

“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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Belleville, Illinois*



Watch videos on YouTube:
[https://www.youtube.com/
stpauluccbelleville](https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville)

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

*St. Paul
United Church of Christ*

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ceremony for Peace

Lauren - St. Paul Middle School Student

**PRAYERS FOR OUR DOCTORS, NURSES AND
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

We can't travel far and wide in the same ways.
Yet as we circle around our yards we see friendly faces saying hello.
May we embrace these neighbors as we embrace the Christ in our
midst. May this time of quarantine be one in which we love more
deeply. May this hour help us to reflect upon our place in our
communities.

INVOCATION

Spirit of Protection, in this time of shadow-filled valleys, may we see
that we are not alone. Through your presence and the souls of our
neighbors, we realize that we are part of your great connection.
Today, we remember the courage of our siblings across our
communities who risk. Fill their hearts with hope. Shield their bodies
from illness and anything that attacks their well-being. May we see
that we are forever connected to them by the Great Vine and your
great love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

(BARK/ONITA)



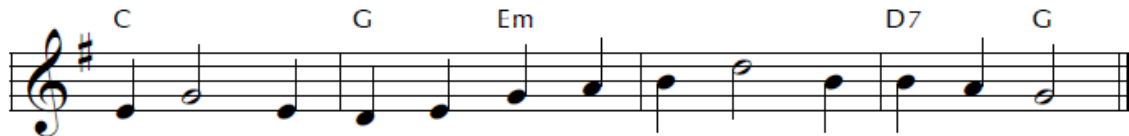
1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Do we appreciate the ones who are willing to lay down their lives for our sake? Do we appreciate our neighbors who are curing, protecting, and rushing to the sides of people taking their last breaths?

Do we see the dread on the faces of those who must work, worrying about this virus and the people to whom they could carry it?

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of the Spaces between Chaos and Order, we often forget the great connection between you and us, and between us and our neighbors. We neglect to see how others are placing their lives on the line for us. We turn our heads instead of hearing about the deaths of our essential workers. Open our hearts to stories and minds to the ways we can support these neighbors. May we become more appreciative of our neighbors who place their lives on the line and risk all they have to keep our world moving. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The God of all Connections will grant us the lens of mercy to see the links between us and our neighbors. The God of all Grace will continue to work with us as we find ways to share gratitude and maybe even place our well-being at risk to help our neighbors. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

Tower of Strength
Chancel Choir

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| 1 I am a tow'r of strength within and without
I am a tow'r of strength within
I am a tow'r of strength within and without
I am a tow'r of strength within | 3 I let ev'ry shackle be loosened.
I let ev'ry shackle be loosed.
I let ev'ry shackle be loosened
I let ev'ry shackle be loosed. |
| 2 All burden slip from my shoulders
All anxiety slip from my mind.
All burden slip from my shoulders
All anxiety slip from my mind. | |

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

SERMON

The Risk Takers

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

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

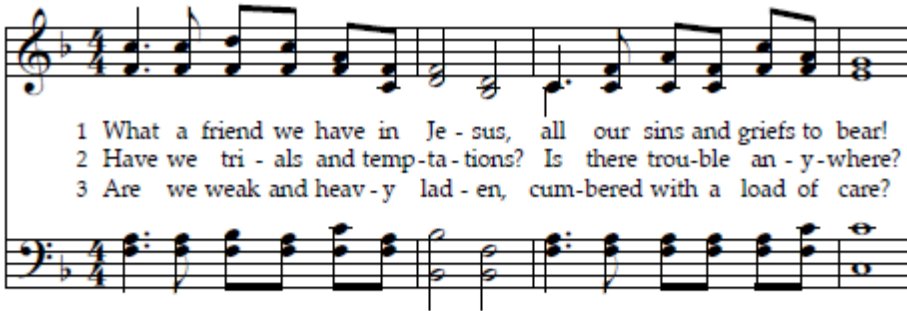
Many risk life and well being to keep us well and to heal our world. What can we risk to help our community, our friends, our church? What talents, treasures, and time is God calling us to share - not only with our congregation, but also our world?

As we reflect on this, we pray together:

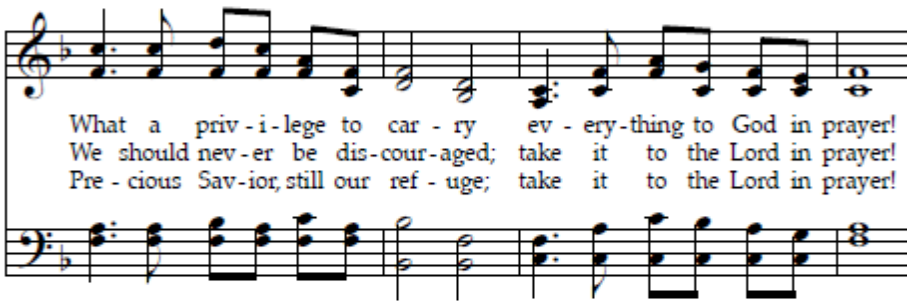
Divine Protection, God of Risk, through this season, we have each exited our comfort zones to make our connections stronger. Through this time in exile, we have looked for ways to help our communities. Continue to call us in new directions in this new realm. May your Spirit give us the courage we need to give from our souls. Amen.

