



Sunday, November 10, 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

November 10, 2024 9:00 am
25th 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>	Karen Keuss

WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Prayer for the Nation
By Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We, who are thirsty, long for water.

All: God will cause water to spring up for us.

One: We, who are weak, long for strength.

All: God will strengthen our hearts and bodies.

One: We, who are broken, long for restoration.

All: God will bring the pieces of our world together.

One: Let us Imagine Together:

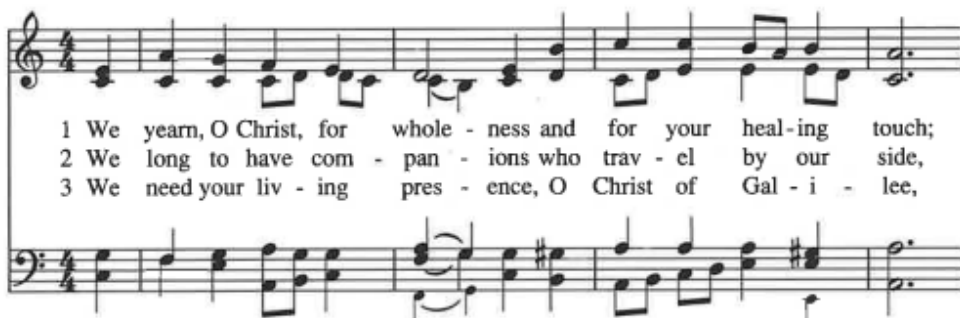
All: A World Made Whole

INVOCATION (Unison)

God of Healing and Hope, you call us to imagine together. But, imagining can be a difficult task; and together is even more challenging. Holy One, we need your expanding strength, so that miracles may happen in our midst; that people may come together across divides, and that the very earth itself may be made whole. Amen.

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Liturgy written by Rev. Amber Neuroth for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign Resources. Benediction from the UCC Book of Worship.

*OPENING HYMN *We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness*



1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

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

Holy God, it is so easy for us to focus on what is broken, lamenting that it may never be fixed. Forgive us when our laments turn to obsessions that hold us down and make brokenness a self-fulfilling prophecy. Remind us that you are a God who restores. Renew our hearts for imagination again today. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Restoration is part of God's plan for us. God is healing the broken pieces of our lives and communities, causing flowers to spring up in deserts and making weak hands strong. That gift of incredible power and love is for you. Amen.

ANTHEM

Peace Like A River, Kum Ba Yah
arr. Jean Anne Shafferman
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17:8-24 & John 15:1-17

SERMON

Beyond a Mindset of Scarcity 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

If you could imagine something broken being made whole, what would that look like? How would it feel? We are partners with God in working for that restoration and wholeness. As we share our offerings and our prayers, add your imagination about something restored as your special blessing in this Stewardship Season.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Give Me Jesus
Traditional American Spiritual
Arr. by Mark Hayes

***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)**

God of Repair and Restoration, we are so grateful for all the miracles that you have given us- our lives, our livelihoods, and this community of faith. We pray that you would use these gifts to continue making miracles. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Come to Me the Master Said* (See page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**

Imagining together a world made whole is the first step. Once we imagine it, we can believe it. Once we believe it, we can work for it. Go now, with God's peace, seeking restoration in the world. Amen.

***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 *Festive Voluntary*
by Robert Lau



COMING SOON
WICKED

Youth, Families, and Young Adults

Join us on November 23 at the Edge to see *Wicked* and conversation afterwards. More information to come. Contact Pastor Michelle with questions!



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1st
3-5 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

O Come to Me, the Master Said 346

Em C D G Em D G D7 G Am C Dsus D

1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;
 2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;
 3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,

G/B C2 C Am7 D G/B A7/E D G/B D7/A G G/B C Am Em

and I shall be, the Mas-ter said, your bread of life in - deed.
 my life shall be, the Mas-ter said, poured out for you as wine.
 and yours shall be, the Mas-ter said, the life that nev - er ends.

Bm Em D7/F# G Am/C D G G/B G D7/A B C Dsus D

By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,
 His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,
 And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,

G/B C2 C Am G A7/E D G/B D7/A G Bm C Am Em

and all his love and good-ness know, for so the Mas-ter said.
 who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas-ter said.
 the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas-ter said.



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 Tim Ritter
 Laura (Phillips) Howie
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 Larry Walton
 Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
 Tim Ritter
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 Marlene Mueller

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 Jan Friedrich
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Culinaires' Breakfast

Sunday December 15!

IN HERITAGE HALL
FOLLOWING SUNDAY
SERVICE!

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 27, 2024 85 + Online Participants
 October 29, 2023 84 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	11/1/2024
Operating	\$ 2,081.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
	\$ 2,086.00
Giving YTD	\$283,096.01
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 336,092.68
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29



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