

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

God's Persistent Love

Prelude

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

*Congregation please stand if you are able.

***Call to Worship** **Canticle of Love** **UMH 646**

*Entrance of the Light of Christ

Hymn** ***Marching to Zion **UMH 733**

Joy, Prayer Concerns and Announcements:

Please sign and pass the attendance registration pads found at the end of each pew.

Unison Prayer:

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us. Amen.

Silent Prayer – Morning Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response ***Amazing Grace*** (vs. 1) **UMH 378**
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Children's Music 11:00 a.m. *Do Lord Remember Me*
Children's Sunday School classes

Children's Message

The Offering of Our Gifts & Offertory

Offertory

***The Doxology (No. 95) Blessing**

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.

Hymn** ***Here I Am, Lord **UMH 593**

Anthem 11:00 a.m. *Like a Mother With Her Children* arr. David Schwoebel
Chancel Choir

Scripture *Luke 15: 1-10*

Message *There is Joy in Heaven and Earth* Pastor Evans C. Bentley

11:00 a.m. **Holy Baptism** of Alexander Laird Leask
Please see congregational responses on back of bulletin.

Solo *Blessed Assurance* arr. William Cutter
John Tyner

Scripture Reading Isaiah 49: 14-18
Kyle (Bee) Leask, Cousin

Hymn ***I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*** **TFWS 2051**
**I was there to hear your boring cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

Hymn** ***When We All Get to Heaven **UMH 701**

The Light of Christ leads us into the world - Benediction

***Congregational Response**

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Baptism Service Alexander Laird Leask

Alexander is the son of **Kyle and Alexandra Leask** and was born on August 27, 2017 in Ypsilanti, MI. His big brother is Kelly Robert Leask. His Godparents are Joshua Ivey and Kaela McDonald. Grandparents are Bob Kenny and Ivann Brennan, Sally and Kelly Leask, and Ann Kenny. His great grandparents are Laird and Marilyn Shingledecker, Donna Leask, Ted and Eva Cadotte, and Margaret Kenny.

Our Commitment to Christ

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Alexander, now before you, in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Alexander with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to eternal life.

Baptism

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Announcements

Sunday School children will provide special music today at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Thank you to Adel Ivey for leading our children with joyful noise to the Lord!

The *altar arrangements* are given *in honor of Shirley and Bryan Spence's birthdays* from Jerry Spence, and the other is *in honor of Marse Sampsel's 85th birthday* from Jerry and Barb Sampsel.

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange.
It is neither inherently good nor evil.
"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

Today is the *last day of Sunday school* classes for this school the year.

Remember! Our *Summer Schedule* begins Memorial Day weekend Sunday (May 27th) and lasts through Labor Day weekend Sunday (September 2nd). We will have 9:30 a.m. worship only.

District Superintendent, Mark Spaw, has asked that St. Paul's hold a *special church conference* for the sole purpose of securing a vote of recommendation of William Lass as a candidate for ministry. We will meet **immediately after 9:30 a.m. worship today** for this meeting.

Slate! Summer Edition, will be out in the next few weeks. If you have something to submit or wish to be a sponsor, email Willie Lass at wlass@charter.net or call 734-735-1669

UMYF Mission Trip 2018: We will be "staying home" this summer in service to our own community. We would like to help those who need a little clean up, fixing, painting, etc. We will be working on **Monday, July 9th from 9am to 3pm**. If we can help you, leave a note with the office, or call Willie Lass at 734-735-1669 for a reservation. Let us help you as we prepare our youth to go forth to be disciples for Jesus Christ to transform the world. More Mission Trip information to come.

Seeking leaders and volunteers for Vacation Bible School themed "Shipwrecked" planned for **July 23-27**. Please see or contact Alisha Cooley or the church office.

"Blessed Through Prayer" meets at St. Paul's every Thursday **at 7:00 p.m.** Please come and join us. You may also put your prayer request cards, found in the pews, in the offering plate, or in the prayer request box near the parking lot entrance of the church. Feel free to submit the cards anonymously if you wish. Call **Duane Bair** at 517-317-1560 if you have any questions.

The **Prayer Quilt Ministry** and the **Mary Martha Circle** will soon be giving completed quilts to the individuals they were created for. Over the next few weeks, you will see new quilts put up. Check out our easels and while you are there say a prayer, tie a knot, send your love and share your faith in our Lord's power to comfort, strengthen and heal. We could not continue this ministry without your help, and we so appreciate your assisting us.

St. Paul's Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Evans C. Bentley
Director of Music: John C. Tyner
Organist: Inger Oswald
Office Personnel: Cathy Butson & Susan Myers
Treasurer: Jeanette Fedosky
Financial Secretary: Peggy Plath
Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Ushers: 9:00 a.m. – Leon Burchette, Todd Favreau, Rick Reicherd,
Janet Volker, Jim Morr
11:00 a.m. – Tom Paterson, Bob Paterson, Will Paterson,
Jerry Spence

Liturgist: 9:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Hamilton
11:00 a.m. –

Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. – Chloe Pabin and Olivia Gladieux
11:00 a.m. – Alex Roa-Garcia and Jenna Balk

Last Week's Attendance – 224

Budget Information:

Expenditures:	\$124,827
Income:	\$ 96,013
Endowment Income and 2017 Carryover used:	\$ 28,814

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, May 20

9:00a.m. – Worship and Sunday School Leader Appreciation
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship, Baptism of Elora Russell and Confirmation
12:12 p.m. – Staff Parish Relations Committee
6:00 p.m. – UMYF (Last Sunday evening meeting of this school year)

Monday, May 21

7:00 p.m. – Trustees

Tuesday, May 22

6:00 p.m. – God Works Meal

Wednesday, May 23

7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 24

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers
7:00 p.m. – Prayer Gathering “*Blessed Through Prayer*”

Saturday, May 26

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Group Breakfast
(Benny’s Restaurant, 15239 S. Monroe St.)

Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m. – Worship

Office Hours

Monday & Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM
Each day the office is open through lunch.