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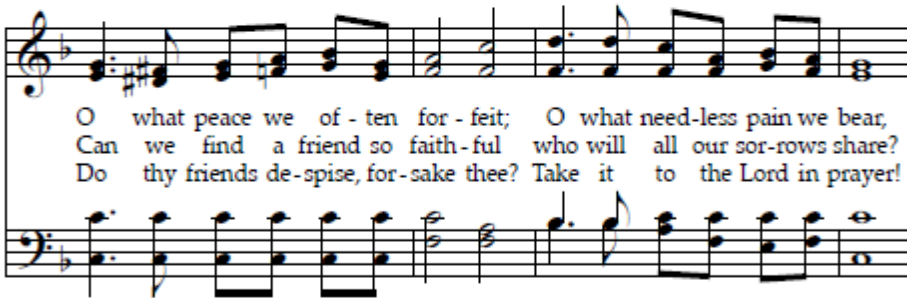
CLOSING HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (CONVERSE)



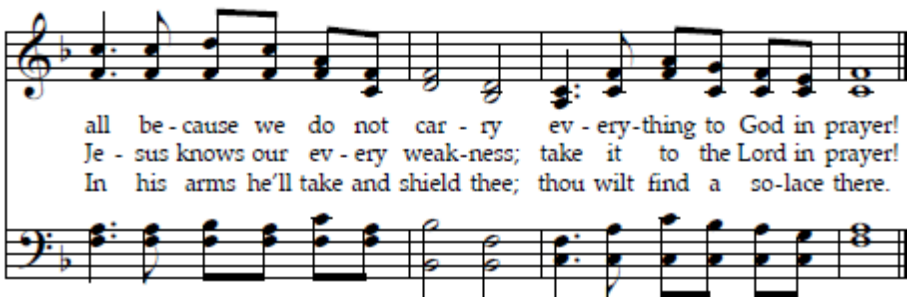
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

BENEDICTION

May we see God, our Great Protector, accompanying us on this wilderness journey. May we see the Christ, Divine Courage, calling us to newness on this wilderness journey. May we see the Spirit, Holy Peace, comforting us on this wilderness journey. Throughout these days and nights of exile, know you are never alone. The Holy continues to be by our side, in times of uncertainty and times of blessed assurance. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)





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We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org



FATHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

Help DuBois Camp by remembering the special men in your life on Father's Day.

Email information to:
tlakehopper@stpaulucc.com

OR

print and send this into the church
along with your donation to the church office
by Sunday, June 14th.

The Father's Day Honor Roll will be in the News & Notes and on the St Paul Facebook page on Father's Day, as well as emailed to each individual family that donates to the Father's Day Honor Roll.

In memory of

In honor of

Father/ Special Men's Name _____

Your Name / From _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Email _____



P.E.G. Can Help Benefit Golf Scramble



Proceeds to Benefit: Domestic Violence Prevention

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Oak Valley Golf Course & Resort
1230 Abbey Lane - Pevely, Missouri 63070

Registration at 7:00 am • Shotgun start at 8:00 am
Lunch served at 12:30 pm

Entry Fee - \$85 per person

(Includes green fees, cart rental, post-tournament lunch and prizes)

18-hole 4 Person Team Scramble
Mixed teams encouraged!

Guests welcome for lunch and post-tournament activities for \$15 per person

In-kind donations appreciated

Sponsor a hole for \$100 or three for \$200

To learn about P.E.G. Can Help, visit www.pegcanhelp.com

Entry Form

Captain Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Hole Sponsor

1 hole for \$100 _____ 3 holes for \$200 _____

Business Name _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

100% of Proceeds go to Lydia's House in St. Louis, Missouri

Make checks payable to The Peg Helpline

For more information call Rachel Budko (618) 534-4918 or email events@pegcanhelp.com



Celebrating Graduates

Graduation, for all ages, is a memorable time! We would like to bring special blessings to these friends. If your loved one graduated this year from preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle / jr high, high school, college and grad school.

Send name of graduate, school and any details, connection/relationship to grad, and a picture, if you would like.

Send info to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org by Monday, May 25th.

This Week

Sun, May 24 9am Worship - online
10am Zoom Social Hour
Wed, May 27 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 email tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org
Praying for your health and well-being!

For Your Prayers

Lynn Koehler
Marsha McCoy
Sandy and Tim Ritter
Kenneth Oesterle
Billy Ruth Pelc
Joan Sackmann
Patricia Valerius
Nancy Vieman

The family of Elmer Humphries
The family of Glenna Krick

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call 233-3303 /580-4440

Thank you!

Weekly Attendance

9am /11 am	<u>May 10, 2020</u>	<u>May 11, 2019</u>
	church online	134/single

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

