



NEW EXPERIENCES AT THE OPENED TABLE

Sunday, June 6, 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

June 6, 2021 9:00 am

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
Liturgist.....Stephanie Bauza

PRELUDE *Air from Second Suite, 1st Movement*
Composer Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

WELCOME Pastor Michelle

INVOCATION

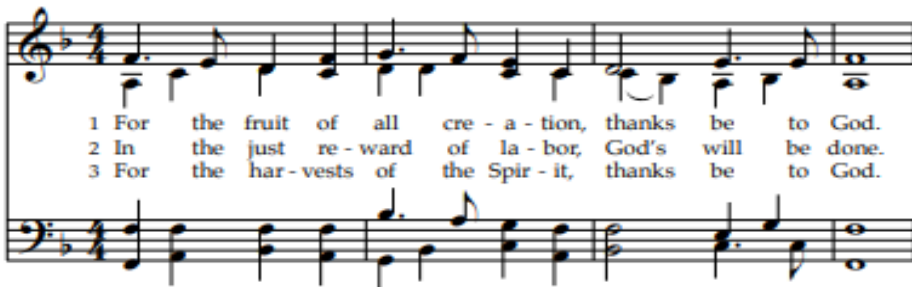
Still-Speaking God-

You sow new seeds in our world, and call us to harvest them when the time is right. You fill our world with new melodies, and ask us to sing them to change the air around us. You call us to use new wineskins for our wine. You ask us to try new delicacies, travel to new lands, and listen to the stories of our new neighbors. Let us embrace the Spirit of newness surrounding us, listening to your transforming call in our lives. Amen.



Opening Hymn: *For the Fruit of All Creation (AR HYD Y NOS)*

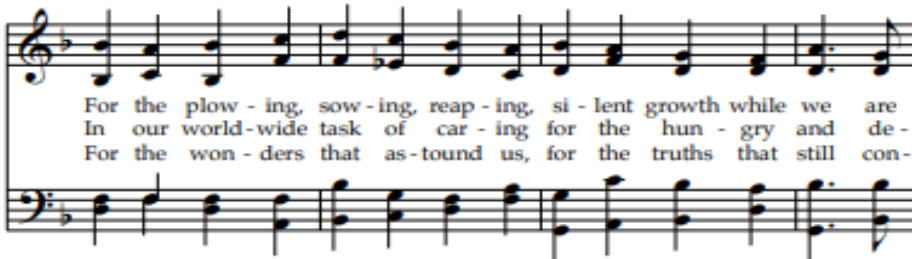
Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: Welsh Melody



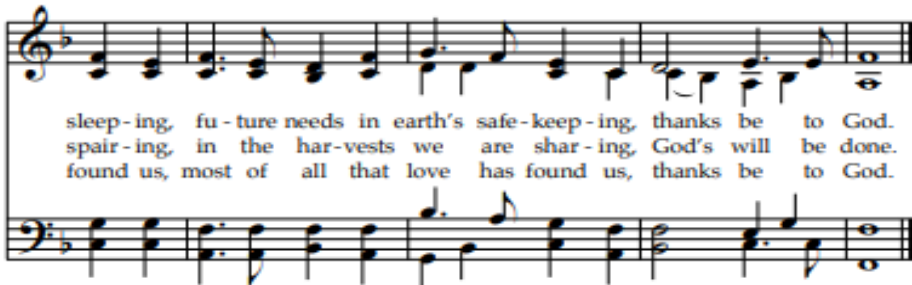
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Loving God, Divine Chef-

We cling to the usual menu of life. We order the same food. We invite the same people. Yet what if you are calling us to order new cuisine and dine with a new group?

All: Transform our minds to the adventure of newness. May the meal and the conversations we share open our hearts to new tastes, textures, and experiences. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God serves us grace as we reflect on our past errors and hurtful actions. God sets us on a new path filled with mercy and wisdom. Let us rejoice as we embrace fresh beginnings! Amen!

CHILDREN'S CHAT with Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:8-15 & Acts 10:9-24

SERMON New Experiences at the Opened Table 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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN I'm Gonna Eat At the Welcome Table (WELCOME TABLE)
 Text and Music: African American spiritual, arr. Carl Diton

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

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 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May we embrace the flavor of newness in the meals we eat this week. May the aroma of the unfamiliar draw us into new adventures. May the stories of strangers open our minds to new paths. And as the foreign becomes familiar, may the Spirit of God draw us into transforming this world with our new understandings. Amen.

If you are member of St. Paul UCC who has just worshipped in the sanctuary and plan to stay for the congregational meeting, please remain seated. If you are worshipping at home, members can join us at Zoom. Here is the information for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534>

Meeting ID: 867 605 6534

Dial by phone (312) 626-6799

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Blessing of the Gifts from That We May Say "Thank You": Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Pentecost written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts.

Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Service of Communion, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Benediction written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

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

Question: In the fall of 1898, this St. Paul pastor began using English in conducting Sunday evening services to attract young people who had been drifting from the church. This practice stopped upon his resignation in 1899 and restarted in 1919. Who is the pastor?



This Week

Sundays

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

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

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9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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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: William Weber

Weekly Attendance

9am / 4pm May 23, 2021 63/31 May 17, 2020 All Virtual

Offering for 5/23/2021 - \$3,621

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$156,568

Budget to..  \$169,722

Total Budget  \$420,256