



Gratitude & Joy

Sunday, July 7, 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 7, 2024 9:00 am

Seventh 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>	Ruth Ann Erdmann

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)

One: Let us sing a song to our Creator!

Many: Let us make joyful sounds to the foundation of salvation

One: Let us dance into God's presence bringing forth a spirit of thanksgiving.

Many: Let us serenade the Divine One with a joyful tune.

One: We sing with gratitude the greatness of God.

Many: We lift our voices to the heights of the mountains as we praise God's name.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Divine Basin of Goodness,

Breaking forth from the lush soil of your Realm are fragrant blossoms ready to strengthen our spirits. Throughout each day, their beauty connects us to your Creation and to all of the ways your presence encourages us. As this new week takes root in our lives, may your love nudge us to offer gratitude through the ways we celebrate our neighbors - from the ways they share their gifts to the ways they brighten our world. May our overflowing love and gratitude nurture the ways we connect with our siblings. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure Heart

(See page 5)

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

God of All Blessings,

Like vines and branches twisted together on the trellis, joy and gratitude are intertwined in our spirits. We often forget that thanksgiving and elation build upon one another. When joy is lost, gratitude dwindles. When gratitude is not embraced, joy is an empty vessel. For the times we have forgotten to say thank you, forgive us, Holy One. For the times we have drained another person's joy, give us grace and fill us with focus to do better. May we be the bearers of appreciation and the sources of celebration in our communities. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God of Goodness and Mercy blesses us each and every day with an overabundance of grace and steadfast love. May we bless our neighbors by sharing this love and mercy throughout the Realm of God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

My God Is Real
by Kenneth Morris
Bill Guthrie, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

Gratitude and 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

The God of Steadfast Love has called us to give not just out of duty but as a way for us to see the beauty of connection: between us and God, between God and neighbor, and between neighbor and ourselves. May we see how this church builds the Body of Christ and contribute to sustain God's vision for our church and community.



***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)**
Holy Bearer of Dreams, we give to sustain the hopes you have for our world. You move us to offer our gifts to build your Realm here on earth. Place visions of abundance in our minds and remove the fears of scarcity that haunt us. Move us to be grateful, fearless messengers of your Good News and your dreams for Creation. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

One: May the Spirit of love be with you,
Many: And may the love of Christ be with you.
One: Open wide your cautious hearts.
Many: May the hope of our Creator pour peace in our souls.
One: Let us give thanks to the one who created this time and space
Many: From our joy we give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance

Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome at the Table of Christ! Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew, please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ* (See page 6 & 7)

*COMMISSIONING

Let us leave this place with songs of gratitude in our hearts.
Let us leave this place with melodies of thanksgiving moving from our mouths.
Let us leave this place with hymns of hope building in our souls.

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

113 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score includes a main body of text and a refrain at the bottom.

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing;
2 Bright youth and snow - crowned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce, Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing.

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messier (1834-1916)

MARION
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698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

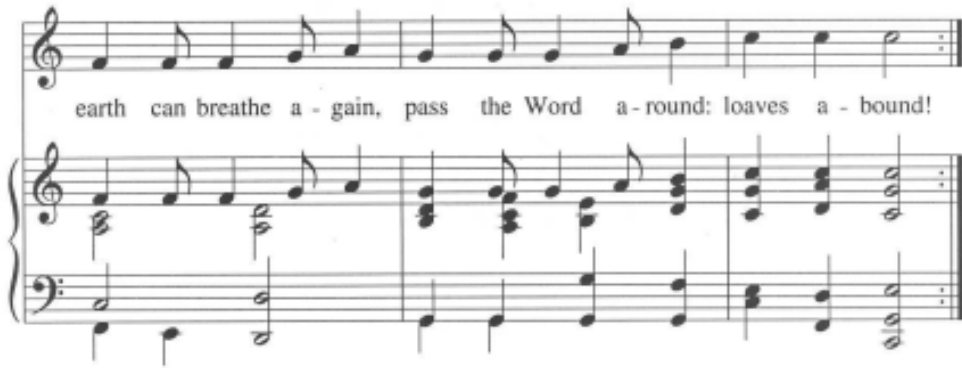
Refrain

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter (1925-1980)

LINSTEAD
 L.M.Ref.





Share

***Your photos of "JOY" that we will use
in an upcoming worship service

***A celebration - BIG or SMALL - in
your life

Email to PastorMichelle@stpaulucc.org

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours July 1 - July 21

Mondays 12-4pm

Tuesdays 9:30am-2:30pm

Wednesdays 12-4pm

Thursdays 9:30am-1:30pm

*"Fridays are my sabbath
days. While I am not in the
office or attending to
administrative work, I am
available for pastoral
emergencies."*

**Pastor Michelle will be
out of the country from
July 22-August 6**

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The INCLUSION

Discussion Series

July 10

Family Structures & Marital Status

August 14

LGBTQIA+ & Race

*Join us for these conversations on theology
and the beauty of inclusion in faith communities!*

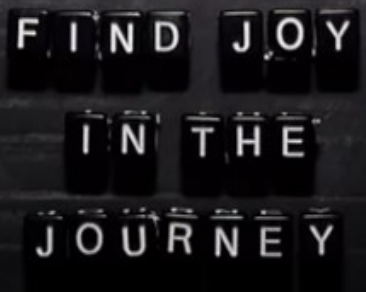
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6pm

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

1917 saw the Parsonage improved after the church building gained the same thing three years earlier. What was it?

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 -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	Wayne Caughman
Carol Hotz	Hector Rivera
Marilyn Dinkelman	Jerry Hough
Debbie McIntyre,	Lou Ann Niemann
daughter of Arline	Cheryl Cooper
Worms	Debbie Price
Tim Ritter	Christopher Mitchell
Laura (Phillips)	Audrey Krummrich
Howie	Ralph Eckart, brother
Alec Zaber	in-law of Marlene
Betty Rieso	Mueller
Larry Walton	The family of
Tim Ritter Jr., son of	Carolyn Burke
Sandy & Tim Ritter	(Scott Burke's
	mother)

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ANSWER: Electricity.



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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 23, 2024 88 + Online Participants
June 25, 2023 100 + Online Participants



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Weekly Offerings	6/29/2024
Operating	\$ 1,532.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00
	\$ 1,612.00
Giving YTD	\$ 167,066.41
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 198,600.22
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29