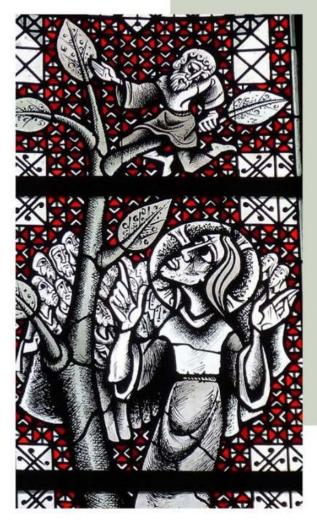
Luke 19



"ALL WHO SAW
IT BEGAN TO
GRUMBLE AND
SAID, 'HE HAS
GONE TO BE
THE GUEST OF
ONE WHO IS A
SINNER."

"No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."



Welcome to Worship at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary 10 am Sunday School in the Library

Information for our friends ~

- •Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- •The Cry Room is open during 9 am service ~If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy in this space.
- •Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.
- •Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- •We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week—let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- •When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP	
Lay Reader	Craig Bielke
Radio	Sherry Stepp
Sound / Control Room	Tina Lake Hopper and Rick Haar
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell,
Carol Simon, Judy Sae	ger, Leslie, Carly, & Megan Dahm, Tammy & Amber Flach
	Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Sandy Kramer
	Laura Sadler
	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist / Pianist	Janet Spencer
0	Rev. Michelle Torigian

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Totenfest Sunday

November 3, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE I want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. John Behnke

St. Paul Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the day dawns anew,

People: so do our lives.

Leader: As our community gathers,

People: so does our spirits.

Leader: As we are awaken by newness,

People: we are a holy people of a new heaven and earth.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Spirit of Life, we come before you in this season of thankfulness, in this time of our golden blazing autumn. All things turn and move and breathe. We give you thanks for this planet that is our home. Help us to guard its care, to tend to its needs, to fulfill your call on us to be good stewards of all you have given us. In the name of Christ, our Great Physician, our Loving Shepherd, our sibling in humanity and Savior of All. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints





+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Eternal God, Source of Life, we confess that we are short-sighted. We allow grudges to grow and fester rather than searching for your healing. We seek the things that make us feel better and ignore the needs of others. In doing so, we ignore the eternal nature of our relationships with one another and with you.

All: Forgive us for our selfishness and carelessness. Urge us to seek forgiveness and healing. Lead us to love our neighbor as ourselves and seek their well-being. In doing so, we secure our own health and wellness, and build up the kingdom, the beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. In your name we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God has made a beautiful earth, and God has made a beautiful you. Embrace your beauty and the power of God's love in you for your neighbors and for this earth. Seek paths of healing and reconciliation. Know that your sins are forgiven, and set yourselves on the paths of justice, mercy, and loving-kindness. Amen.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

TOTENFEST SERVICE

Totenfest is a word created by the (German) Evangelical church when it was formed in 19th century Prussia. The word refers to the liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year. While the celebration parallels the more common All Saints Day tradition, Totenfest has often been celebrated on the final Sunday of the church year. This year, we retain the service of Totenfest to honor our heritage while moving the celebration to the more ecumenical All Saints Sunday.

One: Holy God, meet us here in this place as we mourn those who have died this year--sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, siblings and grandparents, significant others and friends.

Names will now be read of our loved ones who have died in the past year. As the names are read, a bell will ring in memory of the one who has died.

Edith M. Duewer Phyllis Moehlenhof

Aleen "Mickey" Renner Kevin Jones

Marijean Messick Jean Schuessler
Wallace Joe Smith Russel Scheibel
Raymond Schilling Cynthia Humphries

Velma Glock
Mary Kay Vogel
William Whicher
Rev. Bill Cummins
Officer Nick Hopkins
Ruth A. Clark
Doreen Ann Jones
Shirley Ann Klingler
Shirley Valentine
Robert D. Kaiser
Dorothy Placek
Ace Vandeveer
Rebecca M. Cueto

Anne von Brecht Justin Heath

Linda M. Erwin

One: Holy God of wind and fire;

Many: Dance through this room today.
 One: Holy God of earthquakes and illness;
 Many: Share our tears of sadness and pain.
 One: Holy God of creation and new beginnings;

Many: Show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

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(Grant us Peace)
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10

SERMON Laughing with Sinners

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with 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.

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: Let us prepare to give to the kingdom of God so that others may hear of God's love. Give as God has blessed you to give as now is the time to share your gifts and offering.

