



Sunday, May 11, 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

May 11, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Vater unser in Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven)

by Martin Luther/J.S. Bach

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Through your resurrection, Light of the World, we find one another. Through your resurrection, we see our neighbors and ourselves as you see us. Continue to open us to new people, new places, new possibilities, and new prospects. May our hearts reach beyond this sanctuary, building a new heaven and new earth where your light never dies. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

(See next page)

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION (UNISON)**

Faithful God, there are times that we wander away from you. We know, O God, that our doubts and questions can be good and can lead us back to you, but our apathy can be toxic to our relationship. *How does our indifference separate us from you?* Guide us, O God, to include you as we seek our questions. Even if we do not find the answers, encourage us to keep seeking as this is part of the journey. Turn us back, O God, when we become apathetic and indifferent. May we work together as we journey with you and our neighbors. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 289

G G₇ G G₇ D₇ G₇ D₇ C₇ G₇ B₇ D₇ A₇ G₇ G₇ D₇ D

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

G C₇ G₇ G₇ C₇ C₇ C₇ Δ_m C₇ G₇ D₇ G₇ D₇ G

sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;

D G₇ D G₇ D G₇ D₇ B₇ B₇ Em A D

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

G C₇ G₇ G₇ C₇ C₇ C₇ Δ_m C₇ G₇ D₇ G₇ D₇ G

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 foot - steps show, Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 prayer in you and you in me?
 mean in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God encircles us and draws us in with the nets of grace. May we embrace the mercy and love always shared with us by our beloved Creator!

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Donald P. Moore

Sanctuary Choir

MISSION MOMENT

Pastor Michelle's Sabbatical

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11 & John 21:1-19

Fred Hotz

SERMON

Casting the Nets

Pastor Michelle

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

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

In a world that lives out of scarcity, you call us to a life of abundance. You offer grace and mercy. You heal us. You carry us. In you, we live. In you, we move. In you, we are made whole. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Meditation
by Roy Danielson

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

**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)

Sweet Spirit of All Possibilities, you have bestowed gifts upon each of us. Whether we have a basket full of fish or an empty net waiting in the water, we know we have something to give back to you in the form of time or talent or treasure. Expand our hearts to seek out unexpected and innovative ways to kindle the wonders of your world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

(See pages 4 & 5)

*COMMISSIONING

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May we love the world as God has loved us. May we be peace. May we be love. May God's mercy be present among us. 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

Finale
by C.L. Koch

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Mother's Day

HONOR ROLL

In Honor of:

Janice Friedrich, by Gary Friedrich
Lee-Alison E. Wilson, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Amanda Friedrich, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Amy Florek, by Sandy Wagner
My mother, Laureen Torigian, by Pastor Michelle

In Memory of:

Esther Koch, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Genieveve M. Friedrich, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Esther Koch, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
In loving memory of our mothers, Ina Wissehr & Ruth Ann Erdmann,
by Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann
Billy Ruth Pelc, by The Shelton Family and The Gentry Family
My mother, Martha M. Culley, by Jane Bonaldi
My mother, Cleo Kurrus, by Judy Koch
My mother, Marilyn Hoelscher, by Jerry Pierce
My mother, Zelma I. Hood, my mother-in-law, Alta D. Nettleton
and my aunt, Edna Halfacre, by Vi Nettleton
Our mothers, Kay Davinory and Elaine Knaack,
by Sherry Davinroy & Pete Kobernus
Martha Albert, by Carolyn Hazelip & family and Norma Franke & family
Linda Mentzer and Vicki Russelburg, by their families
Our mother's, Esther Brightwell and Margaret Rosenzweig,
by Beverly Brightwell & Dana Rosenzweig
Queenie Emmons & Margaret Torigian,
by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori and family



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz Marilyn Dinkelman Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms Tim Ritter Wayne Caughman Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter	Lou Ann Niemann Debbie Price Christopher Mitchell Sue Sutherland Audrey Krummrich Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas	Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza Venita Jane Rogers Dorothy Maiworm Luci Bradley JoAnn Elmore Bette Rotert Bennett
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CAMP DUBOIS WORK WEEK

May 12-16

TO DO LIST:

- Build a climbing wall
- Dismantle a deck
- Painting

If you can help, please
 call Roger Harris 618-631-4502.

Weekly Offerings	5/3/2025
Operating	\$ 1,242.00
Building Fund	\$ 520.00
	\$ 1,762.00
Giving YTD	\$ 134,158.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 118,025.08
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

<u>Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service</u>	
April 27, 2025	84 + Online Participants
April 28, 2024	88 + Online Participants

Flowers, music and bulletin sponsorships
 are a lovely way to honor the memory,
 birthday or achievement of your loved one.
 To sign up, you can call the church office.
 Cost is \$35.00.