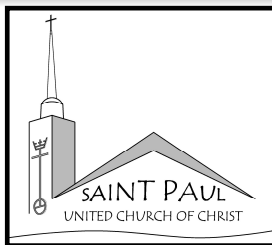




***But the midwives feared God; they did not  
do as the king of Egypt commanded them...***

***Exodus 1:17***



“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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org) or call the church office at 233-3303.
- We want to know 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](http://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

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Faith Formation & Care.....	Craig Bielke
Music Director .....	Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Non-Traditional Music.....	John Posth



Like us on --  
*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***

## ***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***

August 23, 2020    9:00 am

---

### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

Partite sopra la Aria della Folia da Spagna  
Bernardo Pasquini (1637-1710)

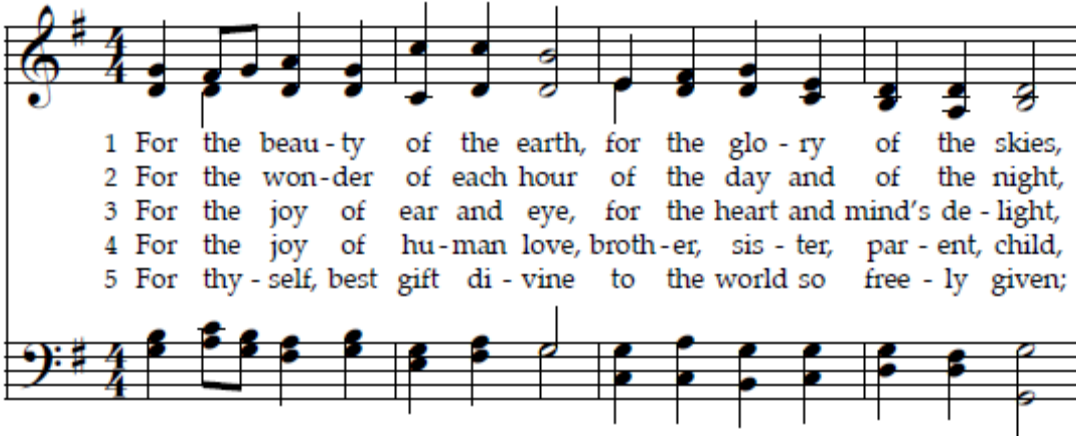
### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God of our ancestors calls to us today;  
May we have the faith of our ancestors to go where God leads us.  
The God of our children calls to us today;  
May we work for justice and peace to build up  
the reign of God on earth.  
Jesus, the son of the Living God, calls to us now;  
May we worship God, follow Jesus, and be moved by the Spirit  
To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God,  
now and forever. Amen.

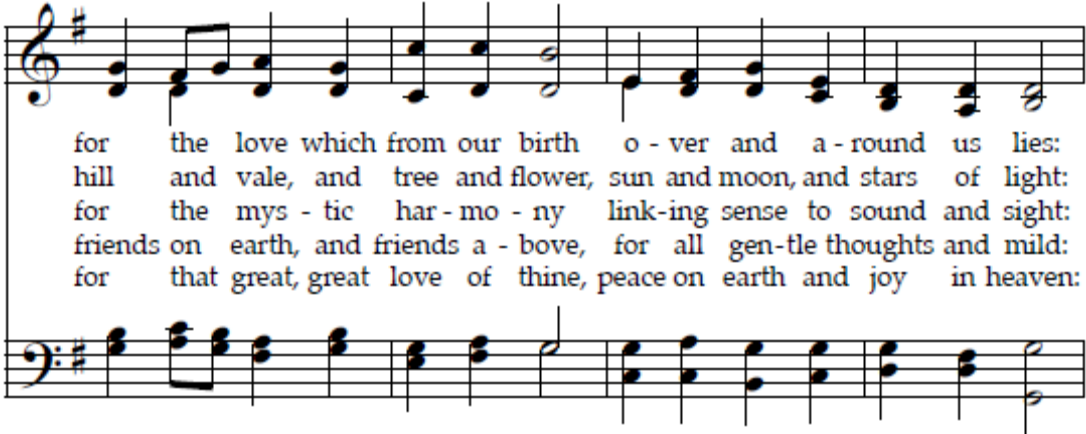
### **INVOCATION**

Spirit of God, help us to remember that You are alive in us. Whenever we serve another, we serve You. Whenever we seek justice for the oppressed, we are seeking justice for You. Whenever we live into the ways of peace, we are living in Your ways. Renew and restore us when we feel downtrodden, when we are struggling, when the challenges of the world seem insurmountable. Remind us that You have walked this path and walk it with us now. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**     *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Verses 1, 4, and 5)