OFFERTORY *I've got Peace like a River* arr. Tammy Waldrop St Paul Glory Ringers

+DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ in whom; God's grace we know;

Praise Spirit, with us evermore

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Bless every person that is present in the building today. Bless the tithes and offering for glory of your kingdom. Bless everyone who has offered time, talent, and treasures to your work. We ask everything in your mighty name. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

One: Siblings in Christ, join me today at this table to a feast belonging to Jesus the Christ. Siblings in Christ, join me today for a feast which will comfort our souls. Siblings in Christ, join me in this sacrament knowing that we will grow close to God, neighbor, and self at this table.

Prayer of Communion

Friends, we come to this bittersweet ritual today filled with a bundle of emotions. While our gratitude for this family of faith is plentiful, our spiritual pain still may be suffocating us at five weeks or four months or three years or even two decades after the death of our beloved. Our pews are a little lighter. Our homes are a quieter. And our hearts know well of the gaping hole resulting from our loss.

Even as this void still consumes this day-to-day living, we come here looking for hope that we can find only in you. Through this meal, we connect the past and present together, knowing that generation after generation has come to this table in their joy and grief.

God, we pray that this feast be one that fills our souls with comfort. Even as winter is growing close and nighttime arrives early, this meal will kindle warmth and light inside our spirits.

May your Holy Spirit bless this bread and cup. May the Spirit bless us as we celebrate at the peaks of life and as we abide in the shadow-filled valleys. May the Spirit bring us the peace that will permeate our grief-coated hearts. And may the Spirit use this time and space to remind us that we are never alone in our difficult spaces.

With his friends, Jesus shared his last communion before death. The group recognized the sacred in their gathering and celebrated their friendship and their community of faith.

One more time, Jesus took the bread and blessed it. In his breaking of the bread, Jesus yearned for them to remember his teachings and their times together. "Whenever you eat this bread, remember me." One more time, after supper, Jesus took the cup and blessed it as well. In his grasping of the cup, Jesus yearned for his followers to recall their times together. "Whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

As we join together for this meal, let us remember with gratitude our loved ones who once ate at this table and many other tables with us. While they no longer abide with us here today, help us to recognize that they are a part of the great cloud of witnesses, celebrating eternity with our Creator.

May this meal be a gift to each of our souls today.

Distribution of the Elements

Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. All bread is gluten free. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.



Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

O Come to Me, the Master Said



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

One: Spirit of Life: Give us faith to walk in your path

and power to stand the test of life.

Allow your voice to call us back whenever we wander. We leave in peace, knowing that you will never leave nor

forsake us.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE Blessed Are The Faithful Souls Departed Johannes Brahms

St. Paul's 180th Celebration



Back Row:(L-R)
Mrs. Dottie Engelsdorfer, Mrs.
Cynthia Cummins, Rev. Michelle
Torigian, Mrs. Barb
Eichenlaub-Cornell,
Rev. Herb Schafale.

Front Row: (L-R) Mrs. Shirley Trnka, Rev. John Trnka, Rev. Gus Kuether, Mrs. Sue Kuether, Mrs. Bennie Schafale.



Proclamation and letters to honor our special day.



St. Paul Chancel Choir singing a special verse in German



Mayor Mark Eckert and Pastor Michelle Torigian







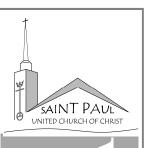








The German map and Ancestry book will be out for a couple more weeks if you would like to add your family's information!



The music today is sponsored:

In honor of
Our wedding anniversary
on November 4th
~ Luci & Lynn Bradley

Peanut Squares sales begin Nov 10th!!!



Plarn

Everyone welcome to help recycle plastic bags by folding, cutting and knotting plastic bags to crochet beds for the disadvantaged. We had a great time working and talking together. You can even brownbag your lunch and drink and join the quilters. **10am Tuesday, Nov 5th** in the craft room downstairs. You must enter from the Sanctuary doors due to Mother's Day Out School in session. Stay as long as you like and enjoy some fellowship. Any questions feel free to call Sandy Ritter 222-1123

Community Interfaith Food Pantry is seeking volunteers!!

In 2017, the Community Interfaith Food Pantry averaged 558 families per month receiving food assistance. That year, we had an average of 112 volunteers per month donating their time. In 2018, the average was 632 families per month and 107 volunteers. In August 2019, we served 655 families with 98 volunteers. As you can see, the number of families is on the rise and the number of volunteers is falling. Can you help?

Most volunteers work 2-3 hours, once a week, every other week or once a month. Some of the openings to be filled:

- Shoppers: 2 hour commitment-Mon 1-3 &/or Fri 1-3
- Warehouse: 3 house Thurs or Fri mornings, or Fri afternoon in the pantry
- Grocery pick up: 3 hours Friday mornings
- Panera pick up (Fairview Heights) 1 hour commitment 10pm 2nd Tuesday or 2nd Thursday (perfect for the night owl)

Interested in volunteering at CIFP, contact Mike F. or Jim at 355-9199.

