

“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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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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

When the light of today dims into the horizon,
God will accompany us into tomorrow.
As our hope ebbs and flows,
God will fill our lives with new possibilities.
Whenever we face the unknown,
God's peace will last with us into eternity.

PRELUDE

The Fifers
Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1739)

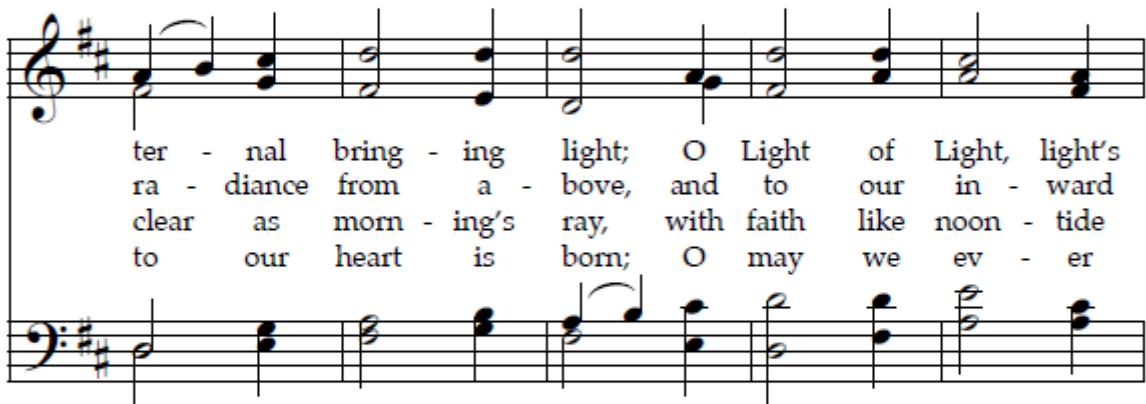
INVOCATION

Holy Winds of Hope, as we continue in uncharted territories, may your breezes nudge us to look around us. Even when wilderness surrounds our souls, may we still see your presence in the flowers in front of us, with our kin surrounding us, and in the star-filled sky above us. We need not seek far. With gratitude, we share our joy that you are near, today and always. Amen.

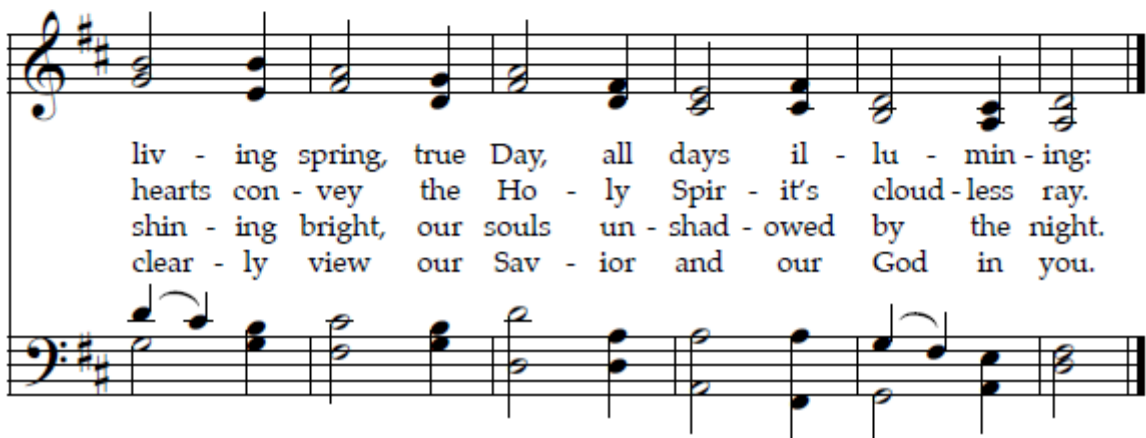
OPENING HYMN *O Splendor of God's Glory* (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age



ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
to our heart is born; O may we ev - er



liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Steadfast Presence, we often stop seeking the light that comes from you and which brings us peace. We direct our attention to loud voices of distraction instead of the stillness of you, God. We focus on everything else and miss the God-sightings in our midst. Open us to your presence next to us. Grab our attention so that we sense you in front of us now instead of barely noticing you in our rearview mirror. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

We are forgiven for the ways we have missed God next to us. God understands the mind and heart of humans, and God will appear to us again and again. Amen!

CHILDREN’S TIME with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior
Chancel Choir

by Robert Lee

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!
Glory and honor
praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4

Isaiah 40:28-31

SERMON

Hope Will Not Be Canceled
Rev. Shana Johnson, member of St. Paul UCC &
Illinois South Conference, Conference Minister

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

If we keep searching, keep exploring, we will notice God's presence near us. And we will detect the needs of our siblings across our communities as well. We will discern God's call of the ways we need to care for this congregation as well as the people outside of the church's walls.

This has been a time for us to listen to the ways that God is asking us to be creative in ministry, communication, and care. What is God asking us to do next? How can we be the bearers of hope?

We give thanks for God's calling and for the treasures, time, and talents provided by God. With gratitude, we pray together:

Divine Presence, in uncertain and unusual times, you shine your light upon us. You help us to realize our purpose and give us wisdom on the best ways to utilize our gifts. Open our souls to possibilities on how we can minister and share your love and hope with our church and community. Amen.

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Rev. Shana Johnson's sermon from the 2020 Summer Worship Video created for the churches of the Illinois South Conference.
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CLOSING HYMN *Arise Your Light is Come* (FESTAL SONG)

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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
giving us the vision to look ahead to the future with love and hope.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

March
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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
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6 PM

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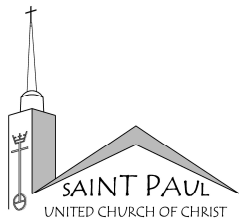


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News & Notes

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!!

LAST WEEK - GET TICKETS IN NOW!



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!!**

“I want to thank everyone who so generously made donations toward the repair of the stained glass window that was broken in Heritage Hall. Your generosity has been overwhelming! We have such wonderful supportive members! Thanks again!”

Sincerely,
Wayne Caughman, Church President 2020



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.

