

*For all the Saints...*



# TOTENFEST



**Sunday, November 5, 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

November 5, 2023 9:00 am

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Donna Davis

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Pie Jesu (from Requiem, op. 48)*  
Gabriel Fauré

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37)

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**Many: We've been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.**

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**Many: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.**

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**Many: Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**God our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to be in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May your Realm come with power and gentleness in your name. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

*(see pages 4 & 5)*

### **\*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

**Exalted God, we struggle to trust you in all aspects of our lives, and we seek validation from temporal and inadequate sources. We confess that we base our identity on human structures, plans, and schemes. We fail to be satisfied with the gifts and purpose you have given to us. We do not appreciate the ways in which we are uniquely and wonderfully made. Renew a right spirit of humility and peace within us, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Friends, you are God's magnificent handiwork. You were created in greatness and can therefore rest in humility. Know that God's love for you is assured, God's grace finds you in the midst of your struggles, and God's plan for you is filled with hope. You are redeemed, recognized, and restored to the glory of God.

## **TOTENFEST SERVICE**

*Totenfest is a word created by the Evangelical church when it was formed in 19th century Prussia. The word refers to the liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year.*

Holy God, meet us here in this place as we mourn those who have died this year--children, parents, aunts and uncles, siblings and grandparents, spouses, significant others and friends.

*Names of our loved ones who have died in the past year that we have included in the insert will now be read. As the names are read, a bell will ring in memory of the one who has died.*

Holy God of wind and fire: dance through this room today.

Holy God of earthquakes and illness: share our tears of sadness and pain.

Holy God of creation and new beginnings: show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

## **ANTHEM**

*Hallelujah to the Saints*, arr. Robert Thygerson  
Sanctuary Choir

## For All the Saints

*Unison, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.*

G Cmaj7 D7 Em G/B C G/B Am D G

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou,  
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through

D/F# A7/E D G/B D/F# Gmaj7 A7 D D/C

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

G/B C G/B Am7 G G/F# C/E D/F# G G/B D

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

G/B G7 C Am7 G/B Em C G/B Am7 G/B Dsus D7 G

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, verses 3 and 4.

3 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine.  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.

to verses 5 and 6

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 23:1-12

Matthew 5:1-12

## **SERMON**

Strength in the Valleys

Rev. Michelle Torigian

## **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**

Creating the Realm of God here on earth requires generosity as a response to the Holy One's provision and abundance. Let us bring our resources into our common life as an offering of praise and thanksgiving.

**\*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)**

**Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and honor of bringing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into your Kingdom.**

**Receive our humble offerings and magnify them to meet the needs of the community. Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**Words of Institution and Blessing of the Elements**

## **Distribution of the Elements**

*All are welcome at the Table of Christ! 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)**

**We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

*(See page 8)*

## **\*COMMISSIONING**

May the Spirit of the Living God go with you into the world with power and compassion to lift the lowly. May Creator be glorified through the lives we live as witnesses to the greatness of God. And may Jesus the Christ be our Companion and Guide on the path to humility and greatness.

## **\*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**

*Hymn for All Saints*

*(Le Tombeau de Jean Titelouze, op. 38, no. 16)*

Marcel Dupré



# Rejoice in God's Saints 531


G D G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em  $\frac{Am}{C}$  D G




1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;  
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;



D G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D G B  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$  A7 D



a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
 who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;  
 a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



B Em  $\frac{F\#m7(b5)}{E}$   $\frac{B}{D\#}$  Em  $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
 they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



$\frac{G}{B}$  C2  $\frac{F\#\dim}{A}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  G C Am D G



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!  
 the way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.







## Hanging of the Greens

December 3rd  
3-6 p.m.  
In the  
Sanctuary

**YOGA GOLD<sup>®</sup>**  
**@ ST. PAUL**  
With Jessica

Every Monday @ 10:30 am  
and  
the 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:30 am



## MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 21st**  
from 1-3pm  
in the craft room.  
**Please join us!**



Thank you to our the Threads of Hope Quilters at St. Paul for donating the Cardinals quilt that was raffled last Friday. Our winner was Larry Walton! The quilt raffle fundraiser raised \$1379 for the church! Congrats to Larry, and thank you to the Quilters!

The Seekers will begin studying *Understanding the Old Testament* 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays in the Genesis Room. All members and nonmembers are Welcome, and no prior Biblical knowledge is necessary.

### ST. PAUL OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 8:30am-4pm, FridayS 9am-12pm

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Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay and Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Benediction from UCC Book of Worship.



IT'S TIME TO ORDER

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COST IS

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EACH 6.5" POT COVERED WITH FOIL WILL HAVE  
10 OR MORE BLOOMS. ORDER BY 12/1/23

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\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

How many: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## St Paul Shufflers and Gamers

### Light Lunch and NEW TIME!

2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 12 Noon

It's time to eat and have some fun. Bring your favorite game or join in with others. It can be a card game or board game. Or you can just be a kibbitzer and become a part of the party.

**Who:** Members and friends are welcome to break bread and have fun and conversation.

**Where:** Heritage Hall

**When:** 12:00 noon – until you're tired of having fun and conversation

**What:** A light lunch of soup or salad will be provided. Free for first timers and those anything else you want with your soup or salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter. \$5 thereafter. Bring your own beverage. Coffee can be provided. **The soup on November 14th will be Greek-style minestrone.**



### Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are available!

Our sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory or achievement of your loved one. You can call the church office, or there is a sign up sheet outside the office hanging on the bulletin board. The sponsorship cost is \$35.00.

## Hot Mess Express

COFFEE TRUCK @ ST. PAUL UCC

**NOVEMBER 15TH**

7AM - 11AM

Pick up your drink and head to The Mosaic Room for Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Michelle!  
9am-11am

hotmessexpresscoffee.com



To all of our sponsors, volunteers, participants, donors, and Stewardship Team for making our first ever Glo Bingo a success!



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

In 1993, an American pastor and his wife left Florida, moved to another country, and formed a new musical force in this city. In doing so, they introduced religious music to these people who had never seen or heard it in their atheist world. Who was this husband and wife team and where did they move?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinaires Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Executive Council**-3rd Monday @ 7pm  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Mission Meeting**-2nd Sunday after service  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** -Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Women's Guild**-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Hanging of the Greens**-December 3 @ 3-6pm  
**Hotmess Express Coffee Truck**-November 1 & 15  
**Office Closed for Veterans Day**-November 10  
**Office Closed for Thanksgiving**-November 23 & 24

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Scott Martin, son of
Carol Hotz	Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Betty Rieso
Debbie McIntyre,	Linda Mentzer
daughter of Arline	Linda Minton
Worms	Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter	Tim Ritter Jr., son of
Laura Howie, daughter	Sandy & Tim Ritter
of Elgee Phillips	Jerry Hough
Alec Zaber	
Hector Rivera	

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**ANSWER:** (1) Roger and Diane McMurtin. (2) Kiev, Ukraine

### Weekly Attendance

**9AM**

**October 15, 2023 82 + Online Participants    October 16, 2022 105 + Online Participants**

Offering 10/21/2023 \$5,832

### General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to...  \$281,492

Budget to...  \$319,425

Total Budget  \$395,479