

“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 618-233-3303.
- 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

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| 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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NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Baptism of Christ

January 10, 2021 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Love, How Deep (DEO GRACIAS)
arr. by Stephen Gabrielsen

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 29)

Give to our God, O heavenly beings,
give to our God glory and strength
give to our God a glorious name;
worship our God in holy splendor.

The voice of our God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of our God is powerful;
the voice of our God is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.
May our God give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

INVOCATION

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,
we come to this time and place to be with you,
to worship you, and to learn from you.
May our time together be like your creation of light in the shadows
that you called good. May it be that you would call us good
while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (BUNESSAN)

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt. MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

The musical score is written in 9/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of three systems of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the staff.

System 1: Chords: C, Am, Dm, G, Dm, G, C.
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

System 2: Chords: Em, Am, Em, F, G, C, Am, F, C.
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

System 3: Chords: Am, G, C, G, Am, G7, C.
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!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed.
Let us listen again to God's calling our names
to encourage us and strengthen our resolve
to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice and mercy.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O God, we hear your voice
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.
But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again
to live up to our baptismal vows
and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world.
We ask you to forgive us.
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Friends, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus.
God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAT with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

The Baptism of Christ (Luke 3:21-22)

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Soprano Soloist: Victoria Carmichael

Now when all the people were baptized,
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
the heav'n was opened, and the Holy Spirit
descended in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came down from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with You I am well pleased."

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

Allowing Ourselves “To Be”

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM**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.

RELECTION OF GIVING

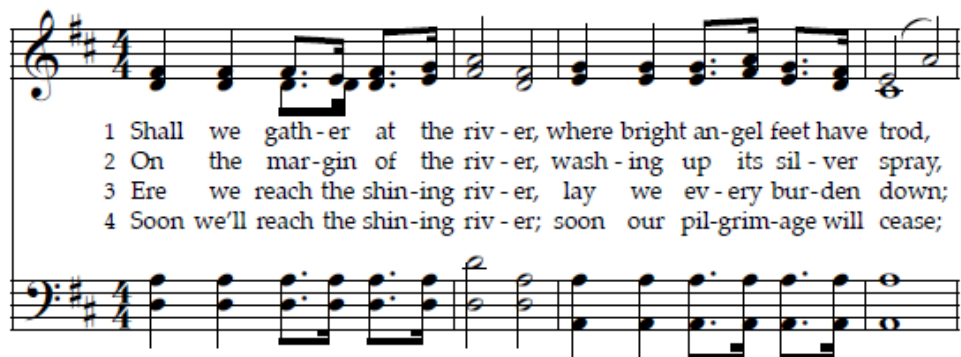
Faithful God,
Bless us in our baptismal calling
to be in the ministry of showing hospitality to others.
We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used to care,
to liberate the poor and hurting people.
Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

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-715913 Worship service elements from **Seeking Higher Ground, Service Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday** written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

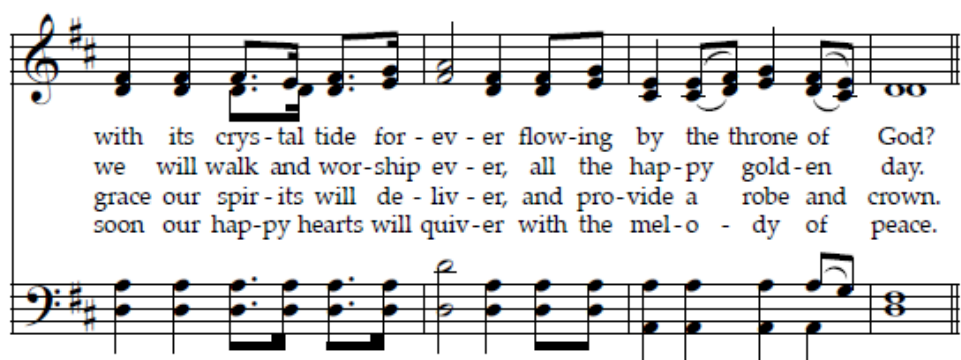
CLOSING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River (HANSON PLACE)

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

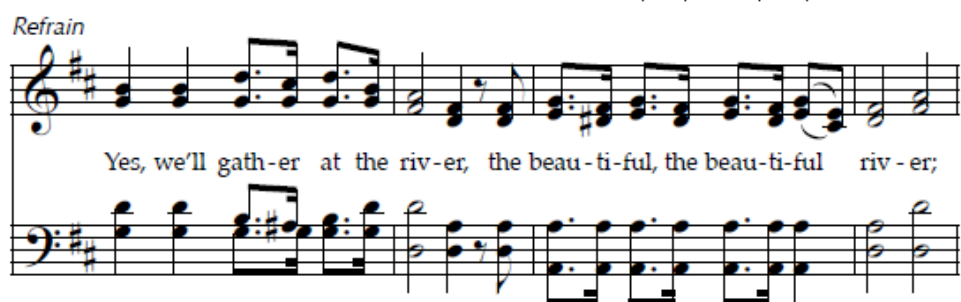


1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

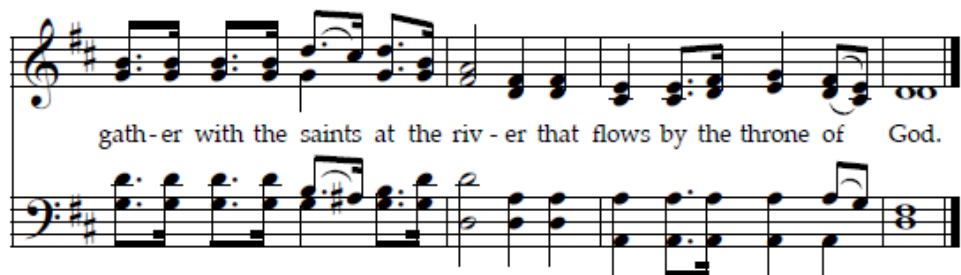


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

BENEDICTION

Thank you, God, for blessing us with memories
of Jesus' baptism and ours.

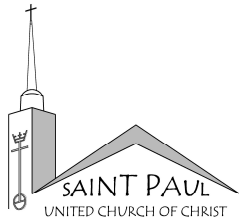
Thank you for removing our reluctance, doubt, and fears,
for replacing them with courage and commission.

We go forth with your calling, direction, and blessing. Amen.

POSTLUDE

As With Gladness, Men of Old (DIX)

Setting by Wayne Wold (b. 1954)



Welcome

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you're here!

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Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

Question: When the renovation of our second church, now Heritage Hall, took place in 1936 the present marble altar was installed. It replaced the original 1849 carved-wood altar from our first church building. What happened to the original altar?

Answer: It was donated to St Paul Home, it is in their chapel and used in every worship service.

This Week

Sundays 9am Worship-online
10:30am Zoom Social Hour
4pm Online Worship

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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

Family of Betty Deutschman

Walter Beatty Ellen Bohnemeier

Joyce Maurer Donna Thomas

James, Kevin, & Chaz

Katy, Savannah, and McKenzie Clybecker

& Roger Gilcrest,

(family members of Betty Rotert)

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Thank you!

Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am Dec 20, 2020 Dec 21, 2019
online / online 151/single

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

