



Sunday, May 28, 2023

"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

May 28, 2023 9:00 am

Pentecost Sunday



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Kevin Chunko
Liturgist	Mimi Llamas

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Partita on "Veni Creator Spiritus"
John Eggert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen for the Winds.

Many: We hear the howling uncertainty.

One: Feel the Breeze.

Many: Air of comfort encircles us.

One: See the world swaying.

Many: The Spirit stirs us from complacency.

One: Inhale the Breath.

Many: The Spirit saturates our souls.

INVOCATION

Restless Spirit, Fiery God: You ignite our soul with the flames of inspiration. Light our dimly-lit minds, burn in our chilled hearts. Clear our eyes to see visions from afar. Kindle our sleep with your dreams. May we walk in the glowing path of Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(See pages 4 & 5)

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION**

We often don't know for what we are to pray. We sit with unrecognized potential and yearn for something new to happen. I invite you to sit quietly to ponder the potential for you, for this church and your community. Let us sit together in quiet anticipation and wait for the Holy Spirit to intercede.

Quiet Reflection

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

At the time of the first Pentecost of the church, in quiet contemplation the people became ready. Then the rush of the Spirit's mighty wind "...filled the entire house where they were sitting." They were filled with God's Holy Spirit. May we also find grace in the movement of the Spirit. Let us celebrate in new and renewed life.

AN INTERACTIVE SERMON

ANTHEM *Fill Me, Lord (with "I'm Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing")*
by Brad Nix
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 & Ezekiel 37:9-14

SERMON And God Exhaled Pastor Michelle

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

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

The church exists because God's Holy Spirit has called us together and bound us in covenant for the purpose of a particular mission. With our gifts let us affirm and support God's mission.

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Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley (1940-)
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Em7 D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D A *to Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Today's altar flowers are by Debbie Lippert

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Jodie!

Love,

Mom, Janie & Jim



COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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)**

Holy Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of justice and mercy here and around the world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Spirit, Working in Creation* (See page 7)

***COMMISSIONING**

The breath of life given to us by the Great Spirit has been renewed today.

Now let us go forth into the world, our communities and homes with the joy of celebrating the birth of the church on Pentecost. Let us minister to those in need, advocate for justice for all people, and breathe the breath of new life!

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide us in all truth and declare the things that are to come.

***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost," BWV 667
Johann Sebastian Bach



128 Spirit, Working in Creation

1 Spir - it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring - ing or - der out of strife:
 2 Spir - it, o - ver - shad - owing Ma - ry as the Christ - child in her grew:
 3 Spir - it, driv - ing to the des - ert e - ven God's A - noint - ed One:
 4 Spir - it, wind and flame, em - power - ing fear - less wit - ness to the lost:

come a - round God's gath - ered peo - ple, giv - ing har - mo - ny and life.
 come, so that the Christ with - in us may to - day be born a - new.
 come to us in trial and test - ing that God's will in us be done.
 come, u - nite, re - new your won - ders as of a new Pen - te - cost!"

Spir - it, speak - ing through the proph - ets so the voice of God was heard:
 Spir - it, com - ing from the Fa - ther as a dove up - on our Lord:
 Spir - it, breath - ed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where there was fear:
 Praise and glo - ry, Ho - ly Spir - it, for your love on us out - poured,

come, in - spire, a - lert your peo - ple to this day's pro - phet - ic word.
 come up - on your fa - vored peo - ple, and your bless - ings be out - poured.
 come a - mong us, touch us, send us, mak - ing Je - sus' pres - ence near.
 giv - ing hon - or to the Fa - ther and pro - claim - ing Je - sus "Lord."

WORDS: John Richards (1939-)
 MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.; arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

IN BABILONE
 8.7.8.7.D.

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 Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Reflection on Giving, Blessing of the Gifts, Commission written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey. Call to Worship and Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Benediction from the UCC Book of Worship.

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

On May 5, 1935, a pastoral candidate preached a guest sermon here and later that day, received unanimous acceptance by three hundred church members as our new leader. Who was he?

This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour &
Culinaire's breakfast

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For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre,
daughter of Arline
Worms
Scott Schmidt, brother
of Steve Schmidt
Christopher Mitchell
Steve Schmidt
Mark Eckert
Rev. Gus Kuether
Ellen Keck

Betty Rieso
Tim Ritter
Otto Christopher
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nephew of Scott &
Lana Gentry
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ANSWER: Benjamin J. Koehler.

Weekly Attendance

9am May 14, 2023 115 + Online Participants May 15, 2022 96 + Online Participants

**** Sunday had a one time deposit of \$10,000.00**

Offering for 5/20/2023 \$15,743

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to...  \$203,851

Budget to...  \$152,107

Total Budget  \$395,479