"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

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	
Guest Organist/Pianist	Lynda Marshall
Liturgist	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



*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

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***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





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

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Special Congregational Meeting to discuss roof replacement!

> Sunday, October 27 immediately following

> > worship service.

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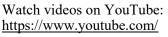
For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz Marilyn Dinkelmann 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 Relfe



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ST. PAUL UCC ANNOUNCES	Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
Flot Mess Express	September 29, 2024 102 +	Online Participants	
Coffee Truck	October 1, 2023 80 +	Online Participants	
Wednesdays	Weekly Offerings	10/4/2024	
OCT 16	Operating	\$ 3,510.00	
7.10 AM	Building Fund	\$ 35.00	
115 WEST B STREET		\$ 3,545.00	
WE ARE COLLECTING THROUGH	Giving YTD	\$248,311.01	
OCTOBER FOR	Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47	
🗧 KINDERCOTTAGE 🏐	Budget to Date	\$ 305,538.80	
TODDLER SIZED GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS	Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29	
& 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.			