



Sunday, October 20, 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 20, 2024 9:00 am

22nd 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>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Jan Friedrich

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rondo Festivo
by Cynthia Dobrinski
Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 31: 7-9)

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

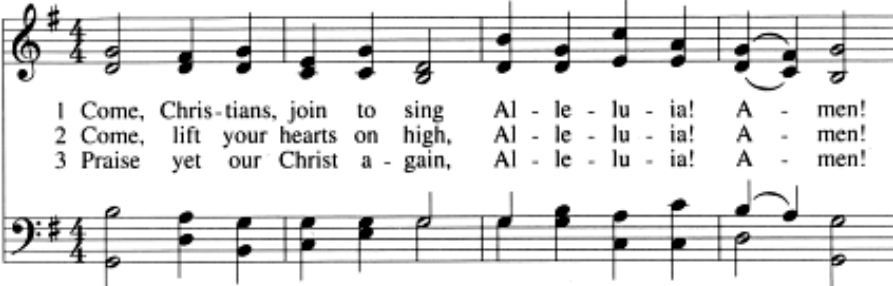
INVOCATION (UNISON)

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

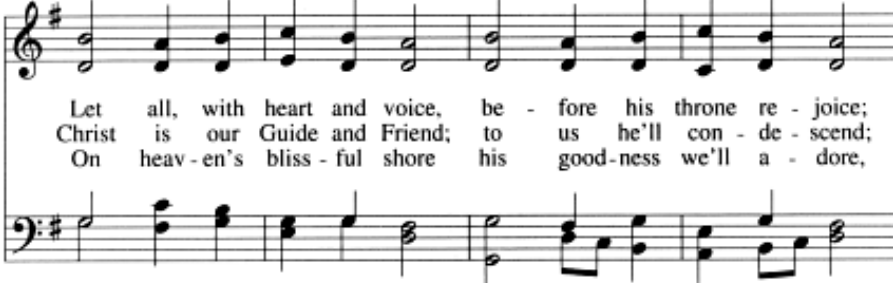
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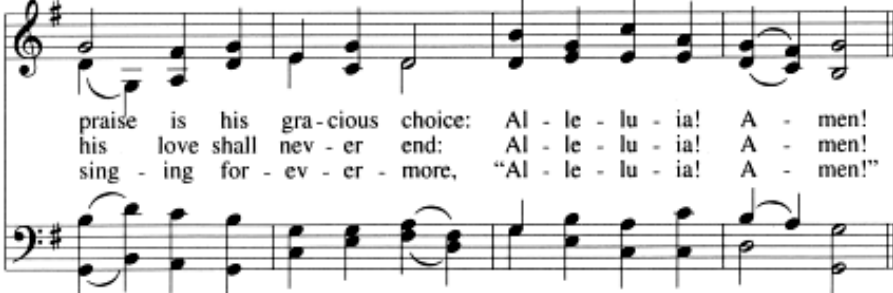
1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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

One: When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to honor your “still speaking voice”, but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Let us celebrate this mercy of God. May the Peace of Christ be with you all!

ANTHEM

Guide My Feet, Lord

arr. John Carter

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

Using Our Voices

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

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

A Festive Chime
by Douglas E. Wagner
Glory Ringers

*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)

Reform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!

*CLOSING HYMN *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (next page)

*COMMISSIONING

Flame-dancing Spirit, come, sweep us off our feet and dance us through our days. Surprise us with your rhythms, dare us to try new steps, explore new patterns and new adventures. And in the intervals, rest us in your still center.

*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

Fugue in E Minor
by Johann Pachelbel



**Today's altar flowers are by
the congregation in honor of
Pastor Michelle!**

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month!

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 391

Unison

1 Will you let me be your ser- vant,
 2 We are pil- grims on a jour- ney,
 3 I will hold the Christ- light for you,
 4 I will weep when you are weep- ing,
 5 When we sing to God and heav- en,

let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might
 here to- geth- er on the road; we are here to
 in the night- time of your fear; I will hold my
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your
 we shall find such har- mo- ny, born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser- vant too.
 help each oth- er walk the mile and bear the load.
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour- ney through.
 known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o- ny.

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OCTOBER FOR
KINDERCOTTAGE

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

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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

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

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Marilyn Dinkelman
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
John Vander Plum, friend of
Lou Ann Niemann



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SAT. NOV 16 7PM

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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 6, 2024	97 + Online Participants
October 8, 2024	85 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	10/12/2024
Operating	\$ 18,681.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,305.00
	\$ 20,986.00
Giving YTD	\$269,297.01
	*large donation
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 313,177.27
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29

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