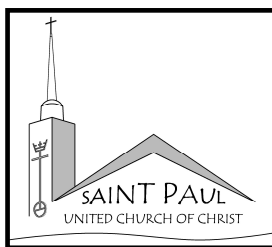
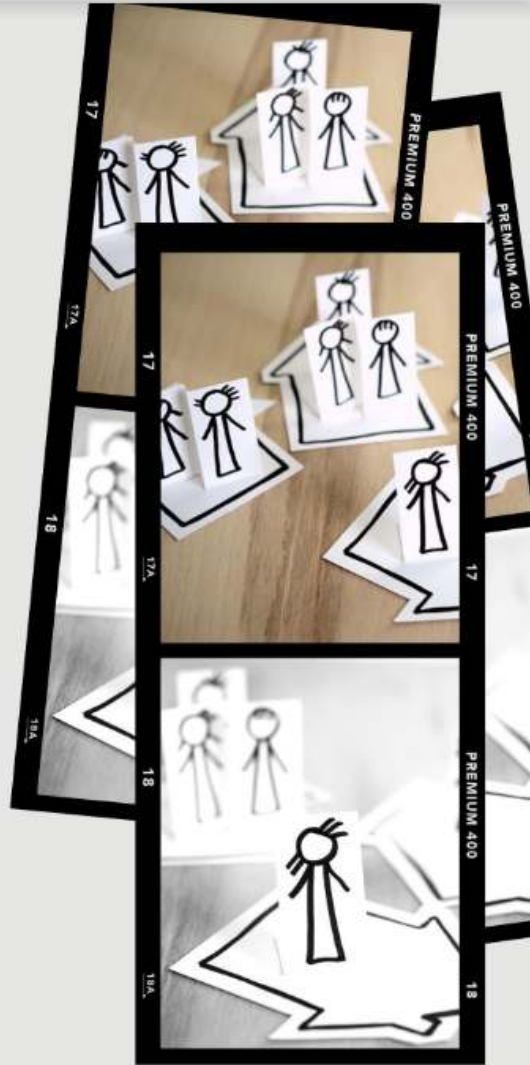


Abiding with God in the New Normal



“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 Virtual 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 on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on 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 church office 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



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

***St. Paul
United Church of Christ***

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE God's Time is the Best from Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106
John Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

Your space was prepared for you.
In this time, you are where you need to be.
Embrace the Spirit sent by God
in our quarantine dwellings.
Receive the gift of refuge, knowing that God is near.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Release the worry and abide in God.

INVOCATION

Divine Architect, as we abide in our homes, we wonder what will come next. We grieve what we have left behind, and we mourn the life we are no longer living. Fill us with a new Spirit, that we can vision a future filled with joy. May we spend this time rejoicing in the power of Divine Hope, knowing that your presence is forever with us, God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN How Firm a Foundation (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

Have we forgotten about you God? Have we turned our eyes away from your presence? In this time, we have welcomed crutches to endure this time of loneliness and uncertainty. We have forgotten that you are our Great Supplier of Hope and Root of All Faith. May we begin to invest our trust in you instead of false idols. May we begin to adopt the practice of gratitude in our daily lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The steadfast love of God journeys with us forever - in the peaks and valleys of our pilgrimage. May we embrace the grace which stems from God's love. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM Womb of Life and Source of Being (HOLY MANNA)
Text by Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

Chancel Choir



1 Womb of life and source of being home of ev - 'ry rest-less heart,
2 Word in flesh, our bro - ther Je - sus, born to bring us se - cond birth,
3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner be our friend.
4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly Son:

1 in your arms the world a - wa - kened; you have loved us from the start,
you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.
When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us, whose we - are, what we in - tend.
we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in - three and three - in - one.

9 We, your chil - dren gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare.
Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death,
La - bor with us; aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be,
We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new,

11 Shar - ing sto - ries, tears, and laughter we are nur - tured by your care, _____
ri - sen Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spi - rit by your breath, _____
free of ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty, _____
ev - er, sing - ing, ev - er praising, one with all, and one with you, _____

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-21

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Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

SERMON

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A MOTHER'S AND MOTHERING DAY PRAYER

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 God, we seek our refuge. In our Divine Architect, we find our wisdom. Even in this season of the unknown, God is caring for us. And we are called to give what we have to care for our church, our community, and our world. We are nudged to give what we can to share the Good News of God's unconditional and steadfast love for each of us.

