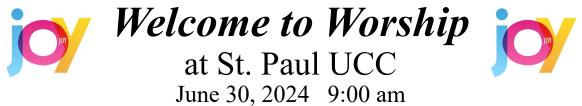


JOY

Sunday, June 30, 2024

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





Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS		
	Rev. Michelle Torigian	
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton	
Organist	Kevin Chunko	
Liturgist	Kevin Chunko Brett White	

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hail mars the earth below, signaling trouble above, Many: Yet God blesses us with peace in our souls. One: Sweltering fires burn Creation and warms earth's cover underneath us, Many: Yet Christ blesses us with cooling comfort in our souls. One: Gale-force winds rush past our foreheads, breathing chaos in front of us, Many: Yet the Spirit blesses us with strength surrounding us.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of Cloudy, Bright Gardens,

Some days, rain pours while the sun's rays spill from behind the clouds. Other days, the sun beats down while one lone cloud hangs overhead. Gloom and glow coexist together. Many of our days are filled with gale-force winds of pain and joy together. Life's unpredictability unifies the great emotions within us. In the hodge-podge of experience's emotions, may we see how you wander with us. May we still find joy in gardens of the thornstemmed, fragrant roses in your Realm. Amen.

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In the Garden



WORDS and MUSIC: C. Austin Miles (1868-1946); para. John 20:1-18

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON) Spirit of Gentleness,

As the winds pick up, and life becomes unstable, our minds wander to the places where we all fall short. Instead of saying "How can I improve," we tell ourselves that we have failed. Instead of walking with friends through the myriad of moods, we aim to regulate their emotions even in the depths of their grief. May we understand that life is unpredictable, we are beings with many emotions, and all of us are made in the image of you. May your grace take root in our souls so that we become more merciful in the hurricanes of life. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The breezes of God's grace comfort us on warm days, accompany us when we feel defeated, and nudge us to try again. May God's mercy uplift our spirits and encourage new beginnings.

CELEBRATING CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS

SPECIAL MUSIC Petite Suite: Chorale, by Michael McCabe Jan Spencer, piano Kevin Chunko, organ

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 9:7-10, James 1:2-3		ilippians 4:4-9
SERMON	Weird, Messy Joy	Pastor Michelle

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 As we are created in the image of God, our gifts reflect the source of God's

As we are created in the image of God, our gifts reflect the source of God's dreams and visions. May the hope of God blossom in the offerings we share today and the bounty we share with God's Realm throughout this week.

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)**

May the Spirit of God bless the intentions of our hearts, the ideas of our minds, and the energy of our souls. May the Divine's gifts that reside in our spirits be abundant, leading us to strengthen the world with our treasures, talents, and time. May God's wisdom fill our minds with hopefulness for a fruitful future. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN How Can I Keep from Singing (See page 6)

*COMMISSIONING

As we journey among the chaotic beauty of God's Realm-The Spirit will bless us with the winds of strength, Christ will bless us with refreshing comfort, God will bless us with peace that goes beyond understanding. For the Divine always abides with us in the gloomy brightness of life.

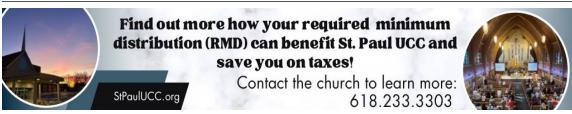
*BENEDICTION

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 Improvisation on "How Can I Keep From Singing?"









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1920 saw the General Meeting of St. Paul's do something for the last time. What was it?

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Carol Hotz Ritter Marilyn Dinkelmann Jerry Hough Debbie McIntyre, Lou Ann Niemann daughter of Arline Cheryl Cooper Worms Tim Ritter **Debbie Price** Laura (Phillips) Howie Alec Zaber Ralph Eckart, Hector Rivera **Betty Rieso** Larry Walton Ruth Klingel Wayne Caughman Dinkelmann

Christopher Mitchell Audrey Krummrich brother in-law of Marlene Mueller The family of Jeffrey

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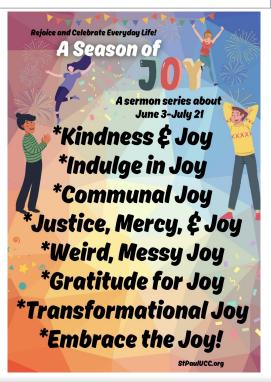
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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 16, 2024	76 + Online Participants
June 18, 2023	65 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	6/22/2024
Operating	\$ 2,759.00
Building Fund	\$ 228.00
	\$ 2,987.00
Giving YTD	\$ 165,454.41
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 190,961.75
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29