Velcome

We're glad you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday mornings ~

9am Worship 10am Sunday School

stpaulucc.org

Be included in the new St Paul United Church of Christ Church directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.









What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.
- You will receive one FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory plus other special offers.
- Bring a canned/dry good food item to photography day to donate for local hunger relief and receive a \$5 off a Portrait Order Coupon.

Lifetouch

Photography dates

Wednesday, Nov 13th, 2 - 9 PM Thursday, Nov 14th, 2 - 9 PM Friday, Nov 15th, 2 - 9 PM Saturday, Nov 16th, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sign up for your photography session

- Go to our church website at stpaulucc.org
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281
 Monday Friday, 9 am 5 pm
- · Visit sign up table on Sundays





SHARE GOD'S LOVE THE THREE GREAT LOVES: NEIGHBOR, CHILDREN & CREATION

THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER

You will receive an envelope that will include a letter from Pastor Michelle, a budget Pie Chart with narrative and a pledge card. Please, prayerfully consider this important information. This year our focus will be intentional in regard to our St. Paul staff and programming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF NEIGHBOR by spotlighting our office staff - Tina Lake-Hopper, Stephenie Bauza, and Donna Young as well as highlighting our Mission Board and the Interfaith Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to bring items for the pantry.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF CHILDREN by lifting up our Mother's Day Out Teachers and Director Rachel Budko as well as our Christian Education Board. Everyone is invited to bring diapers and baby wipes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF CREATION by recognizing our custodial staff - Patrick Kinney, Stephenie Elmore, Kyle Adams, and Nick Wilhelm as well as our Music Ministry including Interim Choir Director Dr. Tristan Frampton, Interim Glory Ringers Director Laura Sadler, and Interim Organist/Pianist Janet Spencer, and our Quilters "Threads of Hope", our Prayer Shawl Ministry, our Plarn Ministry, and our Business & Property Board. Yes, Creation takes many forms!

STEWARSHIP IS THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE JOB OF SUPERVISING AND MANAGING SOMETHING ENTRUSTED IN ONE'S CARE.

Brought to you by your resident Stewardship Board



St. Paul UCC & Threads of Hope

BLUES Quilt Raffle

\$5 per ticket

Proceeds to benefit the St. Paul UCC Heritage Hall Restoration project!

Drawing will be held at the S&N Trivia Night on Sat, Nov 16, 2019

Quilt size: 80"x 65"

Tickets on sale Sundays and in Church office!!





TRIVIA NIGHT

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM
TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7PM
MICHAEL WAGNER, MC
\$15 PER PERSON
LIMIT OF 8 PLAYERS PER TABLE
RESERVATIONS - 233-3303
PAY AT THE DOOR
BYOB DRINKS & SNACKS
DECORATE YOUR TABLE IN TRIBUTE
TO YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM



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For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy Jan Meyer Dian Thom Margo Uhrig Alec Zaber

History with Henke *A hint of St. Paul history each week*

November 6, 1859 - Rev. Theodore Klingsohr elected as pastor. He served the church until 1861.

November, 1694 - The original church building located on the Franklin School site was destroyed by fire.

November 2, 1885 - The north end of the old church (Heritage Hall) was dedicated after renovation and expansion. The new addition was 28x26 feet.

This Week

Communion / Totenfest

Sun, Nov 3 9am Worship 10am Sunday School

Mon, Nov 4 10am Exercise

4pm Peanut Square

Tues, Nov 5 9am Quilters

1pm Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner

6pm MDO Advisory

6:30 Volleyball

Pastors Conference Wed, Nov 6

6pm Bylaws Mtg Bells / Choir

Thurs, Nov 7 1:30 Homeless Care Mtg

4pm Masterworks 6pm Worship

6:30 PFLAG Sat, Nov 9 10am Centering Prayer

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours this week: Mon 9am-noon, Tues & Thursday 2-5pm

Please call Tina at 233-3303 for any scheduling questions. Thank you!

For Your Information

2019-2020 Upcoming **Fine Arts Concerts**

Saturday, December 21 7 pm A St. Paul Music Ministry Christmas Tristan Frampton, director

Thursday, February 20 7 pm "Jazz Winds of Patagonia" Bill Molenhof, Artistic Director, Percussion Maria Gabriela Guala, Piano, Voice Joy Harris, 6 - String Electric Bass, Voice

Sunday, March 29 "Explore the Sound VI"
SWIC Music Department Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Faculty Instrumental Solos Andy Jensen, conductor

> Sunday, May 3 3 pm "Yearning to Breathe Free" SWIC Music Department Concert Band Ed Jacobs, conductor

Friday, May 22 7 pm Wittenberg, Germany Sclosskirche Gospel Choir

Concerts are open to the public and a free will offering is taken.

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am Oct 20, 2019 Oct 21, 2018 127/Single Serv 163/27