In a spirit of thanksgiving, we pray together-
Holy God, Divine Architect, in your presence we find a peaceful refuge. In your presence, we are called to keep your commandments to love our neighbor as ourselves. Give us the courage and strength to carry your light into our communities and world with the talents, time, and treasures you have bestowed upon us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Compass in unsure times, Amen.

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

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Biblical References: Psalm 13:1-2; John 14:18; 1 John 4:7, 8, 18

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CLOSING HYMN *God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger* (IN BABILONE)

Tune: Traditional Dutch melody ("There's a Wideness in God's Mercy")

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1 God, we've known such grief and anger
As we've heard your people cry.
We have asked you, "How much longer?"
We have sadly wondered, "Why?"
In this world of so much suffering,
May we hear your word anew:
"I will never leave you orphaned;
I will not abandon you."

3 Hope is ours for, God, you love us!
You have claimed us by your grace.
And through Jesus, you have called us
To bring hope to every place.
In each rescue worker's caring,
In each faithful volunteer,
In each Christian's love and sharing,
God, we glimpse your kingdom here.

2 By your grace comes resurrection;
By your love, you cast out fear.
You give strength and sure direction
As we seek to serve you here.
You give comfort to the grieving,
And you bless the ones who mourn.
May we trust in you, believing
Out of chaos, hope is born.

BENEDICTION

As we dream of a future with hope,
we seek our refuge in God.
We find enduring comfort in the Holy Spirit.
We embrace the peace furnished by Jesus the Christ.
We will not let our hearts be troubled or afraid.
As the steadfast presence of the Divine is in our midst,
we are given the vision to look ahead to the future
with love and hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Thine Is The Glory

George Frederick Handel (1685 - 1759)



Happy Mother's Day!



In Memory

In memory of my mom Joyce Hoercher by Terry and Debbie Meyer.

In memory of my mom Genelda Winner by Terry and Debbie Meyer.

In memory of my moms Alice Mueller and Bernice Mueller by Marlene Mueller.

In memory of Queenie Emmons from Laureen Torigian and family.

In memory of Margaret Torigian from Laureen Torigian and family.

In loving memory of my mother, Marylin Hoelscher given by Jerry Pierce-Heisler.

In Honor

In honor of my Godmother Rosemary Henke by Debbie Meyer.

In honor of my mother Laureen Torigian by Rev Michelle Torigian.

In honor of Judy Saeger from Staci, Josh, Matt, Margaret and Scott.

In honor of our daughters Rosalie and Laura, our daughter in law Maria,
grand daughters Seana and Amanda and grand daughters in law Laura and
Julia, all wonderful mothers by Jeanette and Elgee Phillips.





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News & Notes

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Do you have any requests for the music department? We would like to hear them!

Please email your thoughts and requests to bwade@stpaulucc.org



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.



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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.

If you have any question feel free to email

Stephenie Bauza in the Church office at bauzas@stpaulucc.org .

During this time, we are reaching many congregants and neighbors through our Radio Ministry on Jubilee 690AM. Please consider supporting this ministry financially.

Call 233-3303 or email bauzas@stpaulucc.org if you have any questions.



History with Henke

- June 29, 1957 - The Cornerstone ceremony of the new sanctuary was held.
- June 2, 1980 - Removal of the complex known as Centennial Hall, part of which were built in 1878, were begun. This site was used for the construction of the Activities Center.
- June 22, 1980 - Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Activities Center was held.

This Week

- Sun, May 10 9am Worship - online
10am Zoom Social Hour
- Wed, May 13 5pm Zoom Social Hour

Here is how to stay in touch
with St. Paul!!

- 1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK** -
Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*
- 2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**
- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!
- 3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**
9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm
- 4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**
Call the church office or
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Praying for your health and well-being!

For Your Prayers

Pam Elser
Rosemary Henke
Glenna Krick
Lynn Koehler
Marsha McCoy
Sandy and Tim Ritter
Kenneth Oesterle
Billy Ruth Pelc
Joan Sackmann
Dian Thom
Patricia Valerius
Nancy Vieman

PRAYER REQUESTS
Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
or call 233-3303 / 580-4440
Thank you!

Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am	<u>Apr 26, 2020</u>	<u>Apr 27, 2019</u>
	church online	176/single

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

