



Sunday, January 14, 2024

“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

January 14, 2024 9:00 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Guest Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 531/1
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 139)

One: We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Search us and know us, Creator; remove us from shadows into your presence.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

One: Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

Many: Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Sovereign One, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your mercy and let your grace propel us to renewal and righteousness. Lift us so that might arise in spirit and in truth for your glory. Amen.



*OPENING HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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C F C G $\frac{C}{G}$ G

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share
 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, your wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

C F C $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
 of those whose anx-ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for your re - turn!
 to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

C $\frac{G7}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F C $\frac{G7}{D}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F C G

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has oft - en found re - lief,
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his Word, and trust his grace,

C F C $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
 and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.
 I'll cast on him my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.

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

Holy God, 1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything.” You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your Realm, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Beloved creation of God, the Holy One knows you fully, completely, and affirmatively from the secret places of your innermost parts. Receive the knowing as a gift of assurance that God’s grace is sufficient for new life. God will abide with us as we strive to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

Day by Day
by Martin How
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 139 and John 1:43-51

SERMON

To Be Known

Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

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 generous life rests on gratitude and trust in God’s abundance. As we give, we acknowledge that we have communally received more than enough to meet our collective needs. Our offerings serve to realize the reign of God’s kingdom on the earth.

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)**

Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of your Realm and all creation in your name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Bornng Cry

(See pages 6-7)

***COMMISSIONING**

Go in the peace of being fully known by God.
Go in the hope that God has in you to transform the world.
Go in the love of neighbor and friend.
Go in the assurance that God still goes with you.

***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

Fugue in C, BWV 531/2
J.S. Bach



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Borning Cry

Unison G Gmaj7 Am/G G Am/G Gmaj7 Am/G

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

G Gmaj7 Am/G G Am6/G

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you

G Am/G G C/E Am7 D7sus D7 G (Fine)

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

C G/B Am G

I was there when you were but a child with a
 If you find some - one to share your time, and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

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WATERLIFE
Irregular

Am D D9 G Am G/B C2 Am6/C

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wear - y eyes, I'll be there as I have

Bm7 Em A G/A F#m/A Em/A D D7

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *D.C. (vs. 1) al fine*



Friday, February 9th

7:30 pm ♥

St. Paul UCC-Sanctuary

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with the Greenleaf Singers! Enjoy an evening of Renaissance music on themes of love, presented by a vocal ensemble in full period costume. There will be a champagne and dessert reception following the concert. You won't want to miss this event!

To learn more about the ensemble, visit their website at greenleafsingers.org. You can also follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greenleafsingers.



PART OF THE ST. PAUL FINE ARTS CONCERT SERIES

A FREE WILL OFFERING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM



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

For many years, our facility hosted a major function of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. What was it?

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

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Scott Martin, son of
Carol Hotz	Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Linda Minton
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Laura Howie, daughter of Elgee Phillips	Jerry Hough
Alec Zaber	Peggy Mejias, friend of Mimi Llamas
Hector Rivera	Lou Ann Niemann
Dawson Anderson	Bernice Sperino, mother of Pam Elser
Betty Rieso	

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ANSWER: Their book fair.

Weekly Attendance

9AM

December 24, 2023 274 + Online Participants December 25, 2022 238 + Online Participants

Offering 12/30/2023 \$8,058

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to..	\$341,957	
Budget to..		\$395,478
Total Budget		\$395,478