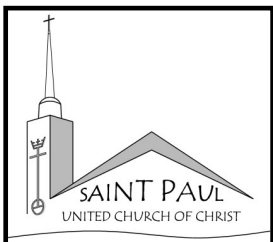


*“Rejoice in the Lord  
always; again I will say,  
Rejoice.”*

Philippians 4



“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 [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) (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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Belleville, Illinois*



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[https://www.youtube.com/  
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OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

***St. Paul***  
***United Church of Christ***  
***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
October 4, 2020    9:00 am

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**PRELUDE**                      III. Prière à Notre-Dame from *Suite Gothique*  
Composer: Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

God of Rejoicing-

In seasons of uncertainty, you fill this world with seeds of delight. On days of grayness and rain, you baptize the bright flowers, restoring our earth, restoring our souls. Focus our hearts on the joys that are abiding among us in our realm. May the beauty of the small moments fill our hearts with gladness. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

*Here In This Place* (GATHER US IN) (verses 1, 3 and 4)  
Text and Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

- 1     Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
      now is the darkness vanished away;  
      see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
      brought here to you in the light of this day.  
      Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
      gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
      call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
      we shall arise at the sound of our name.
  
- 3     Here we will take the wine and the water;  
      here we will take the bread of new birth.  
      Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
      call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
      Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
      give us to eat the bread that is you;  
      nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
      lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
  
- 4     Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
      not in some heaven, light years away:  
      here in this place the new light is shining;  
      now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
      Gather us in and hold us forever;  
      gather us in and make us your own;  
      gather us in, all peoples together,  
      fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT with Craig Bielke

## SCRIPTURE

## Philippians 4:1-9

# SERMON

# Rejoice Always

## 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.

## MISSION MOMENT

## Neighbors in Need

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-715913 Invocation and Service of Communion written by Rev Michelle Torigian.

Notes on today's music: The Suite Gothique consists of four movements. Today, movement III "Prière à Notre-Dame" is heard as the prelude and movement I "Introduction" is played for the postlude. Léon Boëllmann was a French composer of Alsatian origin. He studied in Paris with Gustave Lefèvre and with Eugène Gigout. In 1881, Boëllmann was hired as sub-organist at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris where he played a great Cavallé-Coll organ. Six years later he became cantor and "organiste titulaire", a position he held until his early death in 1897. (Reference: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suite\\_Gothique](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suite_Gothique))

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

God is with us!

Whether two or three are gathered in person, virtually, or in our hearts, the Christ is present. Whether we abide in North America or Africa, or whether we live in Asia or Australia, the Holy Spirit blesses this table and all surrounding our elements.

On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that all of us - no matter the tradition, race, belief, or location - are part of the Body of Christ. We are the branches, always connected to one another through the Vine of Christ.

On the night before Jesus' earthly life was unjustly ended by the state, Jesus embraced the time with his friends. He took bread, and upon blessing and breaking the bread, he expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life, the bread of connection, the bread to remember. "Whenever you eat this bread, remember me," he told them.

And as the night continued, Jesus took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine. He blessed this as well, and expressed to them how this cup represented the covenant between them and him, between all of them and God. "Whenever you drink of this cup, remember me," he said to them.

As the Spirit surrounds these elements, the Spirit blesses us and urges us to remember. Remember the Christ. Remember the vine in which we are all connected. Remember the members of the Body of Christ at this table today in Rio de Janeiro, in Delhi, in Johannesburg, in Auckland, in Wittenberg, in East St. Louis and across the river to our siblings in Missouri.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of joy, we share our gratitude with you for this meal. As we are now refreshed, may we share our bounty with our neighbors across this world. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**     *May the God of Hope Go with Us* (ARGENTINA)  
Argentine folk melody

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

## **REFLECTION ON GIVING / BENEDICTION** (based on Numbers 6)

We thank the ones who support us each week, each month by sending your offerings to the office, dropping them off at the church office or Sunday evening service or by giving online.

With gratitude, we ask God for blessings upon these gifts and for the wisdom to use these gifts to create God's realm on earth.

And as we depart from this place,  
May God Bless you and Keep You,  
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
And give you peace.  
Go with the Grace of God.  
Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

### I. Introduction from *Suite Gothique*



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  
4PM

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This week NEW TIME -- starting at 4pm!  
Special musical guests this week  
- Chris and Jillian Ritter  
Also, Flu Shot clinic with Walgreens  
following service at 4:30!



# 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.

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**JOIN** Our St Paul Community  
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*Sundays*  
**Time:** 10:30 AM

**Meeting ID:**  
867-605-6534

**Meeting Link:**  
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534>

**Phone:** 1-312-626-6799

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**UNLEASHING POTENTIAL** (formerly Neighborhood Houses)  
**OF ST. LOUIS, MO**

***“Unleash[ing] the magnificent potential in children, families and neighborhoods that leads to a just community for all.”***

**D**enise Carter, early childhood education director, was well aware of a rather large need within the population served by Neighborhood Houses. Many of the families are low wage earners, 75% of them earn less than \$20,000 annually. Truthfully, some simply struggle to provide many of basic needs for their children.

To that end, she designed a program to meet the health and development needs of infants and toddlers. Thus, the “Baby Essentials” program was birthed. The main goal was to provide diapers and formula for all of the children enrolled at the early childhood education center for families who could not afford a consistent supply.



credit:  
UP—early childhood webpage.

Denise met with interim director of development, Christine Krueger, and shared her desire and need for funding. Christine went in search of those sources. She applied wherever she felt the need of the program matched the granters requirements. Fortunately, she filled out an application for a NIN direct service grant and was awarded \$3,000 in 2019.

In 2020, it was reported back to us that 100% of babies ages six weeks to 12 months received milk they needed while attending the Center. 50% of those babies also received one canister of formula per month for home consumption. Lastly, 100% of babies/toddlers ages six weeks to three years had diapers needed for Center and home use.

According to Christine, “thanks to the Neighbors in Need grant, our babies are dry and their tummies are full, and parents, who are already stressed financially, socially, and emotionally, have two less potential health issues with which to contend!”

Because of your generosity, direct service programs like that of Neighborhood Houses are grant funded, communities are strengthened, and neighbors experience love without judgment.

***all children have the right to simply be children...***

**Please join us in supporting the 2020 Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering. Thank you!**



## History with Henke

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

Our church was the first German Protestant church in southern Illinois. It was known simply as the Freie Protestantische Gemeinde in Belleville or the Free Protestant Church. After that, services were held each Sunday at the Court House and later at the Methodist Meeting House in Belleville.

## This Week

Sundays 9am Worship-streaming online  
10:30am (new time) Zoom Social Hour  
4pm (new time) First Street  
Outdoor 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](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  
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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](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
or call 233-3303 /580-4440

Thank you!

## Weekly Attendance

9am /11am Sept 20, 2020 Sept 21, 2019  
56 /outside serv 138/single

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

