



*Our World...*  
**Always in  
Motion!**

**Sunday, October 27, 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 27, 2024 9:00 am  
23rd 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> .....	Roger Harris

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
Lowell Mason, arr. Brad Nix

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-5,14 adapted)

One: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**Many: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.**

One: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Many: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.**

One: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**Many: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that we know very well.**

**All: We celebrate with you as we are wonderfully made in your image!**

### INVOCATION (based on Deuteronomy 5:12 - UNISON)

**We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.” Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# 507 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

C G Em Am D7 G Am Em F C Am Dm G C

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

C G Em Am D7 G Am Em F C Am Dm G7 C

our help - er he, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 we not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid - eth.

C Am  $\frac{G}{B}$  D7 G C  $\frac{G}{B}$  C F  $\frac{Bdim}{D}$  Am  $\frac{E}{G\#}$  Am  $\frac{E}{B}$   $\frac{Am}{C}$  D7

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his  
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en -  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may

G F  $\frac{F}{A}$  C7  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Dm E Am Em F C Am Dm G7 C

great, and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 kill: God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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

Pastoral Leader: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace. *(A short moment of silence.)*

**All: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Scripture tells us "Light will shine out of darkness," and though we may be "afflicted in every way, we are not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair" and when we turn to God for blessed grace; grace is always granted. Amen.

### **UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON)**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

### **ANTHEM**

*And I Will Praise Thee, O God!*  
by Mary Lynn Lightfoot  
Sanctuary Choir

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:21-3:6

## SERMON

Always Reforming

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

We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

## COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Chorale*

Gordon Young



### \*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)

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Love Devine, All Loves Excelling*

*(next page)*

### \*COMMISSIONING

Dear friends, we have been renewed in this Sabbath day with the love of God who created us, God who redeemed us, and God who sustains us. Go in peace, sharing the Good News. Amen.

# 358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

B $\flat$  Eb B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$  F Eb B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less let us be;

E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7 F $\sharp$ dim7 Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest.  
 sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee:

Gm Gm B $\flat$  D7 Gm D B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F C7 F7

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
 Take a-way the love of sin-ning, Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,  
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7 F $\sharp$ dim7 Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$

vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 pray and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

**\*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**

*He Hideth My Soul*

William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Mark Hayes

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Special Congregational  
Meeting to discuss  
roof replacement!

Sunday, October 27  
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St. Paul UCC - Genesis Room

September 3 – November 19, 2024

# For Your Prayers

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Lori Coleman                              | Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter       | James Whitmarsh, nephew of Jan Friedrich    |
| Carol Hotz                                | Hector Rivera                                   | Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas  |
| Marilyn Dinkelman                         | Lou Ann Niemann                                 | John Vander Plum, friend of Lou Ann Niemann |
| Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms | Cheryl Cooper                                   | Jeff Lutz, brother in law of Debbie Lippert |
| Tim Ritter                                | Debbie Price                                    | Karen Keuss                                 |
| Laura (Phillips) Howie                    | Christopher Mitchell                            |                                             |
| Betty Rieso                               | Audrey Krummrich                                |                                             |
| Larry Walton                              | Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller |                                             |
| Wayne Caughman                            |                                                 |                                             |



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*40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Season Presents*

## Danielle Long

Mezzo Soprano

*Gail Long*  
Piano

Sunday,  
Nov. 3, 2024,  
at 3:00 p.m.  
in St. Paul's  
Sanctuary.

Come celebrate the second concert of our 40<sup>th</sup> Season.  
The concert is free and open to the public.  
A free will offering will be greatly appreciated. Light refreshments following.  
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**Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service**

October 13, 2024	74 + Online Participants
October 15, 2023	82 + Online Participants

<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	<b>10/19/2024</b>
Operating	\$ 4,509.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,090.00
	\$ 5,599.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$274,896.01</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 320,815.74
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>

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