



**Sunday, November 24, 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 24, 2024 9:00 am

27th 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> .....	Peggy Burke

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Celebrate the Joy*  
by Douglas E. Wagner  
Glory Ringers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come today with questions.

**All: The presence of God is with us.**

One: We come today with doubts.

**All: The strength of Christ is with us.**

One: We come today hoping for transformation.

**All: The inspiration of the Spirit is with us.**

One: Imagine Together:

**All: Vitality!**

## INVOCATION (Unison)

**Living God, we know that all good gifts come from you. We believe in the strength of your Spirit to bring healing and renewal. We long for that vitality in our bodies, minds, and communities. Yet, it is so easy for us to feel discouraged when we are tired or overwhelmed. Rush into our worship today. Help us to see ourselves through your eyes, through water and Spirit. Encourage us as we Imagine Together. Amen.**

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Liturgy written by Rev. Amber Neuroth for the UCC Stewardship materials. Benediction and New Member liturgy from the UCC Book of Worship.

\*OPENING HYMN

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*  
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

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WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)  
MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

FAITHFULNESS  
11.10.11.10.Ref.

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

**God of Spirit and Truth, we admit that it is difficult to imagine vitality. It feels like there are so many barriers between us and revitalization. Vitality seems like one more elusive thing we just can't reach, and so we don't even try. Forgive our cynicism and despair. Remind us that our hopes and dreams are worthy of your blessing and new birth is always possible. Amen.**

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

God is always doing new things! Resurrection isn't just a story from the past, it is a gift for us today. We get to make mistakes. We get to try again and again. And no matter what, we get to experience the overwhelming peace and love of God. In that great love, we can imagine together. Amen.

### **WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER**

Rev. Jerry Bennett

Invitation

Questions of the Candidate

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**All: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Address and Question about Participation

Welcome and Reception

Unison Welcoming Statement

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Greeting of Christian Love

**ANTHEM**

*How Great Is the Lord*

by Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 6:26-30

**SERMON**

Imagine Together: Find the Wonder and Awe

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.**

**CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP: Imagining Together**

**REFLECTION ON GIVING**

The same Spirit that worked in the life of our saints is present in our community now, bringing renewal and vitality and calling us to offer our own gifts.

**COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving*, arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Glory Ringers

**COPIES OF POINSETTIA AND CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL  
ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!**



**\*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)**

**Giving God, you have challenged us to do the work of vitality. It isn't always easy to commit our resources to community and to transformation. We pray that you would bless these gifts that we offer with the wind of your Spirit, so they may blow to the place they are most needed. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *For the Fruit of All Creation*                      (See next page)

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**Go out into the world to find God's vitality all around you. Go and live into all the ways the Spirit has blessed you and made you part of God's grand Story. Go with peace and go with blessing. 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**                      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
arr. Phillip Keveren



**Save the Date: Hanging of the Greens is December 1 at 3pm!**

# 723 For the Fruit of All Creation

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

Bb D F C Bb D Bb F C7 G F C7 F C7 Dm Bbmaj9 Gm Bb

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

F C C F Fmaj7 Bb Bb G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Marilyn Dinkelmann  
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of  
Arline Worms  
Tim Ritter  
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  
Karen Keuss

Mike Llamas, brother in law of  
Mimi Llamas  
Jeff Lutz, brother in law of  
Debbie Lippert  
Sue Sutherland  
Norma Franke  
Richard Gentry, brother of  
Scott Gentry  
Jack Snyder



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**Please join us today at 3:00 pm!**

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

November 10, 2024 86 + Online Participants  
November 12, 2023 99 + Online Participants

*Join us!* **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Concert Series** Season Presents  
**Kevin Chunko**  
Organist  
Sunday,  
Nov. 24, 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 Offerings	11/16/2024
Operating	\$ 6,262.00
Building Fund	\$ 135.00
	\$ 6,397.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$299,585.01</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 351,369.62
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>

**Save the Date: 2025 Budget and Nomination Congregation Meeting is  
December 8 immediately following worship.**



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