

“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
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Be still and know that God is.
God was, also, in the beginning.
And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.
From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,
and along is worthy to be worshiped.

PRELUDE *Te ofrecemos (Now We Offer)*
Nicaraguan folk tune arranged by Jeffrey Honoré (b. 1956)

INVOCATION

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with the Christ as the cornerstone.
Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

OPENING HYMN

Here In This Place

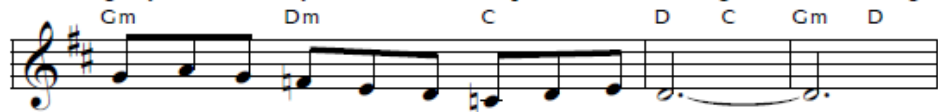


1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 OMIT
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,

light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.

now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



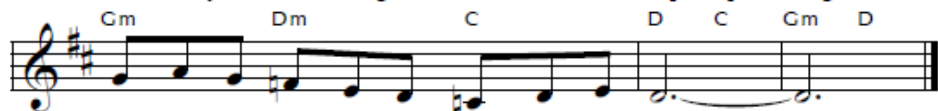
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the

Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;

make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.

fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

When we fail to live as God's people, we naturally look for places to hide. But, God seeks us out, not to condemn or punish; but to comfort, to forgive, and to bring us home. Let us stop playing hide-and-seek with God as we confess our sins together.

Let us join our hearts in prayer.

We've tried to hide from your searching gaze, Holy God.

We've climbed mountains, Gone deep within caverns,

Flown to the farthest edges of our soul.

And wherever we go --

You are waiting for us!

Even in the darkest recesses of our hearts, Your light shines on us.

Lost --

We are found!

Afraid to speak of our sinfulness --

You hear our stumbling words before we shape them.

Unable to help ourselves --

You redeem us through the love and grace
of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

-- Silence is Kept --

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In our deepest sorrow,

God comforts us;

In our darkest moments,

God forgives us;

In our greatest joy;

God is with us.

The One who knows us at our worst,
loves us best.

We trust that God will hold us close, this day and forever.

Thanks be to God, we are all forgiven. Amen!

ANTHEM

You Are The Seed

Words and Music by Cesareo Gabarain
Chancel Choir

1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a start that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where e'r you go.

Refrain:

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

2 You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys of pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock where
justice and truth always reign. (REFRAIN)

3 You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God. (REFRAIN)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

Welcoming the Weeds

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

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CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations (ST. THOMAS (Wade))

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

Tune by William Knapp, arranged by J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

Note - This creative and chromatic setting of the hymn of the same name represents the ever-changing world as it ebbs and flows through inevitable metamorphosis. Just when a new sonorous the destination is reached, Rev. Carlson leads us, harmonically, to unexpected and exhilarating vistas.

COME AND JOIN US FOR
FUN & RELAXING WORSHIP SERVICE
UNDER THE SHADE TREES OF FIRST STREET

First Street Summer Worship

formally Beach Blanket Worship

SUNDAYS
AT
6 PM
JULY 19
-
AUG 9



BRING A
CHAIR

WEAR
YOUR MASK

LIVE MUSIC

NO BATHROOM
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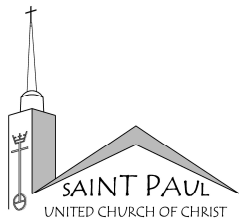
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HEAT CONCERNS

During the warm summer days, the heat can be a major concern.

For your safety, if the temperature or heat index is over 100 degrees, we will cancel the outdoor service for that day. For example: If the temp is 98 and the heat index is 102, church will be canceled for your safety.

Please give the church office a call if you have any questions.



Welcome

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you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org



50/50 Raffle

Drawing on July 31, 2020

**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!!



St. Paul UCC Love One Another

Contact the Church office if
you would like one!!

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

Get yours now!!!



**masks are back
in stock!!**

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



Mother's Day Out

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.

**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

Oct 22, 1857 - The church was rented to the public school trustees for \$60 a year.

Oct 25, 1860 - A report was made that the approximate cost of the new church would be \$3,600. There was a collection of \$2,000 for this purpose but additional collections for the new church building became almost impossible because of the approaching Civil War.

Oct 13, 1861 - The site of the first church (Franklin School location) was sold for \$175.

This Week

Sun, July 19 9am Worship - online
10am Zoom Social Hour
6pm Beach Blanket Worship
Wed, July 22 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

The Family of Rosemary Henke
Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son
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
Tim Ritter
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 July 5, 2020 July 6, 2019
church online 143/single

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

