

# Open to All



**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

"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

January 19, 2025 9:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Fred Hotz

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*A Quiet Meditation*, by David H. Hegarty

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, beloved of God, to remember who you are and whose you are.

**Many: God in Christ, has named us all “Beloved.”**

One: Yes, here and now, God’s heaven of love is being poured out anew.

**Many: May this motion of the Holy One, shape our hearts and minds.**

One: May it brighten the Epiphany light in us and the whole creation.

**Many: And may it shape our words and work into good news for the world!**

## INVOCATION (Unison)

**Holy One, awaken us again to Your outpouring Spirit of Love. Through this generous gift, stretch our souls wide and form us into channels of your healing grace. Gift us with an ability to recognize You in each other, all imprinted with Your beloved blessing. Clarify our intentions, purify our actions, fill our words with grace and our hearts with hope. Yes, soak our thinking, our praying, our hoping, our everything in You. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Borning Cry*

*(See pages 4 & 5)*

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

Loving God, let me enter again Your baptismal river of grace. Let it soak every stain attached to the fabric of my life and longings. Cleanse every distracting impulse luring me away from You who are my heart's deepest desire. Let no urgency be more important than Your forgiving love, always transforming. Today, help me choose you above every temptation that lures me to worship lesser things. By this of You, forgive me, renew me, and grant me the grace promised by You in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Before we thought to turn to God, God already turned toward us in love. The saturating grace of God is trustworthy and true. Our prayers of transformation have been met with God's outpouring of forgiving love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

### **ANTHEM**

*The Sinless One to Jordan Came*  
arr. Frampton/Blickhan  
Sanctuary Choir

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 3:15-22 and Acts 8:26-40

### **SERMON**

Open to All

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 outpouring of God's spirit described in the baptism of Jesus reminds us that God's very nature is generous, self-giving love. It is the source of our deepest joy. When we open our hearts in generous giving, we give space for God's love and joy to grow in us for the good of others. May our hearts be stretched wide by this motion of the Holy One, as we joyfully bring our gifts.

### **COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart,*  
Hymn Tune: Morecambe, by F.C. Atkinson, Setting by Mark Hayes

## Borning Cry

*Unison*      G      Gmaj7      Am/G      G      Am/G      Gmaj7      Am/G

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you heard the won - der of the Word I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you

G      Am/G      G      C/E      Am7      D7sus      D7      G (Fine)

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

C      G/B      Am      G

I was there when you were but a child with a  
 If you find some - one to share your time, and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

*Borning Cry, continued*

Am D D9 G Am G/B C2 Am6/C

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wear - y eyes, I'll be there as I have

Bm7 Em A G/A F#m/A Em/A D D7

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *D.C. (vs. 1) al fine*

**\*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 Gracious God, we thank you for the invitation to grow through giving, made possible by Your outpouring spirit. May these gifts we bring be used to form ever-new blessings in this congregation and around the world. And may our lives be the instruments of love and joy you desire. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *Shall We Gather at the River (See page 7)*

## \*COMMISSIONING

Remember that your first name is Beloved, given to you by God before any other name. Remember also it is the name given to every human being. May this blessed gift and claim of God grow in your heart and mind. And may it flow through you as a blessing into the life of the world. Blessings on you, Beloved! Amen and 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

*Chorale and Variation on "O God, My Faithful God"*

(Auf meinen Lieben Gott)

setting by Georg Kauffmann

*Today's altar flowers and music are in honor of*

# Osceola Mueller



*Happy Birthday with love from  
St. Paul Music Ministry*



## SOUPER-BOWL OF CARING

Bring in your non-perishable food items  
on Sunday's in February!

February 2, 9, 16 & 23

for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

### CANNED ITEMS NEEDED (preferably pull tops):

Tuna, chicken, ravioli, SpaghettiO's,  
chili with beans, Chunky soups!

Boxes are marked in the Welcome Center to  
cheer on your favorite team with your donations.

Thank you for participating!



# Shall We Gather at the River 522

D A7

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have  
 2 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den  
 3 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

A D

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing  
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -  
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

A A7 D Refrain G

by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the  
 vide a robe and crown.  
 mel - o - dy of peace.

D A7 D

riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

G D A A7 D

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Marilyn Dinkelmann  
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of  
Arline Worms  
Tim Ritter  
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  
Sue Sutherland

Norma Franke  
Jennifer Wick, daughter of  
Stephenie Bauza  
Richard Gentry, brother of Scott  
Gentry  
Jack Snyder  
Venita Jane Rogers  
The loved ones of  
Rev. Jerry Bennett



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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



### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

December 29, 2024	93 + Online Participants
December 31, 2023	92 + Online Participants

### Weekly Offerings 1/3/2025

Operating	\$ 1,923.90
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
	\$ 1,963.90
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$375,939.26</b>

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 397,200.29
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>

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