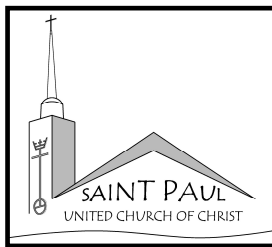


*Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by  
itself unless it abides in the vine, neither  
can you unless you abide in me.*

*John 15*



“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!*

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9 am Worship ~ online

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## Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 233-3303.
- We want to know you that you are listening / watching online!  
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828> for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- 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.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Faith Formation & Care.....	Craig Bielke
Music Director .....	Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Non-Traditional Music.....	John Posth



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***St. Paul  
United Church of Christ***

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 17, 2020 9:00 am

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio (For the Glass Harmonica)*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

**ENTRY INTO WORSHIP**

Like a vine wrapped around a fence,  
the Divine thrives in our world.  
Like each flourishing branch of the vine,  
we, too, blossom in our connection to God and neighbor.  
Even though we may be worshiping in individual spaces,  
through the Spirit, we are forever united.  
When the complete vine suffers, we all suffer together.  
When humankind struggles, we all struggle together.  
May we see our well-being as a piece of the whole  
and as connected to God and neighbor.

**INVOCATION**

God of Connections, in this world of isolation, bring us closer together in ways we've never previously experienced. In this world of heartache, call us to use words and deeds to bring comfort to our neighbors. Grant us the lens to see our siblings across this world as a part of our realm. May we balance our desire for fierce autonomy with a growing sense of the covenant we have with you and neighbor. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** *In the Midst of New Dimensions* (NEW DIMENSIONS)

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

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**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Loving God, Divine Connector, right now, we have few opportunities to look into the eyes of our neighbors - from friend to stranger and from those who bring us comfort to those who bring us uneasiness. Because of this physical distance, we are forgetting the great connection between all of us. We make decisions based only on our needs. We dismiss concerns, ailments, and the despair of our neighbors. We forget their health is connected to our health, and their prosperity is tied with ours. In this season of wilderness, may we see that loving our neighbor as ourselves is a piece of your Great Commandment, and may we begin to see how the well-being of all are linked. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The God of Humankind, our Great Connector, continues to open our spirits to the needs of our neighbors. God continually pours grace upon our souls, calling us to new beginnings and hope-filled futures. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT with Craig Bielke**

**ANTHEM**

*Christ the Vine*  
Chancel Choir

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

1 Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener,  
we, the branches bearing fruit.  
We can bring forth shoots of promise  
when our lives in Christ take root.

3 Christ we submit to pruning  
that we bear more grapes, for wine,  
Help us, when we're over-burdened,  
draw new strength from you, the vine.

2 Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,  
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.  
And you pray that we, your body,  
will fulfill your trust in us.

4 You made us to be partners growing  
Spirit's fruit anew.  
Keep us one in love together;  
you in us, and we in you!

**SCRIPTURE**            Corinthians 12:12-31      John 15:1-8

**SERMON**                      No One Is An Island

## **BLESSING OF THE MASKS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

### **REFLECTION ON GIVING**

The Divine Connector, Christ, the Great Vine, calls us to see how our actions impact the lives of others. God our Connector directs us to how our treasures, talents, and time are best used in this season. Even in this time of quarantine and wilderness, we are being asked to give as we can to our neighbors, our community, and our congregation. By our contributions, we promote healing between neighbors and gratitude for what God has given each of us.

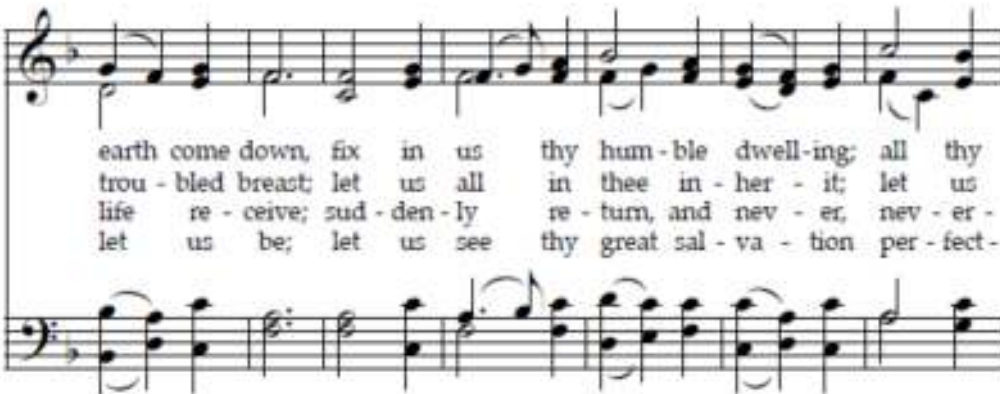
In this spirit of thanksgiving, we pray together, Holy Binder, you yearn for your children to join together for the well-being of all. You desire that each of us shares our gifts for the unity of your kin-dom. With gratitude, we celebrate the treasures, talents, and time we contribute to our church and community. May our work and our gifts nourish each branch on the Great Vine. Amen.

