



Sunday, September 1, 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

September 1, 2024 9:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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| <i>Pastor</i> | Rev. Michelle Torigian |
| <i>Music Director</i> | Dr. Tristan Frampton |
| <i>Organist</i> | Kevin Chunko |
| <i>Liturgist</i> | Donna Davis |

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Song of Solomon 2)

One: Hear the voice of the Beloved, who comes leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills; our Beloved, like a gazelle or a young deer, stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, Beloved speaks and calls to us:

Many: "Arise, my love, my dear one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

One: The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Many: The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

All: Arise, O love, O dear one, and join me."

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Creator God, You have loved us passionately into being. We come today seeking your presence and to know we are your beloved! Enter our sanctuary and enter our hearts that we may look into your loving gaze and see ourselves reflected there, as you see us. Let our love for you reflect and mirror your perfect love as we gather as your Beloved Community. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

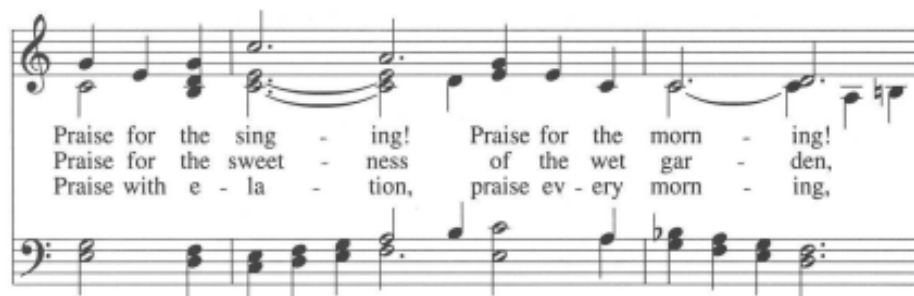
Unison



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans (1874-1948)

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

Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. You call us to love the world with your passion, and to let that love be expressed in justice, forgiveness, peace. Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear and do not let your transforming grace open us to the world you cherish. Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips and not with our actions. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Holy One, in Christ you have shown us the way into your Beloved Community of mercy, love and peace, in which you are making all things new. We come to affirm our covenant and sacred promise to be in loving relationships with you. Thank you for giving us life. Open us, body, mind and spirit to your truth. Fill us with your grace so we can fall in love with your world and offer--and experience--forgiveness, reconciliation and hope.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Walk Together Children
arr. Moses Hogan
Tristan Frampton, soloist

SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 2:8-13 & James 1:17-27 & Mark 7:1-8, 14-20

SERMON

Love, Love...and Love

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

James 1:17a reminds us that "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above." May we receive all the gifts from God with gladness, share the gifts with hospitality and compassion, and celebrate the kingdom of God's abundance with boldness.

***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)**

**Generous God, bless these gifts that we share for the flourishing of the
kindom. Prosper the work of our hands, order the steps in our days, and
align the balance of our resources. In our time, talent, and treasure, may you
be glorified. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

One: God be with you,

Many: And also with you.

One: Open wide your hearts!

Many: We open them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for this time and space,

Many: Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.

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 and Tongues Employ

(Pages 6-7)

*COMMISSIONING

May the everlasting love of God give you peace, the surprising grace of God give you courage, and the creative will of God give you joy. As you release the traditions that have served their time, hold the traditions that inspire new life, and create traditions for a future promising and unknown.

*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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

The first system of the musical score for 'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ' is in 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with three verses of text.

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:

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, with three lines of text.

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!

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

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

What happened to our school building in 1871?

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 starts September 3 -
 Tuesdays @ 10am
Wednesdays-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)
With You group-1st Wednesday @ 1pm
Women's Guild-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

For Your Prayers

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| Lori Coleman | Lou Ann Niemann |
| Carol Hotz | Cheryl Cooper |
| Marilyn Dinkelmann | Debbie Price |
| Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms | Christopher Mitchell |
| Tim Ritter | Audrey Krummrich |
| Laura (Phillips) Howie | Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller |
| Betty Rieso | Amy Drake |
| Larry Walton | James Whitmarsh, nephew of Jan Friedrich |
| Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter | The Day family of Waterloo for their 3 year old son |
| Wayne Caughman | |
| Hector Rivera | |
| Jerry Hough | |

ANSWER: It was converted to a arsonage.
 The new church pastor, Rev. Ferdinand
 Fleischer took up residence.

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

**Remember St. Paul UCC as you
 prepare your will or trust!**



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 618.233.3303



Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

August 18, 2024 109 + Online Participants
 August 20, 2023 89 + Online Participants



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| Weekly Offerings | 8/24/2024 |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Operating | \$ 4,480.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 583.00 |
| | \$ 5,063.00 |
| Giving YTD | \$ 216,625.91 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 7,638.47 |
| Budget to Date | \$ 259,707.98 |
| Total Budget | \$ 397,200.29 |