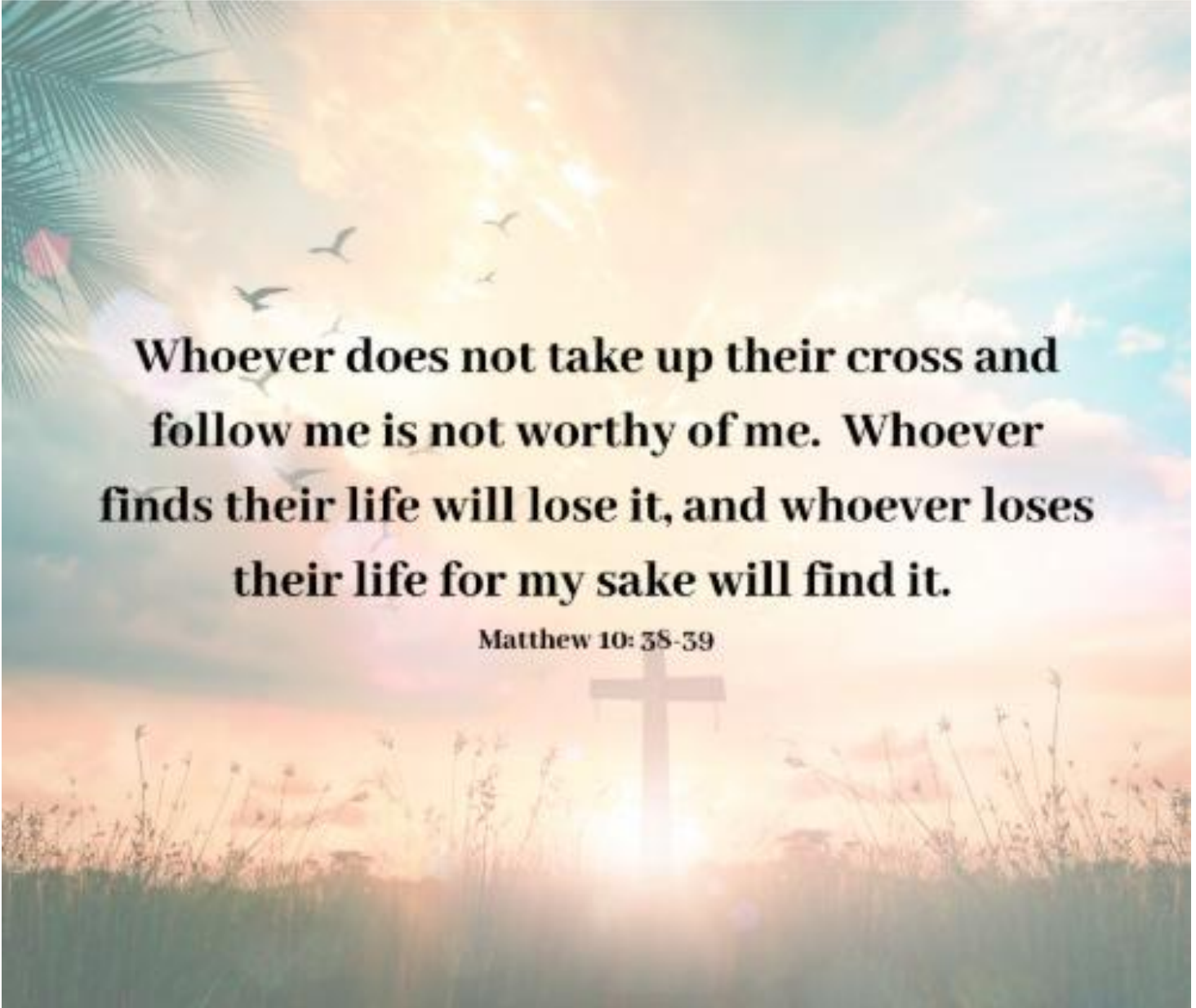


ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, June 21, 2026



**Whoever does not take up their cross and
follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever
finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses
their life for my sake will find it.**

Matthew 10: 38-39

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

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger
Organist- Colin Andrew

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **St. Paul’s, Ringtown** 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 Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.
People: We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.
Pastor: God will not turn away from us.
People: God will heal us and restore us.
Pastor: Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.
People: Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow. Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 726.....“We Praise You, O God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Merciful God, hear our prayer. Hear the cries of our hearts and the needs of our souls. When we are cast aside or falling apart, hold us in your arms of love. Forgive us when we fail to praise you and proclaim your strength and grace. Show us signs of your goodness, your presence, and your love, over and over again. Teach our hearts that we never walk alone. In your mercy and grace, 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: Those who seek to preserve their life will lose it,
People: but those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will find it.
Pastor: Those who have died with Christ through baptism
People: are united with him in his resurrection.
Pastor: We are forgiven and have been redeemed. Praise be to 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, Mike Reber

Old Testament: Genesis 21:8-21 (Page 16)
Psalm: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (Read responsively)

Lector: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
People: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

Lector: be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
People: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
Lector: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
People: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

Lector: In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
People: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Lector: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
People: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Lector: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.
People: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11 (Page 981)
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 (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.....“Words to Live By”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The congregation may remain seated.

Ushers will receive tithes and offerings at this time.

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 476.....“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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: Guided by God,
People: We go into the world.
Pastor: Led by Christ,
People: We go with love and grace.
Pastor: Strengthened by the Spirit,
People: We go to make the world a better place.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN NO. 72.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

SILENT MEDITATION

Acolytes take the Light out into the world.

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.
- Offering on Sunday, June 14, 2026: \$3,734.00
- Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2026: \$3,368.52
- The June Communion Offering is designated to the Red Creek Wildlife Center.**
- Today we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.**
- A group motorcycle ride will follow the worship service today.**
- The Vacation Bible School Mission Project is the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary.**
- Vacation Bible School will be held this week Monday through Friday from 6 – 8:30pm.**
- We will be recognizing our graduates during the Outdoor Worship Service next Sunday, June 28.**
- We will have our first Outdoor worship service next Sunday, June 28 at 9:30am.** Grab your lawn chair or favorite blanket and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved inside to the sanctuary.
- Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following our 9:30am worship service Sunday, July 12.** 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. Donations of treats (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins, etc.) are greatly appreciated.
- 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 on **Monday, July 13** beginning at 8:30am and **Friday, July 17** beginning at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling, Bill Reber or the church office.
- 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.

-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, **Lori Krug, Jill Norsworthy,** 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 21 -Father's Day -First Day of Summer -Motorcycle Sunday - Locust Lake special offering

-Group motorcycle ride following worship

Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26

6:00 – 8:30 PM -Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 28

9:30 AM -Outdoor Worship with Graduate Recognition

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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!

