

**“It’s easier for a camel to
squeeze through the eye of a
needle than for a rich person
to enter God’s kingdom.”
Mark 10:25**



Sunday, October 13, 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

October 13, 2024 9:00 am

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Guest Organist/Pianist</i>	Lynda Marshall
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles A. Converse, arr. Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 90)

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Everlasting God, we come before you with questions, and you question us in return. We declare that you are good, and you have declared us good. May we acknowledge that you make all things new, you redeem our days, and you empower us to be your people. In your presence, there is joy, and there is struggle. Peace surpasses understanding, and our hearts break. This defines the fullness of human community and experience in companionship with you. We give thanks for your presence and trust that you continue to transform the impossible into the possible. Make it so in us and through us in your precious name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Eb Cm $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Bb Eb $\frac{Eb}{D}$ Cm $\frac{C}{Bb}$ $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Bb Eb

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Eb Ab $\frac{Ab}{C}$ Eb Eb $\frac{Eb}{D}$ Eb $\frac{Bb7}{D}$ Eb Bb

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring;
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of man!

$\frac{Eb}{G}$ Ab $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ C7 Fm $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ Bb7 Eb

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

Eb $\frac{G7}{D}$ Cm $\frac{Eb7}{G}$ Ab $\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ Bb7 Eb

thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 now and for - ev - er more be thine!

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

Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of the lost. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your Realm is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Dear One, God is with you. Hear these words of assurance from 1 Corinthians 10:13, “No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
by Edward H. Wetherill
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

Squeezing Through the Needle’s Eye

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

Generosity is a spiritual gift that may be cultivated, grown, and nurtured. Let us plant seeds today with our gifts that will bloom and provide a harvest beyond our expectation or imagination.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

I Surrender All
Winfield S. Weeden, arr. Stan Pethel

***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)**

Gracious God, may the gifts we bring be magnified and do miracles in our community. Use them for restoration and hope as your Realm is demonstrated before us all. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Summons

(next page)

***COMMISSIONING**

Be strengthened in God's love. Be held in God's goodness. Be enriched in God's generosity. Do the hard thing by the power of the Spirit. Love our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ. And, repair and restore the Holy One's good creation.

***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

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

James M. Black, arr. Mark Hayes



CAREGIVER SEMINAR

PRESENTED BY:



ST. JOHN'S



COMMUNITY CARE

OCTOBER 21, 2024

5:30PM

AT ST. PAUL UCC

PLEASE RSVP TO THE

CHURCH OFFICE:

618-233-3303

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

WORDS: John L. Bell (1949-)
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell (1949-)

KELVINGROVE
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name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 prayer in you and you in me?
 mean in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.



ST. PAUL FRIENDS
**HALLOWEEN
 PARTY**

Friday, October 25th @ 6:30pm
 Hosted by: Roger & Julie Harris
 2325 Slammer Dr, Belleville

PLEASE RSVP TO ROGER (618-631-4502)
 OR JULIE (618-210-2570).
 BYOB AND BRING A PARTY SNACK,
 APPETIZER, OR DESSERT.
 COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL!

**Special
 Congregational
 Meeting
 to discuss
 roof replacement!**

**Sunday,
 October 27**
 immediately following
 worship service.

ST. PAUL UCC

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Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
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Debbie McIntyre, daughter
of Arline Worms
Tim Ritter
Laura (Phillips) Howie
Betty Rieso
Larry Walton
Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy
& Tim Ritter
Hector Rivera
Lou Ann Niemann
Cheryl Cooper
Debbie Price
Christopher Mitchell
Audrey Krummrich
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law
of Marlene Mueller

James Whitmarsh, nephew
of Jan Friedrich
Mike Llamas, brother in law
of Mimi Llamas
The family of Gene Boyd,
Sandy Ritter's stepfather
The family of Janet Heil
The family of Brian James
Relfe, brother of Roger
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ST. PAUL UCC ANNOUNCES

**Hot Mess Express
Coffee Truck
Wednesdays**

OCT 16
7-10 AM

115 WEST B STREET

**WE ARE COLLECTING THROUGH
OCTOBER FOR
KINDERCOTTAGE**

TODDLER SIZED GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS
& UNDIES FOR AGES 1-5 YEARS OLD

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR LEAVE YOUR ITEMS IN THE WRAPPED BOX IN
THE WELCOME CENTER WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP.

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 29, 2024 102 + Online Participants
October 1, 2023 80 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings		10/4/2024
Operating	\$	3,510.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
	\$	3,545.00
Giving YTD		\$248,311.01
Weekly Budget	\$	7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$	305,538.80
Total Budget	\$	397,200.29

