

**Sunday, July 21, 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

July 21, 2024 9:00 am

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist .....	Kevin Chunko
Liturgist .....	Karen Keuss

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Allegretto moderato*  
Felix Mendelssohn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are the sounds of laughter

**Many: For they will fill the air with peace.**

One: Blessed are the sounds of singing

**Many: For they will fill the air with hope.**

One: Blessed are the sounds of cheering

**Many: For they will fill the air with joy.**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of Joy, Holy Vessel of Mirth,

The melodies of peace sweep across a world yearning for hope. As we sense these songs floating in the winds around us, our hearts leap with excitement. We share the hymns of joy with all of creation as we desire to build your Realm here on earth. Delight us through the small moments of elation and the significant events of celebration. Move us to share joy as we travel around this world. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

# 288 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C G/B C F/A F F/C C C/E Dm7 C F/A C/G G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2' Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

F/A C F C/E Dm7 C C/G G C C/E Dm7 C F/A C/G G7 C

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

G D7/A G/B G C/E G7/D C G G/B D7/A G C/E G/D D7 G

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

G C/E C F/A F F/C C C/E F C/Dm C/G G7 C

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 MUSIC: Lyra Davidica, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7. Alleluia

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

**Divine Fountain of Joy, As we assess our lives, we see the barriers between Holy Joy and ourselves. We see how we can accumulate emotions of jealousy and anger to distract us from the full experience of your Realm. Our minds pull us away from the connections we have with you and our neighbors. May the winds of your Spirit sweep away resentments in our hearts. May we see the blissfulness of fully embracing celebrations with your Creation. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

The God of Steadfast Love joyously grants us grace to see the beauty around each corner and in each shadow. May these moments in which God's mercy shines in our path be ones filled with understanding and peace.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies*  
by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Pfautsch  
Teresa Schmidt, soloist

### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 98 & Psalm 118:24 & Luke 15:25-32

### **SERMON**

Embrace the 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**

We are blessed with many opportunities to share, knowing that any gift we contribute, whether time, talent, or treasure, will build God's Realm in our community. May the offerings we give today and throughout the week not only bless our neighbors but our hearts as well.

### **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 Overflowing Joy, We celebrate the gifts you give us. We are blessed by the time with our neighbors, the talents we present, and the treasures we use to build this church and community. May you encircle all gifts shared with your wisdom and love. May these offerings inspire us to use what we have to build your Realm here on earth. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Sing a New Song* (See pages 6 &7)

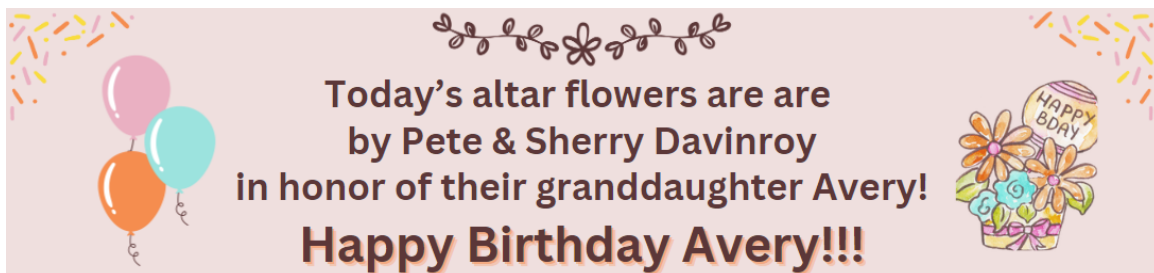
**\*COMMISSIONING**

May the God of peace lead us to merriment and laughter.  
May the Christ of Hope lead us to singing and harmony.  
May the Spirit of Joy lead us to clapping and cheering.  
May the Divine One, Holy Trinity, fill our hearts with elation and move us to rejoice throughout this week.

**\*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 "Joy In the Morning"*



## Sing a New Song

*Refrain (Unison)*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

un - to the Lord, sing-ing, "Al - le - lu - ia."

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; O come be -  
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for him on  
now has come. t He has turned your  
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

*to Refrain*

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947- )

Words and Music © 1972, 1974 Daniel L. Schutte (Adrian, New Dawn Music)

**Saturday, August 10 from 6-10pm**

**ROCK AND ROLL UNDER THE STARS FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PAUL FRIENDS**  
**hosted by Al and Nancy Scharf**

**Enjoy friends, food and music by Jillian and Chris Ritter.**

**More details to come about making reservations.**

**Mark your calendars for a fun,  
casual evening.**

**Money raised will go towards several  
projects at St. Paul UCC.**



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

For many years, St. Paul held a church fair for the public to raise operating funds. It was the money raiser. In 1904, it was cancelled. Why?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinaires Breakfast-ON HOLD** until fall  
**Finance Meeting**-every 2nd Tuesday @ 5pm  
**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 –ON HOLD** until September 3 - 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

**ANSWER:** It would have been in competition with the World's Fair being held in St. Louis.

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Lou Ann Niemann
Carol Hotz	Cheryl Cooper
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Debbie Price
Debbie McIntyre,	Christopher Mitchell
daughter of Arline	Audrey Krummrich
Worms	Amy Drake
Tim Ritter	Ralph Eckart, brother
Laura (Phillips)	in-law of Marlene
Howie	Mueller
Betty Rieso	Bill Halfacre,
Larry Walton	Vi Nettleton's
Tim Ritter Jr., son of	brother
Sandy & Tim Ritter	The loved ones of
Wayne Caughman	Tom Fulford, Kathy
Hector Rivera	Buehler's father
Jerry Hough	

Please call the church for prayer requests:  
618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 30, 2024	83 + Online Participants
July 2, 2023	65 + Online Participants



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Weekly Offerings	7/5/2024
Operating	\$ 4,116.00
Building Fund	\$ -
	\$ 4,116.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 171,182.41</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 206,238.69
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29

**Pastor Michelle will be in Germany from July 22 to August 5 with limited time in the office on August 6. Please call the office with any pastoral emergencies.**