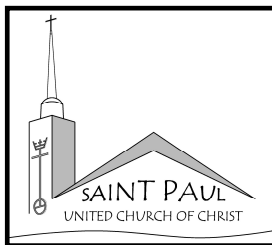
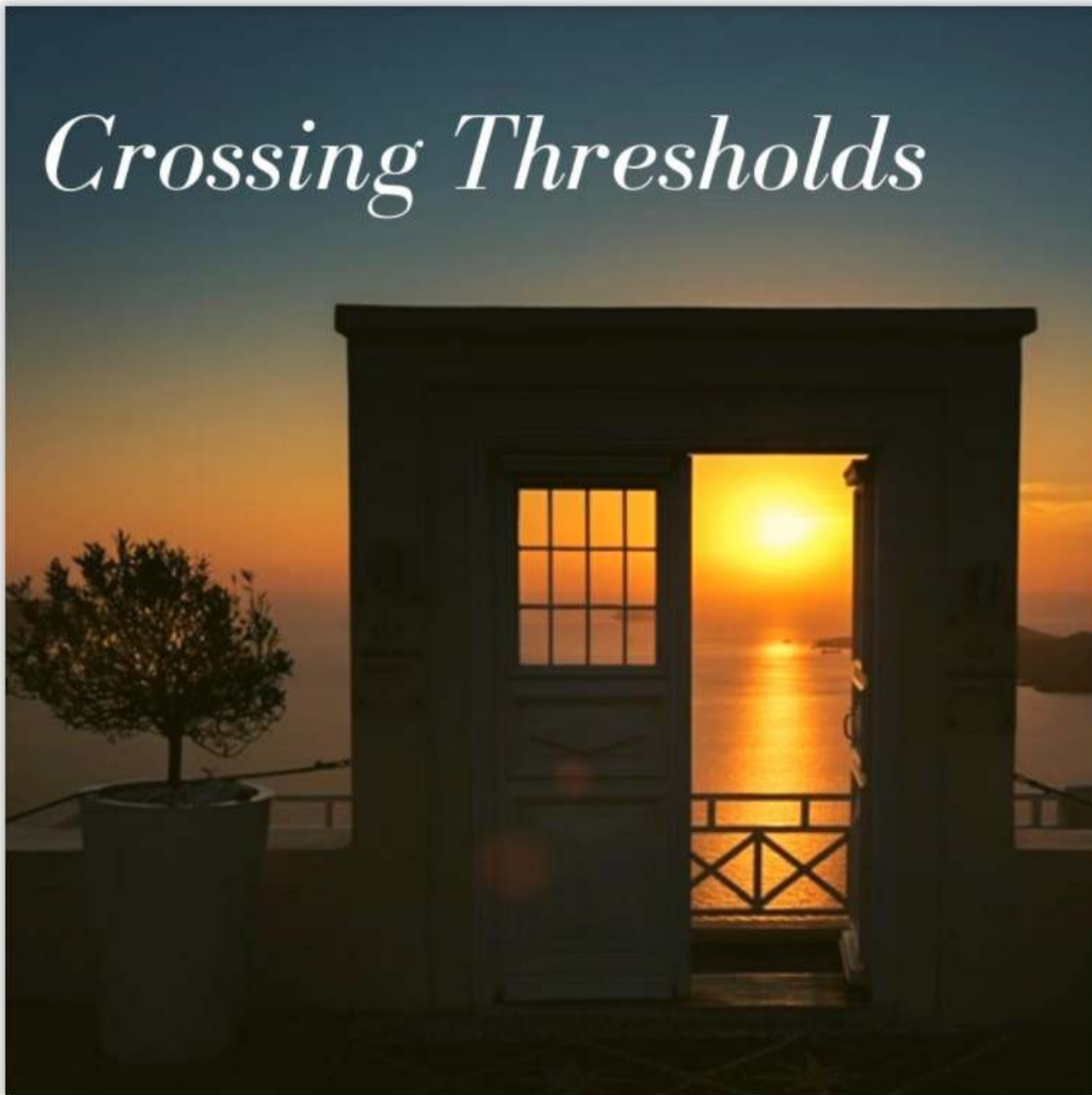


Crossing Thresholds



“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 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

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



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

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Nettleton"

Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 Setting by Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103)

God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear our creator;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
As a mother and father have compassion for their children,
so our God has compassion on us.
The steadfast love of our Creator is from everlasting to everlasting,
God's righteousness extends to our children's children.
Bless our God and all God's works.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

