



Sunday, November 19, 2023

"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 19, 2023 9:00 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

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>	Jan Friedrich

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 90)

One: Holy One, you have been our God from generation to generation. Before the universe exploded and the earth was without form, you have been with us.

Many: Creator, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

One: We enter your presence to worship and praise your holy name.

Many: Mighty One, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

One: Teach us to count the days with joy and appreciation for all your marvelous works and steadfast love.

Many: Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Generous God, you pour your Spirit into us. You bless us with your love. In your presence, there is fullness of joy, comfort for those in despair, and peace in the midst of chaos and confusion. You do not abandon us in time of need or of celebration.

We turn toward you now seeking to receive your message, to give you honor, and to commune in your presence. Make yourself known among us, O God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

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

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

God of Blessings and Joy, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Friends, God is merciful and journeys with us as we navigate uncertain terrain. God is still at work in us and through us that we might have flourishing and abundant lives in community with one another. Receive the grace God grants to begin anew when our journey stalls or diverts from the path of Christ's Way. Grace is flowing in this world. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Hoyleton Youth and Family Services Alice Drobisch

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing*, arr. Gwyneth Walker
 Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19

SERMON Delayed Gratitude Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

God trusts us with the resources necessary for all of us to be well and to have our needs met. The Holy One honors us by inviting us to participate in God's reign with the generous sharing of gifts. Let us offer our time, talent, and treasure to the Realm of God.

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)**

Generous God, we bring the gifts of ourselves and our abundance. Magnify and multiply these offerings to meet the needs before us. Continue to cultivate the spirit of generosity among us and make us good stewards as we allocate the use of these gifts in your name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (See next page)

***COMMISSIONING**

Children of God-

As you go on your journey...

Trust in God. Use your talents. Multiply the impact of your gifts. Enter the Holy One's joy. And give much gratitude - even when it's later than expected!

***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 *Improvisation on "We Gather Together"*



723 For the Fruit of All Creation

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

Bb D F C Bb D F Bb F A G C7 F C7 F C7 Dm Bbmaj9 Gm Bb

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

F C F C Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C F Bb Gm C C7 F

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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.

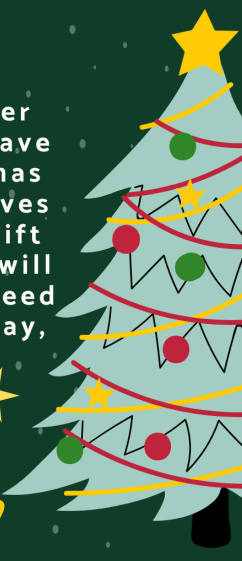
*Please consider donating and help others have a
blessed holiday. Please send in your donations to
St. Paul UCC by December 8th.*

*Please make checks payable to their
full name of **Franklin Neighborhood Association**.*



Star Tree

The Star Tree is coming Sunday November 19th. Please take one or more stars. We have 63 kids who will love to receive a Christmas gift this year. To be sure each child receives a similarly valued gift we recommend a gift value of \$30. If you prefer to donate, we will have elves who shop. Wrapped gifts will need to be returned to the church by Wednesday, December 13th. Thanks for making a difference in these kids lives!!



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

In January of 2000, this pastor “retired” from the visitation duties of his role as Minister of Pastoral Care. He had performed this for years. He remained on staff doing counseling and worship leadership. Who was this man?

Upcoming Events

Church Council meeting-3rd Thursday @ 6pm
Community Dinner-every Tuesday @ 5pm
Culinaires Breakfast-every 3rd Sunday
Executive Council-3rd Monday @ 7pm
Mats for Community-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm
NO MATS ON NOVEMBER 21-resumes Dec. 19th
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
Office Closed for Thanksgiving-November 23 & 24
Hanging of the Greens-December 3 @ 3-6pm

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Scott Martin, son of
Carol Hotz	Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Betty Rieso
Debbie McIntyre,	Linda Mentzer
daughter of Arline	Linda Minton
Worms	Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter	Tim Ritter Jr., son of
Laura Howie, daughter	Sandy & Tim Ritter
of Elgee Phillips	Jerry Hough
Alec Zaber	Peggy Mejas -friend of
Hector Rivera	Mimi Llamas

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ANSWER: Reverend Robert Horn

Weekly Attendance

9AM

October 22, 2023 81 + Online Participants October 23, 2022 70 + Online Participants

Offering 10/28/2023 \$1,526

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to... \$283,018

Budget to... \$327,030

Total Budget \$395,479