

Welcome home to



where you are family.

10:30 A.M.
MAY 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saint Paul's United Church of Christ
(Live Stream & In-person, 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, Pa.)

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

We are glad you are here and have chosen to worship with us today. While we realize each person may have differing comfort levels as to mask wearing and contact, as a reminder we ask out of respect for all, that you observe the below outlined guidelines at all times, while inside the building. In doing so, it will allow us to continue to be able to provide in-person worship.

- Wear your mask at all times ensuring it is covering your nose and mouth.
- Do not leave your seat to greet others.
- Maintain social distance (6' between each other) at every opportunity, and
- Wait for ushers to dismiss you at the end of the service.
- If you need a restroom while here, we would ask that you exit through the back-sanctuary doors on the organ side and come back in the doors through the Narthex.

Please let an usher/greeter know if you have any questions or need assistance in any way.

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Michael Haven

Choral Introit

“Surely, the Presence”

***“Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*”**

Welcome

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

News from Home

Niki Weber

Time of Centering and Preparation

Russ Wynn, Jr.

*Call to Worship:

Leader: All are invited to come to the table, there is nothing to prevent you, for God has overcome all barriers.

Family: The Spirit says: come.

Leader: To those who are uncertain, anxious, feeling like you don't fit in,

Family: The Spirit says: come.

Leader: To those who think you have it all figured out,

Family: The Spirit says: come.

Leader: To you who know better, and you who know nothing,

Family: The Spirit says: come.

Leader: There is a place for you here, just as you are.

Family: We come.

Leader: You anoint us with oil; and our cup overflows.

*Hymn

“I Come with Joy”



I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -
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find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to

6
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ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion
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give the world the love that makes us

me, in love laid down for me.
bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
here, a - live a - mong us here.
one, the love that makes us one.



Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

***"Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word."***

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (unison): ****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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Please use name and words most familiar and comfortable to you.*

A Special Time for Our Children

Anthem

"How Beautiful" / arr. D. Williamson
Chancel Choir

Lectionary

Dave Muffley

Epistle Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Response

"Gloria Patri"

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

Sermon

"We Are the Church"
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

***"Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me."***

Presentation of Our Gifts

Text **GIFT** & Amount to **570.355.5355** or
You may place an offering in one of the plates at the entrance or exit of the Sanctuary.



Offertory

"Rejoice the Lord is King" / arr. C. Reid

*Offertory Response

"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. Amen."***

*Offertory Prayer

Communion

Reverend Kay Korpics

Confession of Faith:

Leader: God, you are Love, and those who know Love know you.

Family: **We confess that we do not always proclaim your love with our words and deeds. We are quick to say that we love you, but we are not quick to love our neighbors...especially if they are out of sight and out of mind, especially if they are different, especially if it would be inconvenient for us. We confess that our midweek actions often prove our Sunday words to be less than the truth.**

Leader: Yet you command us to love one another as you have loved us, and that is how we will show our love for you.

Family: **Forgive us for the mismatch between our words and our lives. Help us to love, that you may live in us — you, God, who loved us first.**

All: **We ask in the name of the One who live among us revealing your love for all, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Our Commitment:

Leader: We like to teach the children: I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together, ...

...in the streets, alone and in community, our way of life must proclaim:

Family: **I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together.**

Leader: The promise is for me, and for you, for our children, and all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Breaking of the Bread and Blessing of the Cup

Sharing in Communion

Leader: Body of Christ.

All: **Broken for me.**

Leader: Cup of Grace.

