



## Sunday, May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter

"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

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**WELCOME** Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE** MEDITATION Marcel Dupre'

#### **INVOCATION (UNISON)**

Through your resurrection, Light of the World, we find one another. Through your resurrection, we see our neighbors and ourselves as you see us. Continue to open us to new people, new places, new possibilities, and new prospects. May our hearts reach beyond this sanctuary, building a new heaven and new earth where your light never dies. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

HYMN TO JOY

(see next page)

#### \*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Faithful God, there are times that we wander away from you. We know, O God, that our doubts and questions can be good and can lead us back to you, but our apathy can be toxic to our relationship. *How does our indifference separate us from you?* Guide us, O God, to include you as we seek our questions. Even if we do not find the answers, encourage us to keep seeking as this is part of the journey. Turn us back, O God, when we become apathetic and indifferent. May we work together as we journey with you and our neighbors. Amen.

#### A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

**ANTHEM**Come to the Table of the Lord, by Patrick Liebergen

Chancel Choir

# Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 289



SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19 & Acts 9:1-19

**SERMON** 

Like Peter (or Like Paul)

#### \*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

#### 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

In a world that lives out of scarcity, you call us to a life of abundance. You offer grace and mercy. You heal us. You carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

#### \*DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know Praise Spirit, with us evermore One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

#### \*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

Sweet Spirit of All Possibilities, you have bestowed gifts upon each of us. Whether we have a basket full of fish or an empty net waiting in the water, we know we have something to give back to you in the form of time or talent or treasure. Expand our hearts to seek out unexpected and innovative ways to kindle the wonders of your world. Amen.

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Sentences of Invitation**

One: Come to the deep place in your life that Christ shows you.

Many: We come to fish for what nurtures our lives.

One: Come to the daybreak of hope.

Many: We come to recognize love on the shore.

One: Come to the charcoal fire of community.

Many: We come to a place of warmth and caring.

#### **Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance**

#### **Distribution of the Elements**

Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew please raise your hand.

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (UNISON)**

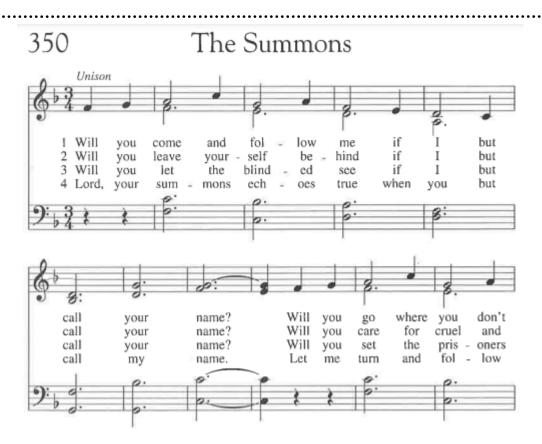
God, we give you thanks for filling our nets, serving us life and love, and meeting us not only at this table but at all our tables. We accept your call to feed the spirits, minds, and bodies of all your people, young as lambs or older as sheep, safe in the flock or wandering on distant hills, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

# \*CLOSING HYMN The Summons KELVINGROVE

#### \*BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we love the world as God has loved us. May we be peace. May we be love. May God's mercy be present among us. Amen.

# **POSTLUDE** POSTLUDE on CWM RHONDDA Paul Manz





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

The February, 1960 edition of "Our St. Paul" contained the farewell of our pastor and his wife. Who was this couple?

## This Week

# Sundays

9am Traditional Worship 10am Coffee Hour & Culinaire's Breakfast (3rd Sunday of the month)

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

# For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether Grace Wolf
Lori Coleman Darwin Bretsch
Mike Eckert Diane Drake

Carol Hotz Marilyn Dinkelmann Shirley Martin Christopher Mitchell

Sue Kuether Rose Hoy

Eileen Wetzel Ruth Grandcolas

David Grimm, Diane Dennison's daughter in laws's brother

Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt Brian Sample, nephew of Kathy Birkner The family of LaVerne Elser

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call 618-233-3303

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#### Credits for today's service

Communion adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi. Invocation, Prayer of Dedication written by Rev. Michelle Torigian for the UCC General Synod 30 in 2015. Prayer of Reflection based on liturgy found at Rev-o-lution Resources by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell; (c) 2022. Call to Offering and Benediction from Follow God: Service Prayers for Easter 3C was written by Michael Anthony HowardMusic is used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press License #17755, or public domain.

#### Weekly Attendance

9am April 17, 2022 167 + Online Participants April 18, 2021 35 + 12 Outside

Offering through 4/17/2022 - \$12,109 General Fund

Giving to Date Budget to... \$137,976

Total Budget \$400,199