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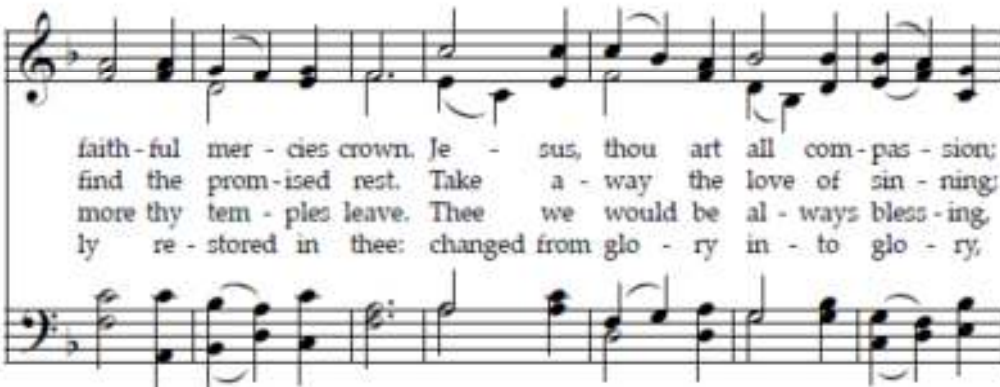
**CLOSING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (HYFRYDOL)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### **BENEDICTION**

May God, the Great Connector, open our souls to the ones across our cities. May Christ, the Great Vine, open our hearts to the ones across our states. May the Holy Spirit, the Great Soul, open our minds to the ones across our country and world. We are many branches on the one Great Vine. Love and care for the people connected to this Vine as if each of our well-beings depend on it. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *Sept Pieces en Re mineur (L'Organiste): Quasi allegro*  
 César-Auguste-Jean-Guillaume-Hubert Franck (1822-1890)





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News & Notes

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**Birthdays for May & June**

Allen Schuessler	May 1
Pamela Heizer	May 3
Madelyn Wagner	May 3
Audrey Krummrich	May 5
Gene Buxton	May 7
Ryleigh Loving	May 9
Lana Gentry	May 11
Nancy Stanton	May 11
Craig Bielke	May 13
Sherry Stepp	May 13
Madelyn Koch	May 14
Kathryn Selck	May 14
Avery Elser	May 16
Roger Harszy	May 16
Cordelia Neff	May 16
Scott Wilson	May 16
Shirley Hailstone	May 18
Janice Meyer	May 18
Laura Armstrong	May 19
Chase Mentzer	May 19
Terry Meyer	May 19
Barbara Arms	May 20
Steven Schmidt	May 20
Teresa Schmidt	May 20
Madyson Karstens	May 22
Pamela Pfeffer	May 22
Ray Chamberlin	May 25
Steven Mueller	May 25
Mary Lu Bretsch	May 27
Kent Kobernus	May 29
Owen Milton	May 29
Drew Kramer	May 31
Wes Krummrich	May 31
Carol Taake	May 31
Brett White	May 31
Keighly Clayton	June 1
Barbara Olson	June 2
Susan Reeble	June 2
Rusty Wagner	June 3
Debra Hailstone	June 4
Dawson Anderson	June 5
Ann Holliday	June 6
Viola Nettleton	June 7
Donna Anna	June 9
Pete Kobernus	June 10
Skylar Anderson	June 13
Joyce Bevirt	June 15
Louise Joergens	June 15
Rob Naylor	June 16
Logan Anderson	June 17
Jessica Poirot	June 17



**Anniversaries for May & June**

Ken & JoAnn Oesterle	May 1
Terry & Syndi Kalinowski	May 2
Alvin & Gaye Bettis	May 5
Bobbie & Sandra Frerking	May 7
Walter & Barb Beatty	May 13
Steven & Tammy Flach	May 14
Michael & Jean Eckert	May 15
Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm	May 18
Ricky & Julie Morton	May 25
Kristopher & Laura Armstong	May 26
Perl & Caroline Hazelip	May 30
Robert & Karen O'Hara	June 2
Michael & Ellen Zimmerman	June 4
Larry & Linda Altmansberger	June 6
Jim & Donna Young	June 6
Drew & Sandy Kramer	June 7
Brett & Elise White	June 9
Rev Herb & Bennie Schafale	June 10
Wes & Sandy Krummrich	June 15
Rick & Diane Drake	June 17
Alan & Karen Keuss	June 17
Michael & Jean Wagner	June 17
Fred & Carol Hotz	June 19
Elgee & Jeanette Phillips	June 20
Terry & Roxy Collins	June 20
James & Joyce Bevirt	June 21
Ryan & Amy Florek	June 22
Duane & Jeri Hausmann	June 23
Craig & Kathleen Liddy	June 30

**Continued Birthdays list**

Catherine Richardson	June 17
Mona Scheibel	June 17
Hayden Quandt	June 20
Marie Bade	June 21
Nancy Beasley	June 21
Amber Flach	June 22
Neal Holliday	June 22
Kristine Vineyard	June 23
Karen Zaber	June 29
Norma Franke	June 30

## History with Henke

*June 7, 1981* - Reception held for the Rev. Lorenz Eichenlaub to celebrate the anniversary of his 25th Ordination. This celebration was held at the Elk's lodge.

*June 13, 1982* - A potluck reception was held in the Activities Center for the Rev. Roger Horn to celebrate the anniversary of his 10th Ordination.

*June 10, 1983* - A church wide auction was held on the St Paul parking lot to raise money to defray expenses of repairing /replacing the arch in the sanctuary that had been damaged by termites.

## This Week

Sun, May 17      9am Worship - online  
                          10am Zoom Social Hour  
Wed, May 20      5pm Zoom Social Hour

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 with St. Paul!!

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK** -

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2) **Go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

Call the church office or

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Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

Glenna Krick  
 Lynn Koehler  
 Marsha McCoy  
 Sandy and Tim Ritter  
 Kenneth Oesterle  
 Billy Ruth Pelc  
 Joan Sackmann  
 Patricia Valerius  
 Nancy Vieman

The family of Louise Voegtle

The family of Theresa Yung

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
 or call 233-3303 /580-4440

Thank you!

## Weekly Attendance

9am /11 am	<u>May 3, 2020</u>	<u>May 4, 2019</u>
	church online	176/single

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

