



REJOICE
WITH
ME!

Sunday, June 16, 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

June 16, 2024 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Kevin Chunko
Liturgist	Susan Relfe

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God
Heinrich Scheidemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When days are long, and sleep is needed-

Many: God abides with us in our rest.

One: When the road is windy, and we are weary-

Many: God aches when we ache.

One: When the seasons are bright, and joy surrounds us-

Many: God delights in our celebration and rejoices with us.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of Feasts and Festivities,

Our joyous shouts often feel like echoes in a cavern. Yet we are never alone in our celebrations. Your Spirit dances in the melodies of our joy. Your love rings from every mountain top and rises from every valley. With you we rejoice in the blessings of life. With you, we sing songs of gratitude and pave roads of care. May we experience the Spirit of Levity each day, knowing your blessings connect us to your Eternal Spirit and all of creation. Amen.

Happy 59th wedding anniversary to Fred & Carol Hotz!

*OPENING HYMN

Christ for the World! We Sing 561

F $\frac{Am}{C}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F Dm C F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ Csus C

1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring

$\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{E}{A}$ C F $\frac{C7}{E}$ F $\frac{C7}{F}$ F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ Gm

with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer— the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song— the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from

A $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ Dm F Dm C F B \flat F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ C7 F

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, for Christ to heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

MUSIC: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar (1944-)

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ITALIAN HYMN

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

Holy One, Quite often, our spirits do not feel as if they are in a space of celebration. We don't want to rejoice with friends' over their achievements when we are surrounded by our own failures. When our friends mark life's milestones with a party, we want to retreat when we are far from reaching our own milestones. We would rather hide beneath covers or in shadows. Forgive us when our own ego gets in the way of our time to celebrate together. Open our hearts wide to our neighbor's bliss. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God celebrates grace with us as God's love leads us to growing together in community. With God and neighbor, may we celebrate the mercy that God affords us each and every day. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Mission Time at DuBois Center

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
arr. Lloyd Larson
Teresa & Steve Schmidt

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 & Romans 12:14-21

SERMON Communal Joy Pastor Michelle

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S AND FATHERING 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

Our gifts are blessings in our own hands, but multiplied when shared in community. May the gifts we share today and always create times and spaces of celebration in this Church and community.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

**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)**

God of Flourishing Gifts,

As our gifts take root and our talents and treasures blossom, we celebrate the sweet fragrance of our offerings. We delight in the ways they illuminate our spaces and seek ways for them to bring our community closer together. May the offerings collected today and throughout the week encourage us to celebrate the myriad of gifts found in this congregation. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

(See page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**

May the God of all hope fill us with belief to continue forward. May the Christ of all peace draw us together in comfort and celebration. May the Spirit of all love send us into the world today ready to share in the bliss of our neighbors. May the gift of Divine Joy illuminate our hearts and decorate our world with delight.

***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

Toccata For A Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer

THANK YOU!!! To St. Paul and Kathy and Tom Birkner: Thank you for providing us sacred space and a faith family for worship and work, study and pray, laughter and tears these past twenty-nine plus years, all in the presence of our Lord, Jesus. Unfortunately, our mobility and memory (or the lack thereof) make it difficult to join you in person each Sunday, but be assured we worship regularly with you electronically. Much appreciation to each and all for prayers, cards, calls, visits and meals. They each help us maintain contact with the St. Paul faith family. Tom and Kathy, last Sunday's benediction wove together highly meaningful lyrics and beautiful melody into a great blessing. Our prayer is that they will bless many more people every time they are sung.
~Sue and Gus Kuether~

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

MADRID

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Traditional Spanish melody
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

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Father's Day Honor Roll

In Memory of:

A. Lloyd Culley, by Jane Bonaldi

Bill Kobernus & Bill Davinroy by Pete Kobernus & Sherry Davinroy

Rev. Edwin Beier, by Gloria Strohman

Vincent Torigian, by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori and family

Laurence Emmons & Fred Torigian, by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori & family

Edward L. Pelc, by The Shelton Family and The Gentry Family

Merlin "Bud" Erdmann, by Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann

Vernon Wissehr, by Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann

Fred Foree & David Klingel, by Ruth Klingel

Our dear fathers, Elmer D Friedrich & Frederick (Fred) Koch,
by Gary & Janice Friedrich

In Honor of:

Phillip Koch and Jeff Junker, the best dads, by Judy Koch

Mike West, by Denise Aldridge & family and Dennis West & family

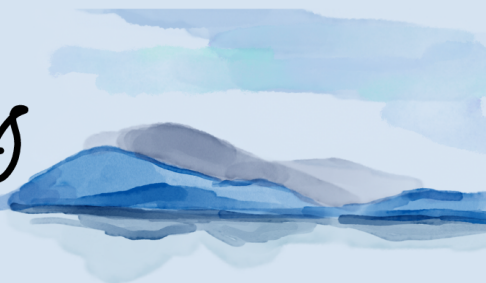
Scott Wilson, by Jack Wilson

Gary E. Friedrich, by Janice & Daniel Friedrich and Lee-Alison Wilson

Daniel N. Friedrich, by Gary & Janice Friedrich

Clay Stephens, by Janice Friedrich & Lee-Alison Wilson

HAPPY
*Father's
Day*



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

When did the Frauen-Verein (Ladies Society) help the church pastor organize our first Sunday School?



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ANSWER: 1864

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
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Please call the church for prayer requests:
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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

May 26, 2024	74 + Online Participants
May 28, 2023	93 + Online Participants

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 2, 2024	100 + Online Participants
June 4, 2023	96 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	6/1/2024
Operating	\$ 1,690.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
	<u>\$ 1,810.00</u>
Giving YTD	\$ 151,057.14

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 168,046.34
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29

Weekly Offerings	6/8/2024
Operating	\$ 7,625.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00
	<u>\$ 7,770.00</u>
Giving YTD	\$ 158,827.14

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 175,681.81
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29