



Sunday, June 30, 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 30, 2024 9:00 am

Sixth 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>	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 thorn-stemmed, fragrant roses in your Realm. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

In the Garden

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-round me be

ros-es; and the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

joy we share, as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

Chord symbols: A♭, E♭, A♭, E♭ B♭, A♭7, C, D♭, A♭, E♭7, A♭ C, E♭, A♭, B♭7, Gm B♭, B♭7, E♭, A♭ E♭, E♭7, Refrain, A♭, E♭7 B♭, E♭7, E♭9, A♭, A♭, C7, Fm, A♭7 E♭, D♭, A♭ E♭, E♭7, A♭.

***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, Philippians 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 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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How Can I Keep from Singing? 424

F B♭ F C

1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

F B♭ F C7 F

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
 It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain F C7/F F C Dm C F C F

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

F B♭ F Dm C7 E/C C7 F

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



INCLUSION

Discussion Series

with

Rev. Michelle
Torigian



Rev. Tim
Powers-Reed



June 12

Disability,
Mental Health &
Neurodivergence

July 10

Family Structures &
Marital Status

August 14

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6pm



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

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
Carol Hotz	Sandy & Tim
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Ritter
Debbie McIntyre,	Jerry Hough
daughter of Arline	Lou Ann Niemann
Worms	Cheryl Cooper
Tim Ritter	Debbie Price
Laura (Phillips)	Christopher Mitchell
Howie	Audrey Krummrich
Alec Zaber	Ralph Eckart,
Hector Rivera	brother in-law of
Betty Rieso	Marlene Mueller
Larry Walton	Ruth Klingel
Wayne Caughman	The family of Jeffrey
	Dinkelmann

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ANSWER: Print our church constitution in
German. Another copy was provided in
English.



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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