All: **Poured out for me.**

Communion Music

"Let Us Break Bread Together" / arr. C. Reid

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

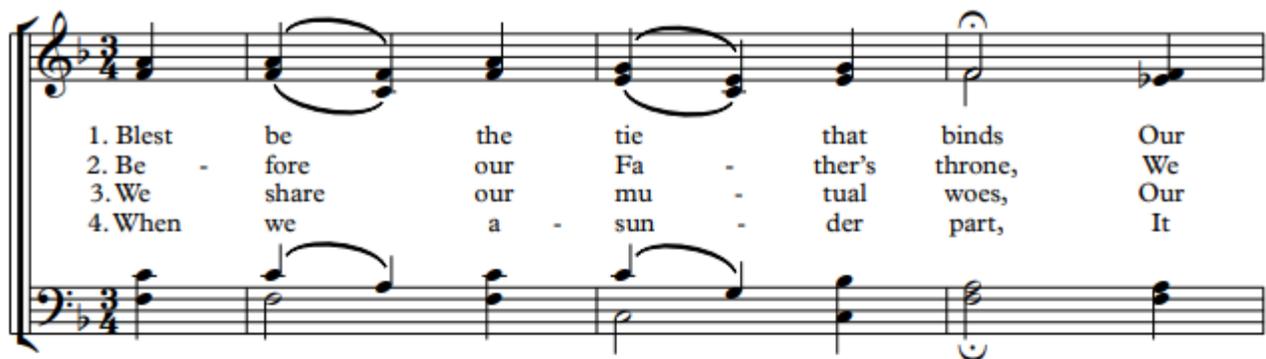


Blest Be The Tie That Binds

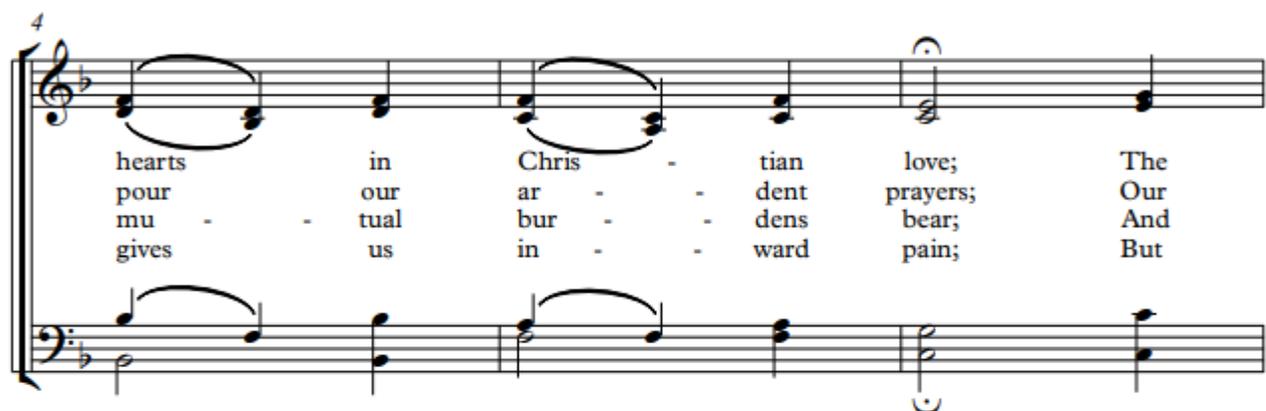
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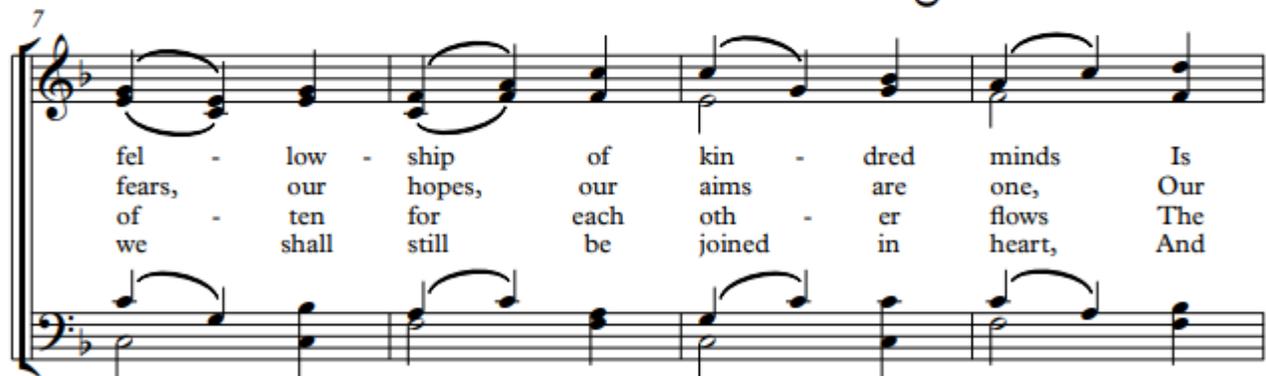
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3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our
4. When we a - sun - der part, It



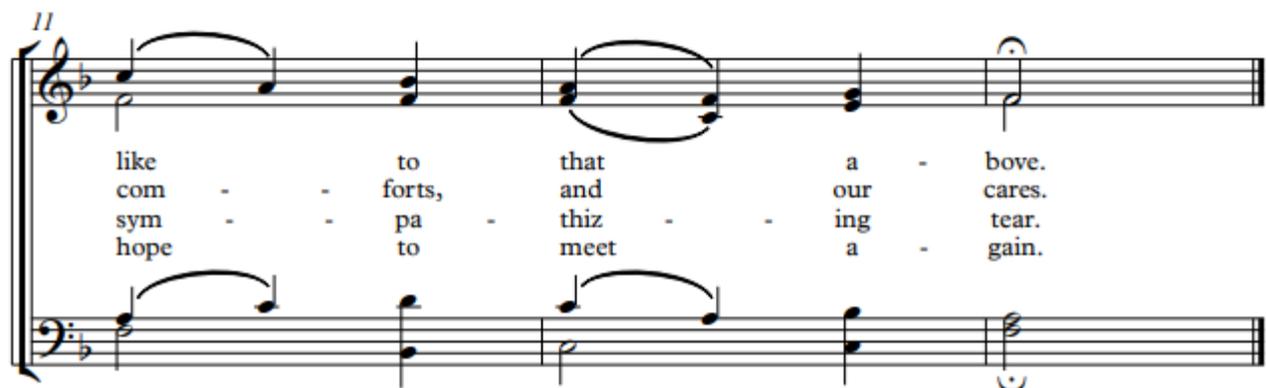
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we shall still be joined in heart, And



