



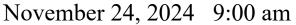
# Sunday, November 24, 2024

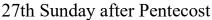
"No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."



# Welcome to Worship

# at St. Paul UCC







TOD	AY'S WORSHIP LEADERS
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	
Guest Organist/Pianist	Lynda Marshall
	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.

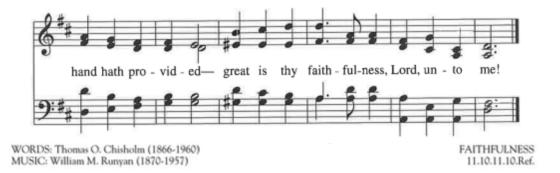
One: Imagine Together:

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.





\*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





#### \***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



# For Your Pravers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz Marilyn Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre, daughter of

Arline Worms Tim Ritter

Betty Rieso Larry Walton

Wavne 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 Richard Gentry, brother of

Marlene Mueller

James Whitmarsh, nephew of

Jan Friedrich Karen Keuss

Mike Llamas, brother in law of

Mimi Llamas

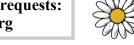
Jeff Lutz, brother in law of

Debbie Lippert Sue Sutherland Norma Franke

Scott Gentry Jack Snyder



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





Come celebrate the second concert of our 40th Season. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be greatly appreciated. Light refreshments following.

Organist

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Sanctuary.



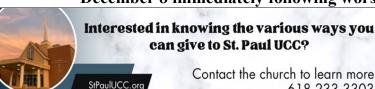
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#### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

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

Weekly Offerings		11/16/2024
Operating	\$	6,262.00
Building Fund	\$	135.00
	\$	6,397.00
Giving YTD	\$2	299,585.01
Weekly Budget	\$	7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ :	351,369.62
Total Budget	S:	397,200.29

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



Contact the church to learn more: 618.233.3303

