkheiser, Janet Bair, the family and friends of Bill Gundrum,* Paul Ciccone, Justin Burke, Ronnie Faust, Al Herring, Dick Clauser, Lori Edwards, Ron Mengel, Guy Fessler

CANCER PATIENTS: Wayne Alward, Boone, Marie Bleu, Alex DuVee, John Eckert, Glennis Eifert, Joanne Forbes, *Meg Goodwin,* Rebecca Henderson, Sherri Jo Jennar, Deb Kemmerling, Norma Koperna, Joan Krause, *Lori Krug,* Carol Mallory, Carol Mengel, Tom Nagle, Judy Ohl, Pat Reading, Jim Thompson, Barry Webber, Terri Willard

## **FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

**Sunday, June 16 \*Father's Day \*Deadline for Graduates \*Special offering for Locust Lake**

-Group Motorcycle Ride following worship

### **Monday, June 17**

8:00 AM -Group Outing for Breakfast at FCR followed by golf at Hidden Valley

8:30 AM -Help at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

6 - 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

### **Tuesday, June 18**

6 - 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

### **Wednesday, June 19**

6 - 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

### **Thursday, June 20**

6 - 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

### **Friday, June 21**

1:00 PM -Help at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

6 - 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School (Closing Program)

### **Sunday, June 23**

9:30 AM -Outdoor Worship Service with the Sacrament of Baptism

### **\*Lectionary Readings for next week:**

I Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

Psalms 133

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3,23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41