



EASTER 5

Expanding Knowledge of Love

Sunday, May 2, 2021

“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

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 stpaulucc.org (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 dyoung@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 618-233-3303.
- We want to know 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 stpaulucc.org 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.

ST. PAUL WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i>	John Posth



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OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul
United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 9:00 am

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist Karen Keuss

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Arr. J. Wayne Kerr (b.1958)

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Divine Companion, the road calls to us, and we journey together. On our adventure, you call for us to seek your children in our world. You take us on new pathways in regions we have never traveled. As we look towards our time on the road together, open our hearts to the stories of others. As we travel on our journeys, nudge us to places where strangers become friends. Amen.



OPENING HYMN *Here in this Place*

Text and Music: Marty Haugen

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

CHILDREN'S CHAT with Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40 & 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON Expanding Knowledge of Love Pastor Michelle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Remain with us, O God. Make this feast the nourishment we need to grow more wild and wonderful. Graft us onto the vine of your Beloved so that we might grow more connected with you and all of creation.

With this food and this drink, let us be the love that we have found in you and your Beloved, as we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *A Place at the Table (FOR EVERYONE BORN)*

Text: Shirley Erena Murray: Music: Mary McDonald Verses 1, 3, 5

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "A Place at the Table (FOR EVERYONE BORN)". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system has a key signature change from G major to E major (two sharps) for the first measure, then back to G major. The second system has a key signature change from G major to B major (two sharps) for the last two measures. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:

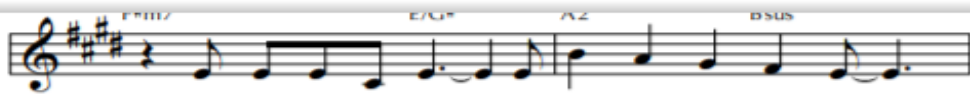
E *Leader or All* **A2**

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

System 2:

E **A2** **Bsus** **B**

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

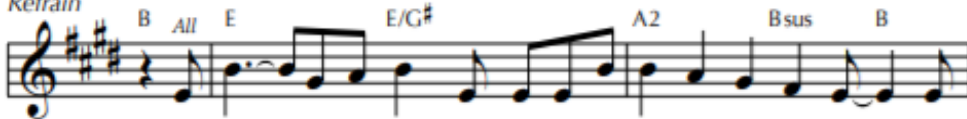


a shel-ter, a space, a safe place for grow-ing,
with wis-dom and grace, di-vid-ing the pow-er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin-kled,
in an-ger, in hurt, a mind-set of mer-cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship,



for ev-ery-one born, a star o-ver-head,
for wom-an and man, a sys-tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be-long,
for just and un-just, a new way to live,
for ev-ery-one born, the right to be free,

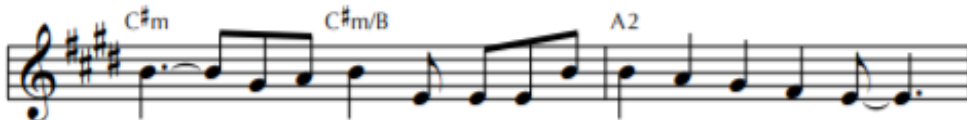
Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and



joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice,



jus-tice and joy!

BLESSING OF GIFTS AND BENEDICTION

Beloved Jesus, you surprise us by naming us your friends. You open a way of unexpected justice, mutuality and joy among us. Take these gifts and bless them and let them serve your people at home and throughout the world, all of us, your cherished friend. Amen.

Christ sends us forth: Keep my commandments, abide in my love. In the spirit of this commandment, we will journey in peace and justice.

Christ sends us forth: Love one another, serving our neighbors. We head into the world in love.

Christ sends us forth: Share in Christ's mission, bearing fruit that will last. We go forth as Christ's friends, rejoicing!

Let us walk into the world in peace to witness to our community and world, celebrating that Christ is alive!

POSTLUDE

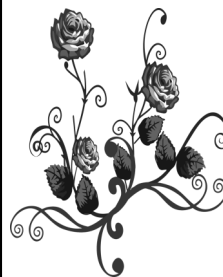
Toccata in F Major BuxWV157

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



The Music today is with thanks to Pastor Michelle for sharing her crafting gift of woodburn-

ing.
*With Love,
from Sandy
Wagner*



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Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Blessing of the Gifts and Benediction from Friends of God: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship, Liturgy and Spiritual Formation, Local Church Ministries. Communion liturgy from Growing in God: Prayers with Holy Communion for the Fifth Sunday of Easter written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on cookingwithelsa.org.

Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

Question: The church had a group that met to square dance. My parents were members of that fellowship. They had a wonderful time. It was organized on May 4,

This

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10:30am Zoom Social Hour
4pm Non-Traditional Worship

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2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**

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9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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Praying for your health and well-being!

For Your Prayers

Family of Emma Lee Wunderlich
Gary Loeffler, brother of
Sandy Loeffler
Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler
Carl Schneider
Al Stahl
Luci Bradley
Lynn Koehler
Marilyn Young

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org
Or call 618-233-3303



Answer: The St. Paul Squares

Weekly Attendance

9am / 4pm April 18, 2021 April 19, 2020
35/12 All Virtual

Offering for 4/18/2021 - \$3,939

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$133,026

Budget to...  \$129,312

Total Budget  \$420,256