

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

**JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE  
TOWNS AND VILLAGES, TEACHING  
IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES,  
PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE  
KINGDOM, AND HEALING EVERY  
DISEASE AND SICKNESS.**

***- MATTHEW 9:35***



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**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebration of Baptismal Anniversaries**

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director and Pianist- Rae Ann Borger

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **St. Paul’s (Ravine) Pine Grove** from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar.

Please read the announcements that are in this bulletin, the online bulletin, as well as what we post on Facebook, emails, and 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: The God of ages past and days to come is here,

**People: Inviting us to worship and praise.**

Pastor: The God of promises and challenges is with us,

**Pastor: Calling us to faithful service.**

Pastor: The God of boundless love is with us,

**People: Making every one of God’s promises possible. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 341.....“Jesus Shall Reign”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**We love you, O God, and we yearn to rest in your steadfast love. When we are restless, calm our spirits with your Holy Spirit. When we are lost, guide us back to you. When we are threatened, be our protective shepherd. We can’t go this alone, O God. Be with us, and remind us that you are with us. Help us to believe, even where we have not seen, that your loving promises may bless our lives and guide our steps. In faith and trust, 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: God listens closely to the deepest yearnings of our hearts. God is listening now.

**People: God has heard the cry of our hearts and will be steadfast in love and grace to answer our every need.**

Pastor: People of God, the Holy Spirit pours God's love into our hearts. In Jesus Christ, we share the grace and glory of God. We are the beloved children of God. Your sins 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, Nancy Dewald

Old Testament: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) (Page 13)  
Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Read Responsively)

Lector: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Lector: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

Lector: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

Lector: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

Lector: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**People: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8 (Page 980)

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23 (Page 843)

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..... "Didn't Expect That"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

*The congregation may remain seated.*

*Ushers will receive tithes and offerings at this time.*

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 350..... "The Summons"

CELEBRATION OF JUNE BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Matthew William, son of Christopher Krause and Ashley Heffner Hasenauer

Elias Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle

Abram Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle

Connor Anthony, son of Jonathan and Melissa Rodnick

Jett Wilson, son of Justin and Kelly Clauser

Brantley Irvin, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Damien Joseph, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Gatlin James, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

Caroline Grace, daughter of Adam and Laura Carl  
Silas Aaron, son of Josiah and Angela Meck  
Wesson Nicholas, son of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes  
Bailey Louise, daughter of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes  
William James, son of Adam and Laura Carl  
Titus Richard, son of Josiah and Angela Meck

*The congregation may stand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostles Creed in the form of a Litany

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

*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: As children of God's promises,

**People: We go forth to fulfill God promises to the world.**

Pastor: Having received peace through Christ Jesus,  
**People: We go forth to bring peace to the world.**

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN NO. 562.....“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

SILENT MEDITATION

*Acolytes take the Light out into the world.*

POSTLUDE

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-The altar flowers are in memory of Robert and Helen Edwards by the Edwards Family.

-The bulletins are in honor of Hannah Nagle’s Birthday (June 6) by Grandparents, Tom and Lucinda Nagle.

-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 7, 2026: \$2,542.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2026: \$3,368.52

**-The June Communion Offering is designated to the Red Creek Wildlife Center.**

**-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 so that we may recognize them for their fantastic achievement on Sunday, June 28.**

**-Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following worship service TODAY.** We will gather in the rear of the sanctuary. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul’s.

**-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. **We will be helping tomorrow beginning at 8:30am and this Friday, June 19** beginning at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling, Bill Reber or the church office.

**-There will be a Consistory Meeting this Tuesday, June 16** beginning at 7:00pm.

**-Next Sunday, June 21 is “Bring your motorcycle to church” Sunday.** A group ride will follow the worship service. Spread the word, invite your friends, 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!

**-Next Sunday, June 21 (Father’s Day), we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.**

**-Welcome to Rainforest Falls....Exploring the Nature of God: Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's UCC Monday through Friday, June 22-26 from 6 – 8:30pm.** All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Registration forms are available on the bulletin table and can be submitted to the church office, or to [wareber@comcast.net](mailto:wareber@comcast.net). No child will be turned away, however, to guarantee that there will be enough supplies for every child, **please register each child.**

**-Outdoor worship services will be held once a month, the fourth Sunday of the month.** Grab your lawn chair or favorite blanket and join us once again amidst the beauty of God’s creation. **Our first outdoor service will be held on the front church lawn on Sunday, June 28** at 9:30am. We will also worship outdoors on Sunday, July 26 and Sunday, August 23. Please note: in case of inclement weather, the services will be moved inside to the sanctuary.

**-We could use a few more weeding volunteers to help with the church flower beds.** Please contact the church office if you would like to help. Many hands make light work.

**-Prayer Concern Privacy:** As Christians, we fervently believe in the power of prayer — that’s why we include prayer concerns in the weekly bulletin and lift folks up in prayer during worship! That said, the Consistory respectfully asks that before you add somebody to the prayer list or bring up their name during worship, please obtain that person’s permission. We take medical privacy very seriously and make every effort to respect the wishes of individuals who do not want to be named publicly in a bulletin or live-streamed worship service. Thank you for your cooperation!

**-We are looking for youth to serve as acolytes on Sunday mornings during the worship services.** If your child is interested in helping and would like to learn more, please speak to Laura Carll, Pastor Ken or the church office. Training will be provided.

**-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, including phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

**-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!

**-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 AND also a prayer phone call chain for anyone interested.** Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to these lists.

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God’s help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, Dick Clauser, Pegi Kooser, Eileen Witmeir, Brian Moyer, Earl Phillips, Pat Evans, Drew Hikes, Jere Moyer, Lee Miller, Carol Boyer, Addison Faith Dodson, Galen Conover, Cassie Wolfe

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**FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
**Sunday, June 14 -Graduation Recognition Deadline**

-Fellowship Hour following worship

**Monday, June 15**

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

6:00 – 9:00 PM -Boy Scout Meetings

**Tuesday, June 16**

7:00 PM -Consistory Meeting

**Friday, June 19**

12:00 PM -Help at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

**Sunday, June 21 -Father's Day -First Day of Summer -Motorcycle Sunday**

9:30 AM -Worship with the Locust Lake special offering

-Group motorcycle ride following worship

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

Genesis 21:8-21

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15),16-18

Matthew 10:24-39

**QR Code for Online Giving**

Our members, friends, and visitors give their offerings and donations to the church in many different ways, including electronically via apps like Tithe.ly and bank transfers. To accommodate the varied ways of giving, we have an offering box at the rear of the sanctuary for placing Sunday morning offerings as you enter or leave. We will also have ushers accept offerings during the Offertory as another option. Thank you for your financial support of the ministries of St. Paul's and your faithful giving in response to what God has given us!

