

“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 stpaulucc.org 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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*St Paul United Church of Christ,
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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Christmas Pastorale from Christmas Oratorio
Giuseppe Valentini (1681-1753)

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

You are the Sower, O God, we are the seed.
God's word is being sown in our lives this day with the promise of
new growth.
You are Love, O God, and we are your beloved.
God's love blossoms in our lives with a beauty greater than the lilies
of the field.
You are the healer, O God, we are the healed.
God's healing powers through our lives with every beat of our heart.
You are the Potter, O God, we are the clay.
God's hand fashions us to shine with the glory of Christ's light.
Come! Let us worship the Sower who plants us in the fields of life.

INVOCATION

Great Sower, cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, that we
may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways,
where the heat of life's cares and strife strip our strength and
vitality. Protect us from thorns, where the snares of life's worries and
fears block the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in rich soil,
Master Gardener, and bless us with the kiss of gentle rain, that our
faith may increase and our joy may be complete. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

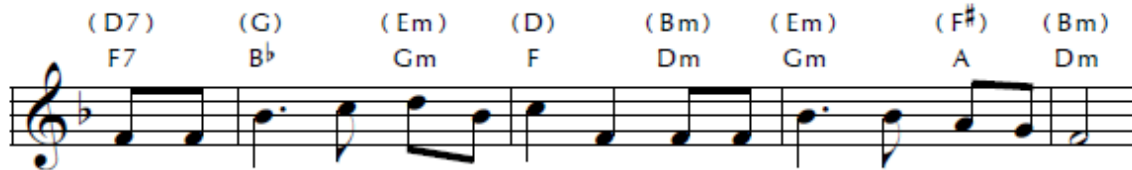
In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)



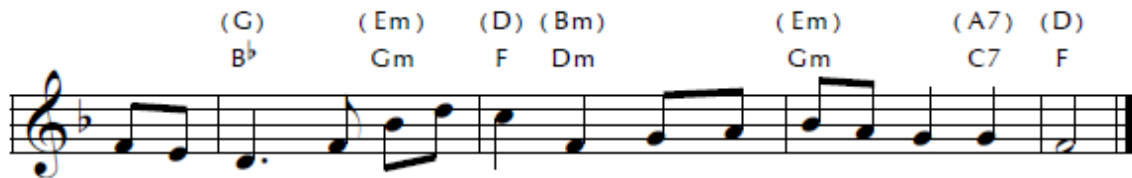
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy One, why can't I be like the sower in the parable - ready to throw seeds everywhere, allowing my perfectionism to drift away in the breeze. Divine Gardener, why can't I be like the sower - inspired to try instead of allowing my inner voice of insecurity to hold me back. I grasp so tightly to the seeds, waiting until I find the "perfect" spot to plant them instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to direct the landing spots. God of all gardens, may I release my tension, my worries and allow your grace to carry these seeds to the soil that will nurture them. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's grace will direct our efforts as the Holy Spirit uses our work in ways beyond our imagination and imperfections. With gratitude, we celebrate the mercy and love of God. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Arranged by John Ferguson, Text by Jeffrey Rowthorn

Chancel Choir

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.
- 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims one fam'ly with a billion names;
Let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

The Students, The Teacher, The Sower and Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

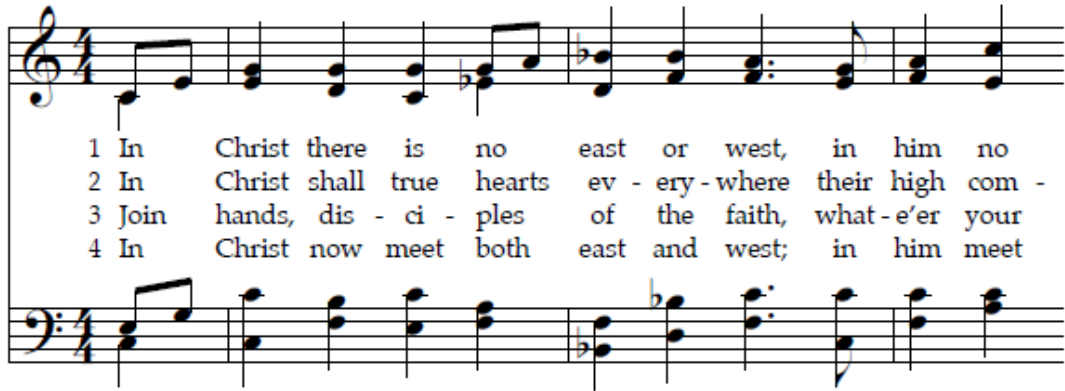
REFLECTION ON GIVING

Like a field ready for harvest, our lives bear the marks of God's love and care. May we, who bear the fruit of God's labor, rejoice as people who have been blessed with a bounty not of our making. With love and thanksgiving, we share our treasures, talents, and time.

