



**Sunday, November 3, 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 3, 2024 9:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Totenfest

## 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> .....	Donna Davis

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
by Dale Wood/Gilbert M. Martin

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Holy One as long as we live.

**Many: Praise the Creator, who makes our days, who trails our paths, and who gives us breath.**

One: Praise the Holy One with our whole selves—mind, body, and soul.

**Many: Trust in wisdom and honor, truth and love, grace and mercy.**

One: Praise the Holy One for God is just, generous, compassionate, liberating, and near.

**Many: The Holy One reigns, lifting up the lowly, humbling, the proud, and sustaining the righteous from generation to generation. Praise God!**

## INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, what joy it is to know your name. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence.

Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us.

Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love to your glory. In your name, we pray. Amen.

## \*OPENING HYMN

*For All The Saints*

(See pages 4 & 5)

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

**Righteous One, write your commandments on our hearts...not as a list of do's and don'ts but as a vision of the people who can be, the lives we may live, and the world we may create. Write care and wholeness of those with unmet needs and revelation and understanding to those oblivious to the truth. Emblazon your law of love in our hearts, on our lips, and in our journey. Transform us with your love so that we may reflect your love toward our neighbor and toward ourselves. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Beloved, you are loved, and you have power to choose love in every moment and every encounter. Love has the power to lift, to heal, and to change. Let Holy Love move the mountains before you and the valleys within you.

**TOTENFEST SERVICE**

*Totenfest is a word created by the Evangelical church when it was formed in 19th century Prussia. The word refers to the liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year.*

Holy God, meet us here in this place as we mourn those who have died this year--children, parents, aunts and uncles, siblings and grandparents, spouses, significant others and friends.

*Names of our loved ones who have died in the past year that we have included in the insert will now be read. As the names are read, a bell will ring in memory of the one who has died.*

Holy God of wind and fire: dance through this room today.

Holy God of earthquakes and illness: share our tears of sadness and pain.

Holy God of creation and new beginnings: show us again your vision of healing and wholeness.

**ANTHEM**

*Lux Aeterna, from Requiem*

by John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

*Translation: Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, with your saints for ever, for you are merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## For All the Saints

*Unison, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.*

G Cmaj7 D7 Em G/B C G/B Am D G

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou,  
5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through

D/F# A7/E D G/B D/F# Gmaj7 A7 D D/C

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, the

G/B C G/B Am7 G G/F# C/E D/F# G G/B D

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

G/B G7 C Am7 G/B Em C G/B Am7 G/B Dsus D7 G

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, verses 3 and 4.

$\frac{G}{B}$  Cmaj7 D7 Em  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am7 D G  
 3 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,

$\frac{D}{F\#}$  Bm7 C#dim D  $\frac{D}{C\#}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Gmaj7 A7 D  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine.  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,

$\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  G  $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{G}{B}$  D  
 Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.

to verses 5 and 6

$\frac{G}{B}$  C Am7  $\frac{G}{B}$  Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  A1 - C  $\frac{G}{D}$  Am7 D G  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 12:28-34 &amp; Ruth 1:1-18

**SERMON**

The Essence of Everything

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**

The call to generosity is a charge to love with our resources in material ways. When we give from our abundance, we express our gratitude to God our Provider, we assert our trust in God our Sustainer, and we affirm our communal commitments to God our Creator. Let us give from love in action and in energy, in spirit and in truth, in hope and in expectation that the God's Realm comes when we choose to live it.

**\*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)****Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our ministries, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.****CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION****Sentences of Invitation****Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance**

## **Distribution of the Elements**

*All are welcome at the Table of Christ! Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew, please raise your hand.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for the times we spent with our loved ones here at this table, and we thank you that this table is a reminder of our love for you, God. Accompany us into the world with peace in our hearts and strength in the days to come. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      (See page 8)

## **\*COMMISSIONING**

When love reigns, the world will change.  
Be the love that the world needs  
For the Realm of God to become our beloved realm.  
Go, in the assurance that the God of Love,  
Who is Love, is with you.