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hope to meet a gain.



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*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

“Shalom”

**“Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends,
May God’s full mercy, bless you my friends,
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.”**

*Postlude

Russ Wynn, Jr.

*Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God in memory of McKinley Gill,
by the Gill family.*

Today’s liturgy was adapted from Rev. Gal Blogs (www.revgalblogs.com)

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Once again, thank you for worshipping with us. If you would desire a call or conversation with Pastor Tim, please contact the church office (570) 568-1433 and set up time to call or meet with him. He would be happy to speak with you.

As you leave here today, please wait for an usher to dismiss you, take everything you have brought with you and if you are not taking your bulletin home, please discard them in the trash receptacles set out by the back doors of the sanctuary. Again, thank you for being here, we are not the same when you are not here with us and we ask you to hold one another in your prayers as you move forward through this week. Peace be with you.

Will Join Us in Prayer for...

The Albright Family
Gilbert “Gibby” Bennett
Gary Chambers
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Terri Fisher
Family of Gene Gilliom
Greyson Greenawalt
Steve Harding

Mina Hoover
Beau Huber
Cindy Lloyd
Keith Long
Katy Mahon
Sandy Merritt
Cindy Mohr
Oliver
Kathy Rowe



~News from Home~

CHOIR MEMBERS and those who would like to join us to sing...

We gather in fellowship hall at Christ Lutheran 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for rehearsals before worship. We will be singing Sundays May 2, May 23, and June 2. Join us for 1, 2, or all 3!! Hope to see you there! **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!**





Mother's Day Geraniums Orders Due May 5... Continuing the tradition, geraniums will be placed in the Sanctuary in Honor, Memory, or Celebration of Mothers or those who have been like a mother to you. After Mother's Day on May 9, you may take them with you or designate them to be planted around the outside of our church as an honor and remembrance for the entire season. Order may be placed using the paper form in Sunday's bulletin, online on our website or at this link: <https://forms.gle/6HWrYiw339yaMW5D8>, or call Donna at the church office. The cost for each geranium plant is \$5.

West Milton Church Clean Up Day... Thank you to those who were able to be at the church Saturday morning for a clean-up day. A second clean-up day / evening will be scheduled in the coming weeks, so that we may continue to clean out and clean up our space. You may ask how did our space get so dirty or out of sorts, well, we had some of the floors sanded and restored last Fall and in doing so a lot of dust was created so we are continuing to clean-up and reset rooms. Please watch for news about a day and time as to be set by your Consistory.

Calling All Ushers... As we are back in person for worship and with the safety precautions in place, we are finding that six ushers are needed to ensure a welcoming entrance, exit, and worship service for all. So that we can organize a schedule of ushers, watch for a link soon to sign up to serve. Or, you can call the church office and talk with Donna about dates that you can join the usher team.

In Memory of...

Gene Gilliom, our Minister of Music Emeritus, died peacefully Saturday evening at the home of her son Tim (Rhonda) Gilliom, in Milton. Gene was 96. She was a life-long member of Saint Paul's and had participated in every aspect of ministry of the church during her life with the exception of preaching, however we believe the work she did certainly preached the Gospel well. Gene's life will be celebrated at Shaw Funeral Home in Milton on Sunday, May 2, 2021, with a family visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. and a service of life celebration at 3 p.m. Contributions in Gene's memory may be made to the Gilliom Music Fund of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ.

Would you join me in prayers of peace and comfort for the family as we give thanks for Gene's life and all she has meant to the family she served so long and lovingly, Saint Paul's.

If you would like to reach out with a card or note to the family of Gene Gilliom, you may send a note addressed to the Gilliom Family, 555 Bower Road, Milton, PA 17847.





Thankful for Steve Brown... We are blessed to spotlight Steve Brown, not only does Steve continue the work of our Sexton and groundskeeper in marvelous fashion...Steve and Robin Brown recently donated two scoops of mulch once again this year to spruce up our landscaping. Steve is reminiscent of a church mouse, in that he goes about doing work in and around and out of the Saint Paul's building as well as helping keep the Sanctuary at 1125 Mahoning clean and neat without any fanfare or noise. He just does all that needs to be done as both an employee and as a church member, volunteering his time and energy to help keep our space clean and neat always.

