

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Mark 8

Sunday, September 12, 2021

“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

We are glad you are here!

September 12, 2021 9 am Worship

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor..... Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
Liturgist.....Roger Harris

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *When Love is Found*
 arr. by Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy Wisdom of God-

You call to us from the depths of our hearts, where we long for connection with you and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods, where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories, where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community where Christ Jesus is at the center. Amen.



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***Opening Hymn** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (BOURBON)*
Text: Charles William Everest; Tune:Freeman Lewis

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.



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***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

We long for Wisdom, God, but prefer that it be our own.

We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you.

Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome.

Open our hearts to your Wisdom, that she becomes a companion on the journey. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38

SERMON Ragamuffin Jesus Followers Pastor Michelle

HYMN OF RESPONSE *God, Whose giving Knows No Ending*
(BEACH SPRING)

Text: Robert L. Edwards; Music: The Sacred Harp; harm. James H. Wood
(See page 5)

A PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



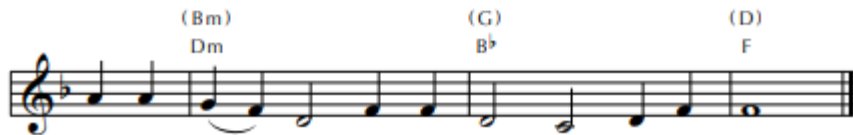
end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,




rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Dance in the Morning (LORD OF THE DANCE)*
 Text: Sydney Carter; Tune: American Shaker Melody


I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm




1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C




danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

(F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (D) F (Bm) Dm

Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) Gm (A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

Open our ears to the struggles around us;
 open our voices to speak out for justice;
 open our hearts to welcome the forgotten;
 open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Let us ponder the challenge of Jesus this week:
 –Who do we say Christ is in our lives, our community, our world?
 Let Holy Wisdom shine through all our pondering,
 and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters.
 Amen.

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

David N. Johnson, arr. by Wayne L. Wold (b.1954)

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

In 1979, on May 11, 12 and 13, our amateur theatre group, The St. Paul Players, presented performances of "Murder in the Cathedral", The location for the performance was in a place that was a natural setting. "Gothic architecture and the action of the play is right in the audience's lap", were some of advertised quotes. The place had sat unused for 10 years.



WHERE IS THIS LOCATION?

This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee & Doughnuts
after worship

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Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler

Walter Beatty

Bev Juenger

Lori Coleman

Julie Nollette

Al Stahl

Luci Bradley

Bob Yung

Audrey Krummrich

Sheila Kronenberger Joyce Maurer

Matt Eckert, son of Mark and Rita, who is currently deployed

The family of Andrew (Andy) Wade,

Bill Wade's brother

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org

or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well-being!

Heritage Hall Answer

Weekly Attendance

9am **Aug 29, 2021** 64 + Online Participants **Aug 30, 2020** 48 Outside Service

Offering for 8/29/2021 - \$4,156.25

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date _____ \$256,121

Budget to.. _____ \$282,870

Total Budget _____ \$420,256