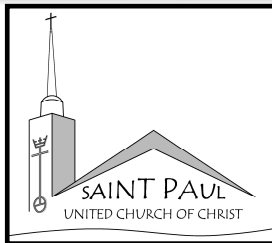


God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them...this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.



JONAH 3:10



“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

<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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Tune by Phoebe P. Knapp (1803-1908), Arr. by J. Bert Carlson (b. 1937)

INVOCATION

Loving God, Source of All Mercy-
As we peer at the world filled with both love and hate,
compassion and disconnect,
we are exhausted by the ups and downs of human emotions.
We often become filled with discouragement.
In this time we look to you for wisdom... and much more.
In our doubts, bring us peace.
In our heartache, bring us comfort.
In our seasons of chaos, bring us beauty.
For you are our source of mercy
and fountain of hope in our world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (verses 1, 2, and 4)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that often our desire for justice is a desire for punishment of those who have done us wrong. We confess that we sometimes do not show mercy to those who have wronged us, yet we expect mercy ourselves. Forgive us for our selfish, foolish ways. Forgive us for not seeking Your way that turns the world upside down. In Your reign, You welcome those who have come around last. You embrace those who realize they need to turn their lives around even at the last moment. You love us all as Your children. Help us to love with that same love. Help us to show mercy as You have showed mercy to us. Help us to practice justice that repairs and restores, rather than punishes. In the name of Christ, who has shown us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

How great and merciful is our God! How just and true! How wonderful that our God loves us and forgives us. How awesome that God accepts us, and calls us to love one another as we have first been loved by God. Seek forgiveness from others by doing the hard work toward reparation and reconciliation, and know that God forgives you, and God's love and grace are with you always. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

Have You Heard God's Voice?

Words and tune by Jacqui G. Jones, 2008

Arranged by Frederick Chatfield, 2016

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SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 and Ezekiel 18:25-32

SERMON

The Land of Universal Grace and Mercy

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 anger flares, we need each other's gifts most.
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings
to create your kingdom of heaven.
With gratitude, we pray together:
O God, you have called your laborers to give their gifts.
Bless these offerings so that they reflect the work
of the kingdom of heaven.
With Christ, our servant, we pray. Amen.

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Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Prayer of Reconciliation and Assurance of Grace from <http://rev-o-lution.org/>.

Reflection on Giving 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.

Benediction from https://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_a_liturgy_collection/year_a_pentecostafter/creation3apent16a2092020.html

CLOSING HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

BENEDICTION

Go in peace to claim the life of Christ within your midst:
and may the earth be warm under your feet,
the rain bring the gentle flowers,
and the wind blows as the breath of the Spirit before you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Ellacombe"

Anonymous German tune arr. by Richard Warner (1908-1983)

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
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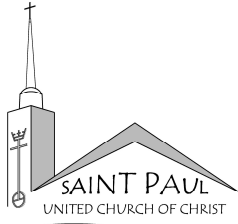


ST. PAUL UCC
VIRTUAL FLOWERS

IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

Vincent Torigian

who passed away on Sept 18, 2017
with love from Laureen,
Pastor Michelle & Aaron,
Lori, Nick, Jack, & Ellie.



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

stpaulucc.org

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

An entry from Johann Riess' diary states, "A friendly request was made of me that I preach the Word of God in Belleville, which I joyously did on the 17th of March at the Belleville Court House. The place was filled with Americans, Germans, and Negroes. I preached from the text Romans 1:18, frankly and freely as a witness of Him whom the world-wise despise, Jesus of Nazareth, the Savior of the world, and informed the assembled people, that I would grant their request, in case they desired my services as a future preacher, only on the condition that I be permitted to peacefully preach the Word of Jesus Christ, who was crucified for us sinners. I was unanimously elected preacher until the next new year. Henceforth, I preached every 14 days – in the forenoon at Turkey Hill, and in the afternoon in Belleville in the Methodist Church there."

He held the first congregational meeting of this church that day.

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 Sept 6, 2020 Sept 7, 2019
 39 /outside serv 131/single

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

