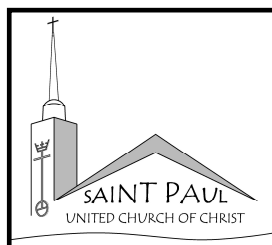


*If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out  
the fault when the two of you are alone.*

MATTHEW 18



“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!*

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9 am Worship ~ online

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### 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



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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***

## ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

September 6, 2020    9:00 am

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### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

*Come Labor On*

(ORA LABORA)

Tuned by T. Tertius Noble, arranged by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Romans 13:8, 10)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another  
For the one who loves has fulfilled the law.  
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;  
Therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.  
Live into God's ways of love, justice, and peace;  
Let us worship Christ, who leads us into light. Amen.

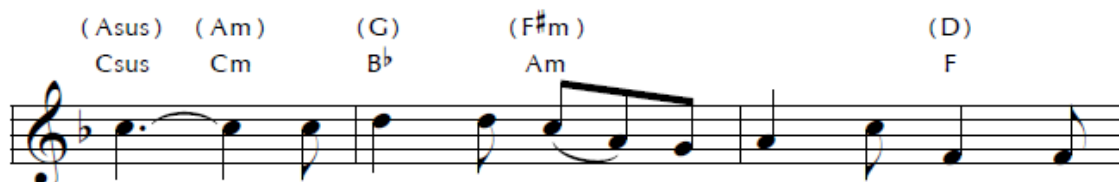
### **INVOCATION**

Holy God, our world has been wracked by unhealthy conflict. Things seem to be falling apart, and all we can do sometimes is focus on our own lives, our own homes, our own community, and move forward. Help us to seek You, and to turn our focus away from ourselves and to see how we can be a difference in the world. Guide us in Your ways of love, justice and mercy, so that we might live the life You have set before us. Help us to trust in You, when things are falling apart, that You will help us move on, and You will always lead us into new life. In the name of Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

# **OPENING HYMN**     *I Come With Joy!* (DOVE OF PEACE)



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

God of Connections, we confess that we have fallen short. We have looked to the ways of the world, to selfish gain and worldly success, and left behind our neighbors. We have turned our backs on the needs of others so that we can help ourselves get ahead first. Forgive us for looking only for our own interests instead of the needs of others around us. Help us to love our neighbor as ourselves, which You commanded us to do. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

We may forget, but God never forgets us. We may go astray, but God is ready to guide us back. We may feel lost, but God has already found us. Know that God loves you and desires new life for you. Know that you are forgiven, and God is with you. Amen.

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

### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 18:15-22

### **SERMON**

Holy Conflict

## **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.

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Service elements from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2014/08/29/worship-resources-for-september-7th-thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>  
<http://lectionarylitanies.blogspot.com/2014/09/liturgy-wcommunion-for-september-7-2014.html>

Reflection on Giving from Rev. Ruth Garwood. Rev. Garwood is a certified leader of InterPlay, a system of forms in movement, story-telling and vocalizing that brings body and soul together, and brings communities together. She teaches suicide first aid via Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

Communion liturgy written by Rev Michelle Torigian

## **REFLECTION ON GIVING**

God gives to us continually.  
In each breath, we receive God's spirit.  
Responding to God's generosity,  
let us give to God in thanksgiving.

We pray together:

We dedicate to you, generous God, our lives.  
Receive these offerings as a sign of our gratitude and  
commitment. Amen.

## **Service of Communion**

Creator of the harvest- We lift our voices in praise!  
Creator of the table – In you we find our peace.  
In gratitude we gather to share this meal.  
With thanksgiving,  
we gather to share our love for neighbor.  
As the sun sets earlier, the days become cooler, and  
the crops near harvest, we celebrate the plenitude  
of fruits available to us. We acknowledge the ways  
that we can use our gifts to care for our siblings in  
need. We extend this table through the work of our  
hands and the missions of this church.

As we celebrate this sacrament, may we remember the  
laborers in the fields:  
The harvesters of the wheat and grapes.  
The transporters of the their yields.  
Those who transform wheat into bread and grapes into juice.

Bless their hands and feet as they labor at farms and gardens, in trucks and warehouses. We give thanks for the ones who prepare the table here today. May their gifts of preparation and hospitality inspire us to extend hospitality to the strangers among us.

After laboring on the streets of Jerusalem-  
Doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God - Jesus clutched bread in his hands. He blessed the food, gave thanks, and heartfully expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life. "As you eat this bread, remember me." After supper, Jesus grasped the cup filled with the gifts of the vine. In his blessing, he reminded them "whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

Spirit of wisdom and of wonder, wind around these elements today. May they stir us from stagnation into actively loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. May our participation at this table transform us into the people God is calling us to be. With gratitude, we gather at this table. As we take a piece of bread, let us experience the love of God as seen in Jesus the Christ. As we immerse the bread into the cup, let us remember the grace that pours from God.

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

## *O Sing to the Lord!* (CANTAI AO SENHOR)

1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the  
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -

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 won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done  
 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the  
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the  
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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

## BENEDICTION

Go now to the people who are overwhelmed by despair.  
We will take the hope which has been given to us  
and share it with all.

Go now to those who are at odds with neighbors.  
We will offer the peace and reconciliation which God  
has poured into our lives.

Go now to those who are the most vulnerable in our world.  
We will bring the healing, the grace, the love of our God.

## POSTLUDE

*Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique*  
Léon Boëllmann

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

**First Street Summer Worship**  
formerly Beach Blanket Worship

SUNDAYS  
AT  
6 PM

NOW  
THROUGH  
SEPT 27

BRING A  
CHAIR  
WEAR YOUR  
MASK  
FRESH LIVE  
MUSIC  
EACH WEEK

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# Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

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

Please join us as we travel to Compton Hill, Illinois on March 17, 1839. We bring with us a travelling preacher who would soon become the first preacher of our very own church. You will discover our beloved church has worn many hats and had several names. **First Preacher to Compton Hill**

Belleville, originally known as Compton Hill, was twenty-five years old in 1839. Johann Jacob Riess was its first itinerant preacher. Riess was ordained a minister by Deacon Hitzig on May 13, 1835 at Loerach, Baden. The Germans in America requested ordained ministers for their churches in America. Riess was sent to America by The Basel (Switzerland) Mission Society. On October 11, 1835, Riess arrived at New York City on the ship Isabella. He was the first ordained preacher of the Evangelical Synod to set foot on American soil. He arrived in St. Clair County and took up residence in

## This Week

Sunday 9am Worship - online  
10am Zoom Social Hour  
6pm 1st Street Summer Worship  
Wednesday 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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)  
Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

The family of Marsha McCoy

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](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
or call 233-3303 /580-4440

Thank you!

### Weekly Attendance

	Aug 23, 2020	Aug 24, 2019
9am /11am	50 /outside serv	130/single

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

