



“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!

9 am Worship ~ online

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website-and watched at your convenience), and heard as well as streamed on KSTL-690 AM / Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 233-3303.
- We want to know you that you are listening / watching online!
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828> for online giving or contact the your bank to set up automatic withdrawal.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

WORSHIP LEADERS	
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Faith Formation & Care</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i>	John Posth

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

St. Paul
United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

We come together from our separate lives,
each of us bringing our concerns, our preoccupations,
our hopes, and our dreams.
We are not yet fully present-
World events and family concerns preoccupy our minds.
It is now time to let go of these pressures and really arrive.
When you are ready, repeat silently to yourself: 'Here I am'.
We are here to worship.

INVOCATION

Magnificent God who sees all that we can see and everything that
we cannot, we gather in awe of your vision that is broad and vast.
Be with us now as we worship you. Awaken us to your holiness,
inspire us with your creative power, and peel back our layers of anxiety
and fear. Enliven us to trust fully in your love for us
as we struggle, and strive to be who you call us to be,
in Christ's holy name. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O Wise and Gracious God, we are each a small dot, a pixel, in the picture of your amazing creation. You have designed us to work together. And yet, we continue to separate ourselves, to live as if our strength lies in our individuality. We confess to you that we often find it easier to celebrate our solitude, to thrive on our individual gain, and to seek ways to lift ourselves above the canvas as more important than others.

We pray that you will impress upon us your definition of “one” as together, and that we will seek both the ability and the courage to move away from “one” that is each of us alone. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

We thank you, O God, for your steadfast love and forgiveness. Guide us, we pray, through the life and love you show us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+SONG OF PEACE AND WELCOME

Composer, Paul Vasile

Refrain



With joy _____ and thanks - giv - ing _____ we wel - come _____ you in - to St. Paul church
to _____ share with us _____ in this mi - ni - stry _____ for we are all one in Christ!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Glory to God

Paul Vasile

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat C \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, † with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

SERMON

Shame and Illness

SONG

Neighbor Song
John Posth

Tracy Howe

Neighbor, I am your neighbor
We are in this world together
I don't know all that you're going through
But I hope it will go well
Neighbor, I am your neighbor
We are in this world together
Let's care for one another
Uncertain as it is.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE and the 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 sees all things! God sees our comings and our goings,
our strengths and our weaknesses, our needs and our desires.
God sees in us the potential we do not yet see in ourselves...
...All that we have, all that we give this day already belongs to
God. We ask our Divine Giver to bless these, our gifts, and give
us vision to use them to glorify God and build God's world.
Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

+BENEDICTION

An Irish Blessing

One: “May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God’s hand.” Amen!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Information about today’s service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded .

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Opening Prayer, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance

of Grace, and Reflection on Giving based on **God’s Vision is Broad and Vast: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**
written by the Rev. Kim Wood, Acting Associate Conference Minister, Illinois Conference, UCC.

Entry into Worship Based on https://www.rexachuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_a_liturgy_collection/year_a_lenteaster/lent3a1532020.html



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News & Notes

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REMEMBER ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE with your weekly offering!

What better time than now to utilize our Online Giving. You can access Online Giving from the stpaulucc.org website and click on Online Giving

OR

Just type in <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828>

OR

Call your bank and ask them to send a check automatically to the church.

This will enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even when services are cancelled.

If you have any question feel free to email Stephenie Bauza in the Church office at bauzas@stpaulucc.org .

WASH YOUR
HANDS AND
SAY YOUR
PRAYERS
— 'CAUSE —
JESUS & GERMS
ARE EVERYWHERE!

The Community Interfaith Food Pantry is taking applications for the following VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

*** Assistant Treasurer**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Participate in Board meetings
- Serve on Committees as appointed
- Report regularly to their church member
- Promote and recruit volunteers to work at CIFP
- Notify their church of CIFP's financial status
- Actively participate in CIFP governance

Qualifications

- Appointment by their church member
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals
- Willingness to support the mission of CIFP

*** Procurement Director**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Assist the Treasurer by performing those duties in writing
- In absence of Treasurer, assume Treasurer duties
- Report to the President as necessary

Qualifications

- Member of the Board of Governors
- Excellent math and interpersonal skills
- Ability to execute tasks and plans independently
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals

*** Board of Governors member**

Functions and Duties of the Job

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*** Board Representative**

Each Church requires 2 church representatives

- Jim Young is one St. Paul representative
- Only one rep need to attend meetings on the 4th Thurs of month at 6:15pm

Interested parties should contact Dan or Mike at the CIFP at 355-9199.

St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program will begin enrolling children for the 2020-2021 school year. Openings are available for children two through five years of age. Classes meet various days/week Monday through Friday from 9:40-1:00.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please call Rachel Budko at 618-355-1058 or rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org for more information.



