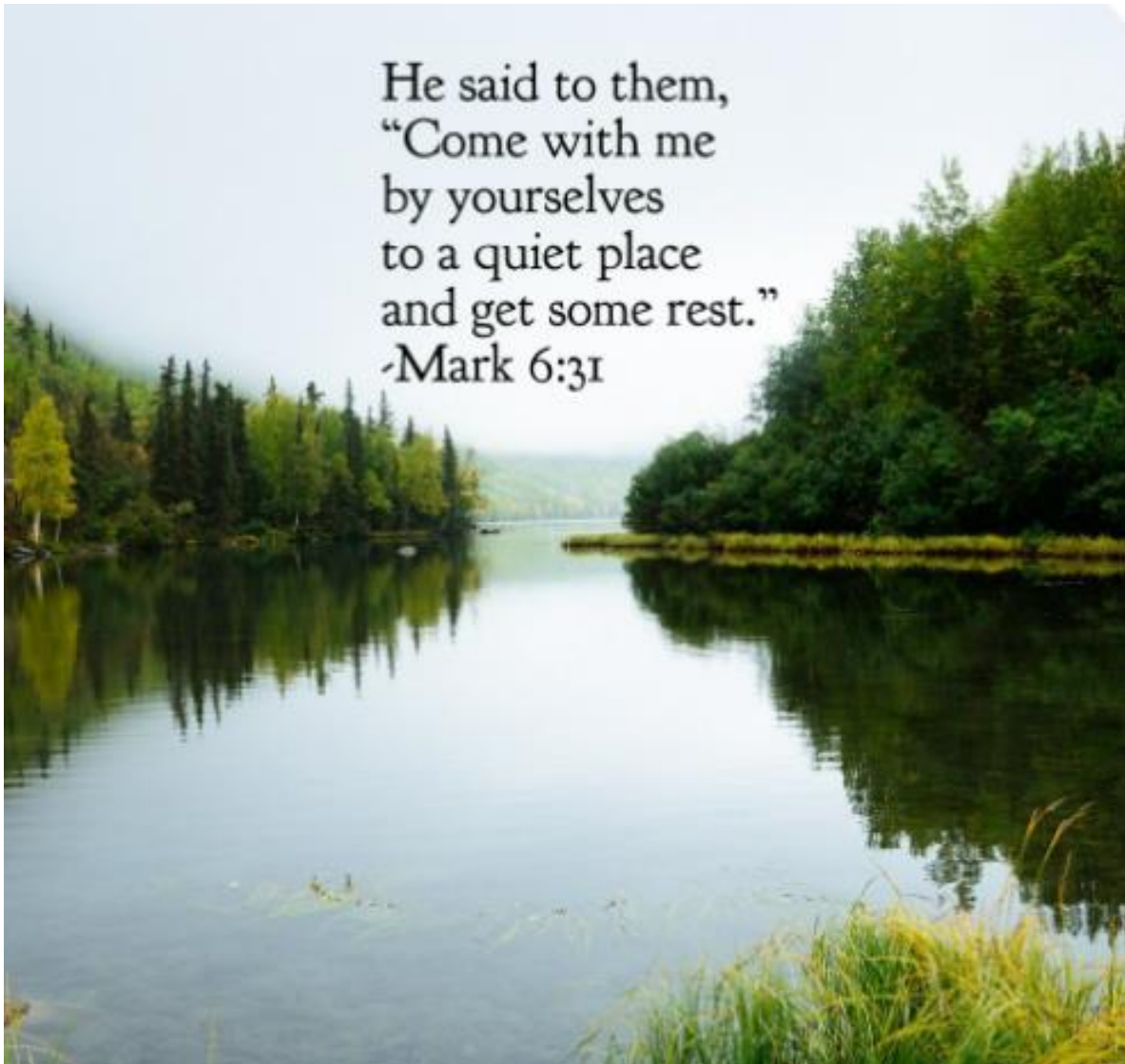


**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2024**



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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger  
Organist- Colin Andrew

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **St. Peter’s (Orwin)** 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: When you are weary in your bones . . .

**People: here you will find rest.**

Pastor: When you are divided from family and friends . . .

**People: here you will find peace.**

Pastor: When you are discouraged and downhearted . . .

**People: here you will find hope and courage.**

Pastor: When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you . . .

**People: here you will find succor and peace. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 87.....“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Guiding, guardian God, we do not want to be like sheep without a shepherd, or strangers wandering alone in the world. We want to know your presence, and trust that you dwell within us. We yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us. Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired. Reconcile us when we are disconnected, and guard our lives with your indwelling Spirit. In your loving name, we pray. 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: Christ is our peace, reconciling us with God and with one another.

**People: In our very lives, Christ dwells, full of mercy and grace to draw us to the heart of God.**

Pastor: Rejoice! Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and beloved children of God. 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, Brook Koch-Guers

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a (Page 269)  
Psalm: Psalm 89:20-37 (Read Responsively)

Lector: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

**People: my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**

Lector: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

**People: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

Lector: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

**People: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

Lector: He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!’

**People: I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

Lector: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

**People: I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

Lector: If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

**People: if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

Lector: then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

**People: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

Lector: I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

**People: Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

Lector: His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

**People: It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.”**

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22 (Page 1018)

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Page 873)

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.....“May The Peace of Christ”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The congregation may remain seated.*

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 470.....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*The congregation may stand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....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: God calls us away to bless us with rest.  
**People: In God, we find peace.**  
Pastor: Our shepherd watches over us day and night.  
**People: In Christ, we dwell secure.**  
Pastor: The Spirit anoints us with holy love.  
**People: In the Spirit, we find healing.**  
Pastor: Go as the beloved household of God.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN NO. 149.....“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE

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-The altar flowers and bulletins are in memory of Edna and Eugene Koch by Ron and Debbie Koch.

-Offering on Sunday, July 14, 2024: \$2,522.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09

- **There will be a group motorcycle ride following worship TODAY.** 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!

-**Next Sunday, July 28 we will have an Outdoor worship service at 9:30am.** Bring a lawn chair and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation on our front lawn. In case of inclement weather, services will be held indoors in the sanctuary.

-**Join us for Fellowship Time on Sunday, August 11 following worship.** 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!

-**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 on Monday, August 12 at 8:30am and on Friday, August 16** at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

-**It's time to register for Confirmation class.** 1st year confirmation classes are available to any young adult turning 12 or entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year. To register, please turn in a completed form to the church office by **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.** Confirmation Classes will begin on Rally Day **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 AM, with a confirmand, parent and mentor meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ken.

-Mark Your Calendars for the **One Rock, One Community Free Community Music Festival on Saturday, September 14** from 11 AM-6:00 PM at the Stop 'N Rock off of Route 895 in Rock. Free admission & parking, FREE live music, FREE children's area including bounce houses, train, petting zoo, crafts and more! There will be food trucks, a car, truck, tractor & motorcycle show. **There are many volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to help.** Please contact Pastor Ken if you are able to help in any way.

-**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, *Mabel Edwards, family and friends of Earl Edling, family and friends of Bob Gronoski,* Dick Clauser, Nathan Hibbard, Kathy Kline, Guy Fessler, Al Herring, Lori Edwards, Ron Mengel

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**FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JULY 21**

**Sunday, July 21**

-Group motorcycle ride following worship

**Monday, July 22**

6:00 PM -Boy Scout Board of Reviews

**Friday, July 26**

7:00 PM -Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, July 27**

12 – 4:00 PM -Wedding Prep and Ceremony

**Sunday, July 28**

9:30 AM -Outdoor Worship Service

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21