We give thanks for Steve and Robin and all the gifts shared with us from the heart. Give a shout out to Steve and Robin if you would like. Their address is 401 Highland Avenue, West Milton, PA 17886.

~Christian Education and Worship News~

Our Christian Education groups and Sunday morning worship meet both in person with all safety precautions in place and online.

To join any of the Christian Education groups via Zoom, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5705681433?pwd=aGtUTzZuTXpyZDRpckhPN1NGY2EzUT09>

or go directly to zoom.us and enter: Meeting ID: 570 568 1433 & Passcode: 0501

All LIVE Online Worship can be accessed on our Facebook and YouTube Channel:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulswestmilton>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx534qz98pw4lEcpsJznLnw>

Sunday Morning's with Dave and Friends...

Join Dave Reid as he continues the journey through the book of Psalm. The class meets in the Library at Christ Evangelical Lutheran and via Zoom at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday morning.

Monday Morning Preacher...

A daytime gathering, this group discusses the past Sunday's scripture and sermon in more detail. The group gathers in-person at Saint Paul's in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. and via Zoom.

Mid-Week Theology...

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's and on Zoom to discuss the upcoming Lectionary texts for Sunday's sermon in the manner of Lectio Divina, a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

May & June Worship... We will continue to meet for worship during the months of May and June at 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton. During this time, we will also continue to seek ways to worship safely, explore our worshiping options and make wherever we are our home. We put our faith and trust in God the one we follow and serve in the name of and live in to the assurance that "where two are three are gathered in my name, there I will be also." (Matt. 18:20). We hope you will choose to worship in person with us as you are comfortable and able.



~Mission and Outreach News~

Local Mission Opportunity! ... The Donald Heiter Community Center is looking for help in building three raised bed gardens similar to what is pictured at the right for their summer camp kids to grow veggies. They will be placed on the porch so they are looking for something small and compact.



If you feel this is something that you would be able to help with, please contact the church office, and we will set up a team to get started as quickly as possible!

~Stewardship News~

Giving of Time, Talents and Offerings: To all who offer their time, talents and gifts to create this community, our special thanks! It is good always and everywhere to give thanks to God.

Gifts & Offerings, Sunday, April 25, 2021:

Attendance In Person: 81 (27 guests)	Plate Giving: \$ 1,033.00
Attendance on LIVE: 522	Loose Plate: \$ 127.00
Virtual Reach: 1,065	Online Giving: \$ 481.49
	Total Weekly Offering: \$ 1,641.49



Upcoming Birthdays:

May 13 – **Marie Weaver**
May 17 – **Dottie Bird**
May 18 – **Ryan Wolfe**

May 20 – **Michael W. Purcell**
May 22 – **Colleen Franciscus**
May 28 – **Keegan Gill**



Upcoming Anniversaries:

May 10 – **Nancy and Dean Haven**
May 12 – **David and Kelly Kazibwe**
May 22 – **Brad and Jeannette Gill**

May 23 – **Earl and Terri Fisher**
May 24 – **Jen and Chris Arnold**
May 24 – **Al and Ruth Henry**



Upcoming Worship:

LIVE stream and In Person @ 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"The End Game"

Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17

Flower Sponsor: Mother's Day Flowers

Offering Counter: A. Henry, D. Spear

May 16, 2021

Ascension of Our Lord

"It's Out of Your Hands"

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: D. Bettleyon; D. Spear

~This Week at Saint Paul's~

Mon., May 3

Happy Birthday Sharon Klose

Happy Birthday Rhonda Newton

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Preacher (Hybrid Option)

Tue., May 4

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church office open

Wed., May 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church office open

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Theology (Hybrid Option)

Thur., May 6

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church office open

Fri., May 7

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church office open

Sat., May 8

Happy Birthday Collin Rice

Happy Birthday Amy Snider

Sun., May 9

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Hybrid Option)

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship at Christ Lutheran

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847

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Saint Paul's UCC Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music/Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music/Assistant Organist	Crystal Reid
Assistant Accompanist	Michael Haven
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Sarah Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Amy Snider
<u>Consistory</u>	
Sharon Klose ('21) – President/Deacon	Brad Gill ('22) – VP/Trustee
Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon	Lisa Bernard ('23) – Trustee
Merle Kay Englehart ('21)- Deacon	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Earl Fisher ('21) – Deacon	Colleen Franciscus ('22) –Sec/Deacon
Floyd Merritt ('22) – Deacon	Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon
Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon	Brent Sample ('21) - Trustee

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