

You set a table  
for me right in front  
of my enemies.

**Sunday, April 21, 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  
April 21, 2024 9:00 am  
Fourth Sunday after Easter

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Stephenie Bauza

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
(Lobe den Herren)  
Setting by Paul Manz

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

**Many: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.**

One: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

**Many: When we are threatened because of who we are, we can depend on Christ's protection.**

One: We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

**Many: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.**

One: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

**Many: Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.**

### INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Holy God, you sent us Jesus as our comforter and guide. We give you thanks for the ways he cares for us. Help us be empowered to join him in protecting marginalized. We pray this in gratitude for your provision. Amen.**

**Please join us today in Heritage Hall for a Culinaires Breakfast after worship service. This will be the last Culinaires Breakfast until the fall.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# Come, Let Us Praise the Lord 9

C G B C Am Cmaj7 F C G7 C G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his  
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the  
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the  
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D D C G B C G B D7 G C F Bdim D

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your  
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-  
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-  
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C G B C F A C G F E Am Dm C G7 C

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.  
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.  
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.  
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- ); para. Psalm 95  
 MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

DARWALL'S 148th  
 6.6.6.6.4.4.8.

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

**Shepherding Christ, even as you lay down your life for us, we confess our unwillingness to support those in need. Too often, we may be more like the one who runs away in times of trouble. We aren't always bold enough to protect the powerless; following your example is rarely easy or comfortable. Forgive us. Help us lay down our apathy and follow your example. Remind us that we belong to one another, and to you. Amen.**

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

One: Beloved of God, receive this comfort. It is impossible to respond to every need in this complicated world. A full life of faith gives us the grace to lay down our work, take the rest we need, then refocus our energy toward the cause of the oppressed. Rest in the shelter of your Good Shepherd, knowing you can take up the cause again with restored souls.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

Rummage Sale

Susan Relfe

### **ANTHEM**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, arr. Dan Forrest  
Sanctuary Choir

### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 23

### **SERMON**

At the Table with Enemies

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**

Jesus offers us fullness of life, protecting us and advocating for our needs. What will you give to join him in the work of building beloved community in the world?

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

**\*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)**

**Gracious God, thank you for your gift of Jesus Christ, who cares for us and protects us. With these gifts we return to you, help us care for others in our communities and around the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*In the Garden*

(See pages 6 & 7)

**\*COMMISSIONING**

Today you have received the gift of Christ's protective, unceasing love for you. Because you are beloved, may all that you do and all that you are be a reflection of that love. Fight for the powerless, help the weak, and provide for the needy, because Jesus provides for you. 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**

*Carillon on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*  
(Gelobt Sei Gott), Setting by Charles Callahan

### **Upcoming Information Sharing Sessions**

**May 5th - Wills and Trusts**—Dick Erdmann will discuss wills and trusts plus answer your questions including how do I bequeath something to St. Paul.

**June 2nd - Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCDs) and other ways to reduce your taxes**—Ken Nettleton will show you how to reduce your tax burden in ways that can benefit you and St. Paul.

**Please RSVP to the church office (618-233-3303)** to ensure we have enough space for you. The location of each seminar will be announced during the worship service.

Ab Eb Ab Eb Bb C D<sup>b</sup>

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the  
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a - round me be

Ab Eb7 Ab C Eb Ab

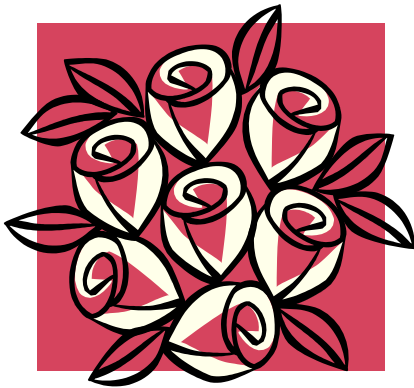
ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the  
 sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -  
 fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

B<sup>b</sup>7 Gm B<sup>b</sup>7 Eb Ab Eb7 Refrain Ab

Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 voice to me is call - ing.

E<sup>b</sup>7 B<sup>b</sup> Eb7 Eb9 Ab

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the



**St. Paul Friends announces**  
 the annual observance of,  
**Kentucky Derby Day:**  
**The Run for The Roses**  
**Saturday May 4 @ 3:00 P.M.**  
 At the home of Lyn and Kris Mueller  
 429 Weatherstone Dr.  
 Belleville 62221  
 Bring a favorite beverage, an  
 appetizer to share and \$10.00 for  
 “The Good of the Cause.”

**Equinox Chamber Players**  
 presents **“A Walk in Springtime”**  
 free concert

Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm in  
 St. Paul UCC Heritage Hall  
 115 West B Street, Belleville.

The concert is a part of the  
 St. Paul Fine Arts Series.  
 Light refreshments will  
 follow the program.

**A free-will offering is appreciated.**

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## Archives Artifacts - St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

In 1841, St. Paul leaders held board meetings in their homes. During these sessions certain things were used and paid for by the church. What were they?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinares Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Finance Meeting**-every 2nd Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Mission Meeting**-2nd Sunday after service  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** –Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Women's Guild**-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz Marilyn Dinkelmann Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms Tim Ritter Laura (Phillips) Howie Alec Zaber Hector Rivera Betty Rieso Linda Minton Larry Walton	Wayne Caughman Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter Jerry Hough Lou Ann Niemann Cheryl Cooper Debbie Price Christopher Mitchell The loved ones of Gaye Bettis The loved ones of Georgia Wright
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 618-233-3303 [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

**ANSWER: Coal, light and paper.**



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Contact the church to learn more:  
 618.233.3303



### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 31, 2024	183 + Online Participants
April 2, 2023	98 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings	4/6/2024
Operating	\$ 7,086.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
	\$ 7,131.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 103,661.49</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 106,938.58
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>



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