

Trinity Sunday



Sunday, May 30, 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 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

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



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St. Paul United Church of Christ Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021 9:00 am

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
Liturgist.....Roger Relfe

PRELUDE *Talk About A Child Who Do Love Jesus*
 American Spiritual, arr. Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

WELCOME Pastor Michelle

INVOCATION

Divine Whirl who moves about as three-in-one: we can't fully comprehend your complete greatness. Our minds spin as we attempt to thoroughly understand the concept of Trinity, of how you work as Creator God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Although our minds are finite, we still look towards you in our growing understanding of how you work, God. Inspire us in your movement so that we whirl in your love. Amen.



Opening Hymn: *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

Text: William Whiting: Music John B. Dykes

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Spinning, Whirling God, you pirouette as the Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. The three images dance in unison. Unfortunately, with our limited minds, we can only see you in one form. We then curb ourselves to how we experience you. We call you by only a few of your names. We limit our songs. We are drawn by few prayers. We make spiritual growth as easy on ourselves as possible.

Break down the confines in which we place you. Encourage us to move beyond our comfort zones. Help us to know you from a variety of angles, and nudge us to listen to others' stories of you. May our spirits of understanding grow as we see you from different perspectives. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God knows that stepping outside of our comfort zones and seeing the world from different views is difficult on us. When we stay in safe spiritual spaces, God still loves us. The God who dances in our world will continue to call us new spaces, sharing grace with us in our moments of hesitation. Amen!

CHILDREN'S CHAT with Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Prayer to the Trinity

Composer: Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Come, come O God of heaven, live within our hearts today;
Come, come O God of heaven, hear us as we pray.

Come, come O gracious Savior, stay within our hearts today;
Come, come O gracious Savior, hear us as we pray.

O be near us, love and cheer us, with your blessing from above;
ever guide us, walk beside us, as we seek to share your love.

Come, come O Holy Spirit, shine within our hearts today;
Come, come O Holy Spirit, hear us as we pray.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-31

Roger Relfe

SERMON

Relational

Pastor Michelle

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.

CLOSING HYMN *We Will Go Out with Joy*

Text and Music: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson

1 We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

Refrain:

Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy.

All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)

3 We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

BLESSING OF GIFTS AND BENEDICTION

How majestic is the name of the Christ – the one who asks us to love through our gifts. How majestic is the name of the Holy Spirit – the one who energizes us to share our time and talents. How majestic is the name of our God – our source of blessings. May we use our gifts as a way to strengthen our world and build the kin-dom of God. Amen.

The Divine is spinning, whirling around you.
Taste the sweetness from their fruits.
Feel the winds from her movement.
Hear the joy from his song.
Through the Holy Spirit, may we go forth in strength.
Through the Christ, may we go forth in love.
Through God, may we go forth in peace.
Three-in-one. One-in-three.
Moving to bring forth love, justice, and mercy in our world.
Amen.

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory*
arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)



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Worship service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

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

Question: On 7-24-1988, the St. Paul pastor sent a letter to Marvin Engelsdorfer inviting him as a guest to the church's 150th anniversary church service. The pastor's letter was informational and well-intended, but contained several errors by using the typewriter. Here is a portion: "Thanks for putting up with my typing in this letter. The secretarial staff is Jammed". Who wrote this?

This Week

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

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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For Your Prayers

The family of Billy Ruth Pelc

The family of Marilyn Young

Gary Loeffler, brother of Sandy Loeffler

Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler

Walter Beatty

Lynn Koehler

Larry Walton

Bev Juenger

Lori Coleman

Betty Rieso

Al Stahl

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org

Or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well-being!



Answer: Pastor John Trinka

Weekly Attendance

9am / 4pm May 16, 2021 35/10 May 10, 2020 All Virtual

Offering for 5/16/2021 - \$5,603

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$152,942
Budget to...  \$161,640
Total Budget  \$420,256