## **\*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**

*Triumphant Finale*  
Thomas Bliss

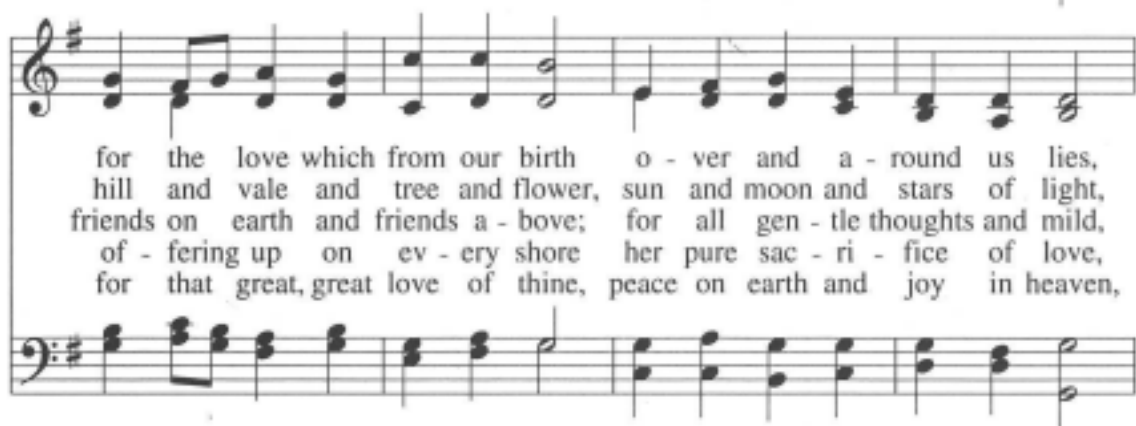


# For the Beauty of the Earth

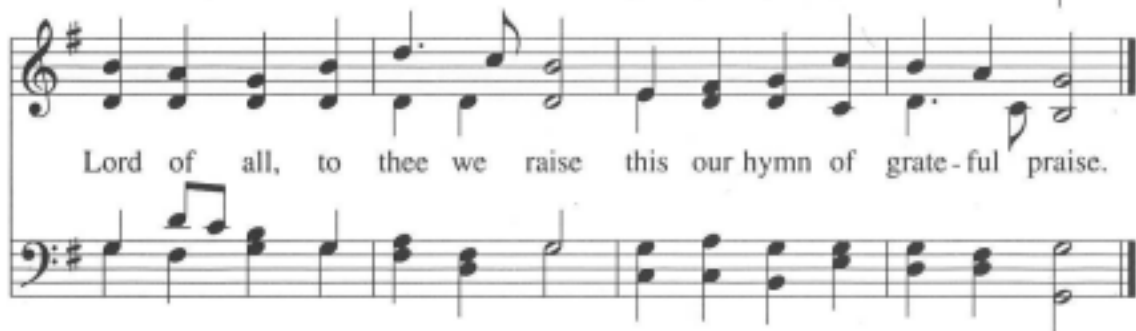
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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Fulliott S. Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.  
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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Sign Up sheets are available  
in the Welcome Center!

We hope you will join us this  
afternoon for a Fine Arts Concert!



Save the Date!

WITH HOST  
MICHAEL WAGNER!

**ST. PAUL UCC  
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NIGHT**

**SAT. NOV 16  
7PM**

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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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THE WOMEN'S GUILD IS  
COLLECTING PAPER  
GROCERY BAGS FOR NEXT  
YEAR'S RUMMAGE SALES.  
PLEASE PLACE THEM ON  
THE SHELF IN THE  
HALLWAY BY  
HERITAGE HALL



COMING SOON



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!



IT'S TIME TO ORDER

# POINSETTIA'S

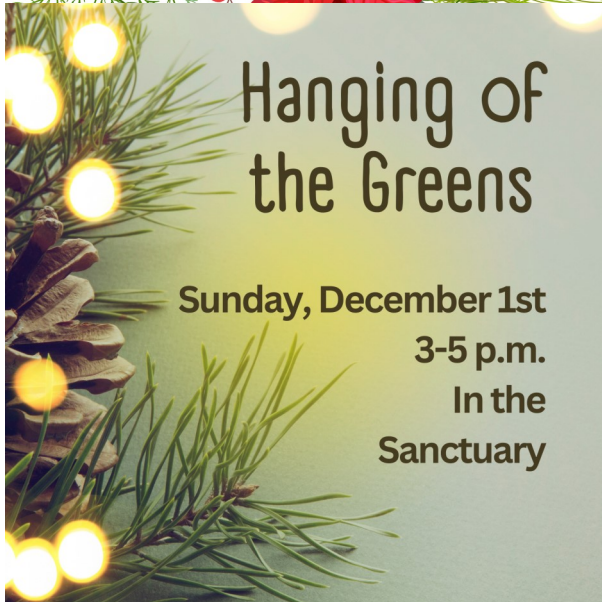
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\$12.00

EACH 6.5" POT COVERED WITH FOIL WILL HAVE  
10 OR MORE BLOOMS. ORDER BY 12/1/24

YOU MAY MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR ORDER  
TO THE OFFICE.



## Hanging of the Greens

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



## Culinares' Breakfast

Sunday  
December 15!

IN HERITAGE HALL  
FOLLOWING SUNDAY  
SERVICE!





# Star Tree

**The Star Tree is coming soon!**

Every year we receive a list of families at Franklin School who need help to make their children have a merry and bright Christmas.

Please consider taking a star(s) to help!

**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**



## **ST. PAUL UCC MISSION BOARD IS ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS FOR FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Money collected will be given to Franklin Neighborhood Association to purchase holiday food baskets for those in need! Please consider donating and help others have a blessed holiday. Please send in your donations to St. Paul UCC by December 8th. Please make checks payable to their full name of Franklin Neighborhood Association.

## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
 Carol Hotz  
 Marilyn Dinkelmann  
 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  
 Jeff Lutz, brother in law of  
 Debbie Lippert  
 Karen Keuss



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### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 20, 2024    100 + Online Participants  
 October 22, 2023    81 + Online Participants

<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	<b>10/26/2024</b>
Operating	\$ 5,729.00
Building Fund	\$ 385.00
	<u>\$ 6,114.00</u>
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$281,010.01</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 328,454.21
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>



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