



Patience and Hope

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Sunday, June 13, 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

<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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*St. Paul
United Church of Christ*

June 13, 2021 9:00 am

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor Rev. Merrimon Boyd
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist Lou Ryseff

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ST DENIO)
arranged by Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)
St. Paul UCC Glory Ringers

WELCOME Rev. Merrimon Boyd, Guest Preacher

INVOCATION

O God, maker of all that is beautiful,
Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace.
In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us
to sow those seeds through our ministries
so that all may share in Creation's abundance
to make true the promise
that no one will know scarcity
and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.



Opening Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT)

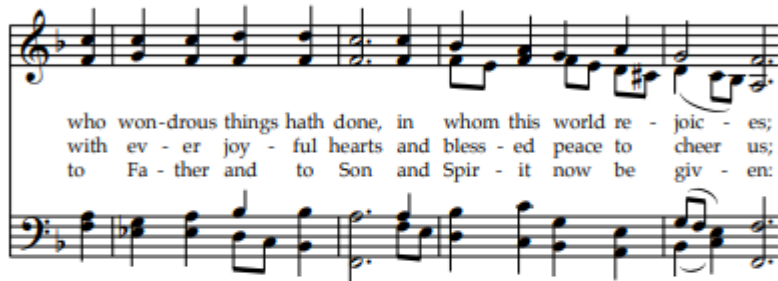
Text: Rinkart, Martin; Music: Johann Crüger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn

THANKSGIVING

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION (UNISON)

Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. Sometimes, we've overlooked that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. We forget that all we have is yours. Today, in a spirit of gratitude, we praise your generosity and dedicate ourselves to care for your children. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rev. Boyd

UPDATE FROM MDO

Sue Hoffmann, Interim MDO Coordinator

ANTHEM

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

arranged by Anna Laura Page

St. Paul UCC Glory Ringers

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

Rev. Boyd

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: *To God be the Glory* (CWM RHONDDA)

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick; Music: John Hughes

THE CHURCH

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a church setting, featuring a soprano and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines split between the two staves. The score includes a four-line verse and a final chorus.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

CALL TO OFFERING AND BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond. It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds so all may know the gospel's promise. Thank you to all who give online, in person, or in the mail. We appreciate your gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

And we pray together:

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God.

We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving.

Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God's love be with you as you sow seeds of justice and peace along the paths you will travel so all may know the gospel's promise. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Glory To God, We Give You Thanks

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

Filling in for Pastor Michelle today is The Reverend Merrimon Ramout Boyd of *The First Congregational Church of Webster Groves United Church of Christ*. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Religious Education, and a Master of Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University. He is one of the newest Alumni of Eden Theological Seminary graduating and holds a Master of Divinity.

Merrimon is a native of St. Louis, Missouri who enjoys God and God's people. Ramout finds joy in the greenhouse. He lives in the world of art, music, outdoors, and family. He is a fan of combative sports. He has a dream to be in full participation in God's plans with God's people.

Rev. Boyd is a man of prayer and patience, devoted to expressing an activist theology for the good of community and neighbors.

Says Rev. Boyd, "*I am uniquely compassionate about helping people in the margins because in this space I experience a rebirth.*" "*I'm a disciplined learner.*"

Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded. Hymns used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913

Today's liturgy is adapted from Sowing Seeds of Ministry: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost was written by the Rev. Quentin Chin, member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.

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

Underneath Heritage Hall is the original dirt crawlspace. The cellar supports an addition to the church, dating from 1885. This was needed due to an increase in membership because of the popularity of the St. Paul pastor. Who was this?



This Week

Sundays

9am	Traditional Worship
10:30am	Zoom Social Hour
6pm	Non-Traditional Worship

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9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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

For Your Prayers

Gary Loeffler, brother of Sandy Loeffler

Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler

Walter Beatty

Lynn Koehler

Lori Coleman

Bev Juenger

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: Adalbert F. Starger

Weekly Attendance

9am / 4pm May 30, 2021 37/14 May 31, 2020 All Virtual

Offering for 5/30/2021 - \$2,218

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$158,781

Budget to...  \$177,804

Total Budget  \$420,256