

Sunday, January 14, 2024

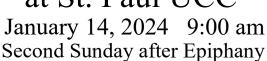
"No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."





Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC





TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS	
Guest Pastor	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Kevin Chunko
OrganistLiturgist	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.



*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 affirmative 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 Psalm 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 kindom 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

Borning 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!

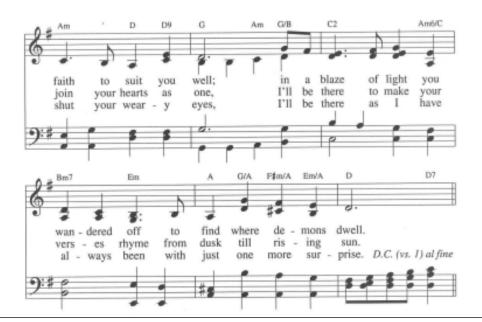
POSTLUDE

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



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Friday, February 9th 7:30 pm 8t. 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 greenleaf singers.org. You can also follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greenleaf singers.



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
Carol Hotz
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre, daughter
of Arline Worms
Tim Ritter
Laura Howie, daughter of
Elgee Phillips
Alec Zaber
Hector Rivera
Dawson Anderson
Betty Rieso

Scott Martin, son of
Shirley Martin
Linda Minton
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of
Sandy & Tim Ritter
Jerry Hough
Peggy Mejas, friend of
Mimi Llamas
Lou Ann Niemann
Bernice Sperino, mother of
Pam Elser

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ANSWER: Their book fair.

Weekly Attendance 9AM

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