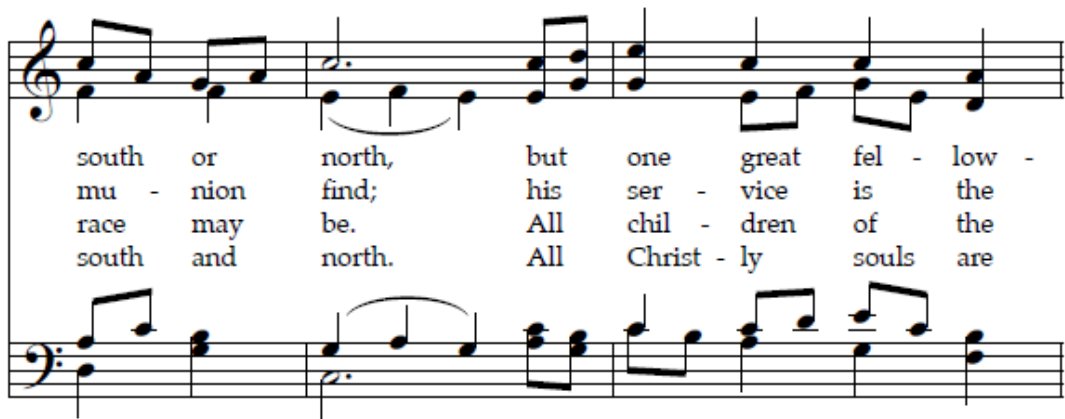
With gratitude, we pray together,

Master Gardener, as you have sown our lives in a rich and fertile soil, may we bear much fruit through our giving. With our offerings, may your realm be brought to earth as we plant seeds of hope in the fields of life. Bless our gifts and ministry, that the world may reap a harvest of generosity and love. Amen.

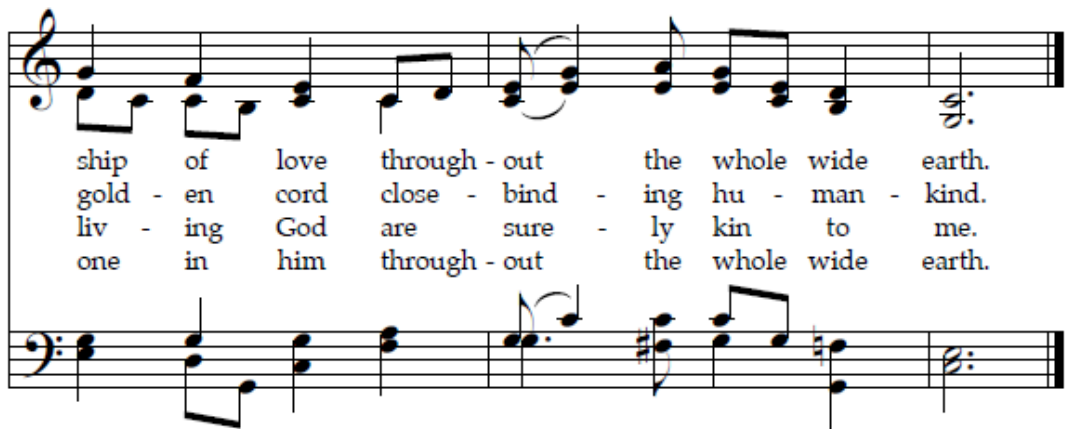
CLOSING HYMN *In Christ There Is No East Or West* (MCKEE)



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

God's word is a lamp to our feet,
And Christ's teachings are a light to our path.
May God's word take root in our lives.
May Christ's love nourish us like sunshine and spring rain.
God's word is a lamp to our feet.
Christ's teachings are a light to our path.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare

Padre Antonio Soler (1729-1783) arr. E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

Pastor Michelle will be on vacation
from Tues, July 14 - Tues, July 21
Please call the church office
if you need assistance.

Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded. Hymns used with permission through OneLicense.net License #A-71591.

Entry into Worship, Invocation, Reflection on Giving, and Benediction based on worship written for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 written by B.J. Beu (c) B.J. Beu and found in The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020.