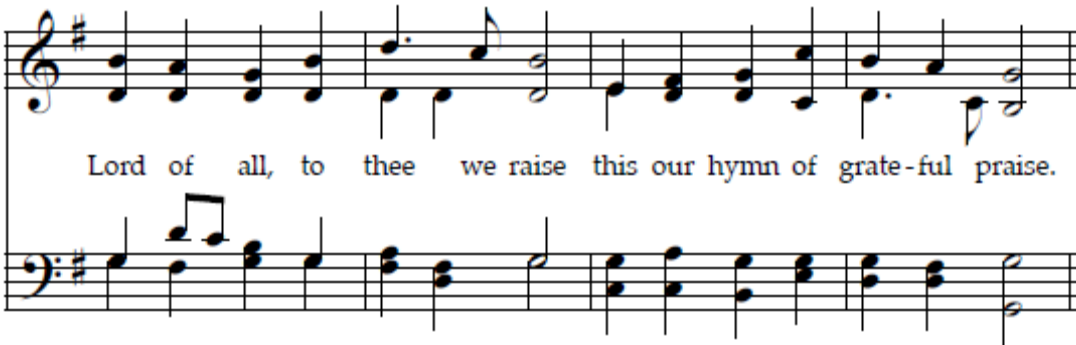


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

## **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Almighty God, we have failed to do justice. We have failed to show mercy to others but expect it for ourselves. We have forgotten to be kind. Wake us up to see the violence, the injustice and oppression in our world. Call us away from the worldly ways of looking after ourselves and our loved ones, and to Your ways of seeing all of Your people as our kin, all of creation as our home. Forgive us, help us to repent, to turn to You and to live into your ways of justice, peace and mercy. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God knows our hearts, and God knows when we desire to change how we view the world and how we live. God will help us onto right paths. God forgives us, and restores us, to do God's work in this world. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that there is always the time to do something new. Share the Good News with everyone. Amen!

## **CHILDREN'S TIME** with Craig Bielke

### **SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

### **SERMON**

Bold Disrupters

## **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**

God's generosity is reflected in the way we care for our church, community and world. In our calling as people of faith, we are called to give back to the kingdom of God.

With gratitude, we pray together:

Loving God, we offer to you our whole lives as a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Use us; multiply these gifts we have placed at your altar, to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place, in our community, and around the world. Amen.

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

<http://rev-olution.org/2014/08/15/worship-resources-for-august-24th-2014-eleventh-sunday-after-pentecost/>

Written by the Rev. Elsa A. Cook, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a budding spiritual director and wandering interim minister. She writes liturgies and shares her thoughts on [cookingwithelsa.org](http://cookingwithelsa.org). Adapted for online use by Susan A. Blain.

# CLOSING HYMN

## *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*Leader or All*

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain All*

G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## **BENEDICTION**

We will go into the world as parents of your love.  
We will be transformed by the renewing of our minds.  
We will not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.  
We will go to remember we can't do this alone.  
We stretch out our hands.  
Our Midwife God delivers us safely,  
renewing our strength as we move forward.  
Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Emperor's Fanfare*

Padre Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

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

NOW  
THROUGH  
SEPT 27



BRING A  
CHAIR  
WEAR YOUR  
MASK  
FRESH LIVE  
MUSIC  
EACH WEEK

NO BATHROOM ACCESS

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE  
STPAULUCC.ORG 618-233-3303



Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

***stpaulucc.org***

## A LETTER FROM THE REGATHERING TEAM

Dear friends,

Due to the new restrictions placed on the region, we will not be holding worship in the sanctuary this week. We will continue to monitor the guidelines regarding COVID-19 and will keep you posted on our return to the sanctuary.

Through research, we have been informed that the new guidelines are for indoor congregating. Therefore, we will continue to hold the First Street outdoor worship service on Sunday night at 6pm. As always, bring a chair and your mask as we worship together under God's beautiful creation!

We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your flexibility, friends. This is a time like no other, and we will continue to look forward with hope and anticipation to worshipping together in the sanctuary again.

Dave Hoffmann  
Mimi Llamas  
Wayne Caughman  
Rev. Michelle Torigian



2019 St Paul UCC END ALZ Team




**You can be on the  
Virtual St. Paul UCC Belleville Team  
for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk  
on Saturday, October 3rd**

This year might look a little different,  
but the goal is the same --  
to END ALZHEIMER'S

This year -

- ~join our team and send in your donation,  
Team St Paul UCC Belleville!
- ~Get your friends & family to participate  
via social media,
- ~ on Sat, Oct 3, take a pic of yourself walking  
to END ALZ and send to your leader!

For questions, contact Susan Relfe  
susanrelfe@att.net



*Zoom Social Hour*  
Sundays at 10am  
following 9am  
virtual worship

**Zoom Meeting ID:**  
867 605 6534  
**Join by phone:**  
1312 626 6799

## History with Henke

Nov 5, 1939 - Centennial Sunday Celebration of St Paul Church. This morning anniversary sermon was delivered by Professor Carl Schneider of Eden Seminary. At the church service., the honorable Alfred D. Riess, Circuit Judge and grandson of the first pastor, was the speaker. At the afternoon community service, the speakers were Rev. Arthur Limper, Pres of Illinois South District; Judge Riess, and Professor Schneider. At the evening jubilee service, the addresses were given by Rev Ludwig C Kutz, former associate pastor and only living ex-resident pastor, and Lee Rockwell, St Paul senior student at Eden Seminary. Special music was featured at all services.

## This Week

Sun, Aug 23 9am Worship - online  
10am Zoom Social Hour  
6pm 1st Street Summer Worship  
Wed, Aug 26 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](http://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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)  
Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son  
Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents  
Lynn Koehler  
Marsha McCoy  
Kenneth Oesterle  
Billy Ruth Pelc  
Darwin Novak, Lou Ann Niemann's brother  
Rick Reeble, son of Sue & Larry Reeble  
Tim Ritter  
Joan Sackmann

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
or call 233-3303 /580-4440  
Thank you!

## Weekly Attendance

	9am /11am	Aug 9, 2020	Aug 10, 2019
		51 /outside serv	152/single

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

Offering for 8/9/2020 - \$7,360		<b>General Fund</b>		Needed each week \$8,386	
Giving to...				\$268,382	
Budget to...				\$268,352	
Total Budget					\$436,074