INVOCATION

God, it is time for us to meet with you. This time is for us and our covenant to each other. We abide in this sacred time of worship. With courage, we see our lives as part of the continually astonishing mystery of life. With reflection, we know our lives are always lived connected with other people, wider communities, the eternal humanity. With faith, we reach beyond ourselves, to find that good spirit that strengthens our spirit; to seek the Presence that changes us; and to come closer to the sacred...This time is for us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

(BUNESSAN)

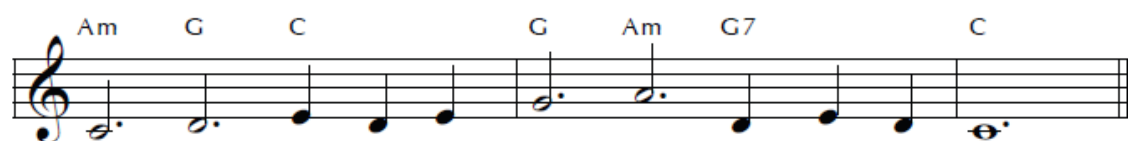
Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931; Music: Gaelic melody



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Let's take a few moments to ponder our lives,
personal, and in wider community.

Where do we need forgiveness? Where do we need to forgive?

Where do our lives intersect in the wider community
with structures, practices, attitudes that deeply hurt our neighbors?

Where must we seek forgiveness?

Where must we seek to effect change?

How have we been wounded with structures, practices, attitudes
of the wider community that need transformation?

How may we begin to forgive?

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news of the Story that no sheep is unworthy of rescue,
no coin too small to be missed. Hear the good news that love is
stronger than hate and that this power is alive within you
now and forever. Amen!

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arranged for bells by Kristine Johaneck

CHILDREN'S TIME with Craig Bielke

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:15-31

SERMON

Crossing the Threshold

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

When our eyes are heavy, we dream of another world.
When our spirits are low, we turn to each other.
When our emotions flare, we need each other's gifts most.
We give our gifts of tithes and
offerings to create your kingdom of heaven.

We pray together:

May our gifts become symbols of our intention
to minister with God to satisfy the needs of those whom God loves.

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Opening Reflection based on http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_a_liturgy_collection/year_a_pente_costafter/creation2apentecost14a1492014.html

Prayer of Reconciliation and Reflection on Giving from **Service Prayers for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost** by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts, Faith INFO Ministry Team, UCC.

Assurance of Grace based on <http://liturgyoutside.net/Pr19OT24P17Outside.html> written by Katherine Hawker, copyright 2002. Reflection on Giving and Benediction written by the Rev. Elsa A. Peters, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

CLOSING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (CWM RHONDDA)

Text: William Williams, 1762; Music: John Hughes, 1907

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score ends with a double bar line.

BENEDICTION

Let us continue in our work.

Let us live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

Let us find Christ in our struggles,

Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

Let us find you, O God, in all our work. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks (WOODLANDS)

Tune: Walter Greathouse (1877-1949; Arranged by J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

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
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Welcome

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News & Notes

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VIRTUAL FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

**Flower, Music and Bulletin
sponsorship are STILL available -
now ONLINE!**

Sign up now to sponsor virtual flowers, music or
bulletin each week by contacting the church office.

Online sponsorship will be in
eNews and Bulletin of chosen week.

\$30 for the sponsorship goes to help St. Paul Church.
Your sponsorship is a lovely way to honor the memory
or achievement of your loved one. Please consider
sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for either
Sunday worship service.

St. Paul UCC *Love One Another masks*

Contact the Church office if
you would like one!!



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

Get yours now!!!



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

Excerpt from *St Paul UCC - History of our First Church 1839-1860*

Johann Riess held a church service in German and gave communion for a public crowd at a site on second street, possibly the site of the St. Clair County Court House on March 17, 1839. German families of the Protestant religion who attended the service called Riess to be their preacher later the same day. Beginning Easter 1839 to New Year's Day 1840, Riess would be paid seventy-five dollars every three months.

This Week

Sunday 9am Worship - online
 10am Zoom Social Hour
 6pm 1st Street Summer Worship

**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
 Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents
 Lynn Koehler

Diane Thom 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
 or call 233-3303 /580-4440

Thank you!

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am	<u>Aug 30, 2020</u>	<u>Aug 31, 2019</u>
	48 /outside serv	124/single

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