Prayer of Reconciliation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian and found on the RevGalBlogPals website at <https://revgalblogpals.org/2020/07/07/tuesday-prayer-219/>

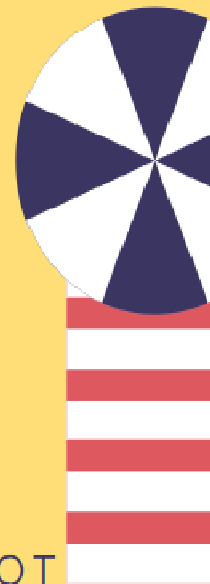


St. Paul United Church of Christ

BEACH BLANKET WORSHIP

SUNDAYS @ 6PM
BEGINNING JULY 12TH

JOIN US FOR A FUN & RELAXING
WORSHIP SERVICE
ON THE C STREET STREET PARKING LOT
OF ST. PAUL CHURCH



BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR
NO BATHROOM ACCESS

ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
STPAULUCC.ORG



SAINT PAUL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org

A Letter from Your Regathering Team

Dear St. Paul Friends,

Since our last update, our regathering team has met multiple times to discuss and begin to solidify ideas to gather again for public worship on our church property.

First of all, we are going to be holding our first ever Beach Blanket Worship on Sunday evenings at 6pm. These worship services will be a shorter service with a message by Pastor Michelle or Craig Bielke and music arranged by our director of non-traditional music John Posth. Gathering together on a Sunday evening in the fresh air with proper safety techniques is an exciting first step back into public gatherings in church life.

Secondly, we will be offering office hours each weekday. From 10am-2pm, our office staff will be available for you to make drop-offs, pick-ups, etc. We ask that you call ahead of time to arrange this visit, and please wear your mask. If you need to meet with any specific staff member, please call them to arrange the visit so as to make sure they are in the building.

Third, we are working on a video to welcome back our attendees to public worship in our sanctuary. In a spirit of joy, this video will introduce our congregants and visitors to the new processes of worship during this stage of COVID-19. Worship will look differently, yet we are excited that gathering again in the sanctuary is in our future.

As we mentioned in our last update, we continue to follow guidelines of the Illinois South Conference and the state of Illinois as well as consulting other guidelines to ensure everything is covered. With proper safety techniques like social distancing, masks, taking temperatures, avoiding group singing, and other procedures we believe that we can take on these new steps safely.

As always, we use the word “tentatively.” If we see a spike in cases in this area or if the virus directly affects the church, we will pull back temporarily until gathering becomes safer again. We are grateful to God’s gift of medicine and science to be our guide as we move ahead with hope, faith, love, and joy.

Due to underlying health issues, we know that not everyone will feel safe attending public worship events. To be more inclusive of our members with health issues, we will also be streaming our outdoor services and, when the day comes, will be streaming our live worship from our building. Pastor Michelle will continue to hold fellowship Zoom events twice per week to continue the connection between all who feel safe to go out and those who do not.

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As we mentioned last month, we continue to hold worship in a variety of platforms. Not only can you listen to worship on Jubilee 690 AM on Sundays at 9am and 9pm, but you can also watch the services on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpauluccbelleville/> as well as on our website StPaulUCC.org. You can participate in Zoom Fellowship Time on Wednesdays at 5pm or Sundays at 10am, and most days, Pastor Michelle connects with congregants on Facebook Live. For more information, contact the church at (618) 233-3303. Please see our contact below with any questions or concerns.

If you are someone who is not connected by the internet and would like to find ways to keep connected with St. Paul UCC, please give us a call. Pastor Michelle and the leadership team want you to feel as connected as possible to our church life.

If you need help understanding Facebook Live Worship, Zoom, YouTube, or how to connect to the internet, we have members who are willing to assist you in getting connected!

Thank you to everyone who has continued their offerings during this season and all who have participated in the many virtual meetings and gatherings we have hosted on Zoom!

Scripture indicates that it took some time for the Israelites to get settled into the Promised Land and for them to return from the Babylonian Exile. But in all of scripture, we see hope shining. And we see hope shining in our current world as well.

We will continue to keep you updated as decisions are made. Please keep our team in your prayers as we make the healthiest decisions possible for our congregation during this time.


Blessings,

Dave Hoffmann, Regathering Team Co-Chair davehoff95@gmail.com

Mimi Llamas, Regathering Team Co-Chair mimillamas221@aol.com 618-616-2148

Wayne Caughman, President, St. Paul UCC Church Council President waynecaug@yahoo.com

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor pastormichelle@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.

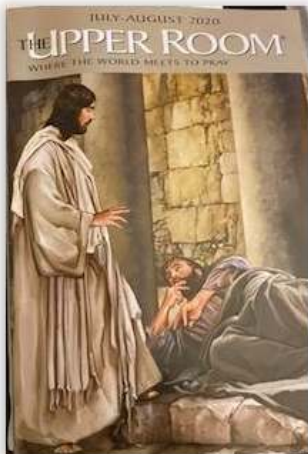


St. Paul UCC
Love One Another
masks are back
in stock!!

Contact the Church office if
you would like one!!

Colors are:
Black, white, blue, and red.

Get yours now!!!



Upper Room booklets
for July and August have arrived.
If you would like one, please contact
Tina at tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or
call the church office at 233-3303.

If you would like to receive the OSP (Our St Paul) by mail and /or our weekly eNews --
and stay on top of what is happening here at St. Paul -- tell Tina and we can make it happen!!
tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or 233-3303



**We are trying something fun and new!
50/50 Raffle by Mail*!**

Here is how it works:

All members will be mailed 12 tickets,

You can buy some, all and more!

You can also download tickets from the website - stpaulucc.org

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Send tickets w/info and money to church

(115 West B Street, Belleville 62220 Attn: Raffle)

BEFORE the drawing on JULY 31st!!



Social Justice Book Study

Our next social justice book study will be on the book So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo. We will meet by Zoom on Sunday, July 12 at 11am and discuss through page 36, if possible. You can purchase the book on Amazon and have it delivered, or download for your Kindle.

Come, Rally Round the Peace Pole at

The Illinois South Conference Offices

1312 Broadway, Highland, Illinois

10:00 am to 12:00 Noon SATURDAY, JULY 25th



Please join us and help us to make this a safe space for:

- A time of worship
- A time to remember black sisters and brothers whose lives were brutally taken
- A time for hopeful lament as together we express our own grief over our nation's history of racism
- An opportunity to become educated about white privilege and its consequences
- Your commitment to become active participants in efforts to name our communities' racial sins and address them in meaningful ways.



WHAT TO BRING:

- Lawn Chair
- Water, Mask, Hand Sanitizer
- Signs: Black Lives Matter, Whoever You Are, Wherever You are, You Are Welcome Here ... See sign above
- Your personal lament, written in the style of a Lament Psalm (optional)
- Nonperishable food items or cash gifts for the Highland Area Community Services Food Pantry.

Because we know you love your neighbors, we are asking you PLEASE to wear a mask and maintain social distancing during this event. **If you are unwilling to wear a mask, please don't attend.**

Brought to You by the Illinois South Conference Justice and Mission Team

CONFERENCE WIDE BOOK STUDY ON RACISM

Starting Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 pm, the Justice and Mission Committee will be sponsoring an evening biweekly book study on “White Fragility: Why It’s so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism” by Robin DiAngelo. In this best selling book, author Robin DiAngelo, an anti-racist educator, illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and challenges the reader to understand racism “as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people.’”

This four-session study can be a meaningful first step for well-intentioned white people to engage in the Christ centered work of dismantling racism and seeking equity and justice for black and brown people.

Through this book study, we hope participants will become aware of the attitudes that have maintained the status quo of systems, structures, policies, and practices of oppression. We will examine together white fragility, how it develops, how it protects racial inequity, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Our Conference Minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will lead the online experience open to all members of the Conference.

In order to participate, please purchase the book and read the corresponding chapters before attending and participating in a session. The book can be purchased at a local bookstore, through an online distributor (such as Barnes and Noble or Amazon), and might be available through your local library. The book is also available in digital form for a Nook or Kindle or audio form. Please make sure you buy the book and not the workbook.

Below is the schedule. Please email Rev. Shana Johnson at sjohnson@iscucc.org to register for the Zoom Gatherings and to receive preparation materials.

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 pm on Zoom

Session 1: *Facing White Supremacy*
(focusing on chapters 1-3)

Wednesday, August 5, 6:30 pm on Zoom

Session 2: *How Does Race Shape the Lives of White People?*
(focusing on chapters 4-6)

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm on Zoom

Session 3: *Understanding White Fragility in Action*
(focusing on chapters 7-11)

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 pm on Zoom

Session 4: *Where Do We Go From Here?*
(focusing on chapter 12)

History with Henke

Sept 24, 1962 - Rev B. J. Koehler died and as a memorial to him, the new carillon was purchased and dedicated in 1963. These are the carillons that are still heard and enjoyed by the residents of Belleville today.

Oct 28, 1851 - Charles Johnson was elected as teacher of the English language - reading and writing - for \$10 a month. The school then had 80 pupils and an advertisement was placed in the Belleville newspaper stating that English lessons were being taught. English was discontinued on Jan 27, 1852. (during these few months, there were 2 teachers at the little St Paul school)

This Week

Sun, July 12 9am Worship - online
10am Zoom Social Hour
6pm Beach Blanket Worship
Wed, July 15 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

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son
Rosemary Henke
Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents
Lynn Koehler
Marsha McCoy
Nancy Jo Mitchell, Christopher Mitchell's mom
Kenneth Oesterle
Billy Ruth Pelc
Rick Reeble, son of Sue & Larry Reeble
Joan Sackmann
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>June 28, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
	church online	127/single

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

