

# Good Shepherd Sunday



**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

“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

## 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 [dyoung@stpaulucc.org](mailto:dyoung@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](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.

### ST. PAUL WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i> .....	John Posth



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Belleville, Illinois*



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OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

*St. Paul*  
*United Church of Christ*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 25, 2021 9:00 am

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Senior Pastor*.....Rev. Michelle Torigian  
*Music Director* .....Dr. Bill Wade  
*Liturgist*.....Sandy Wagner

**PRELUDE**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

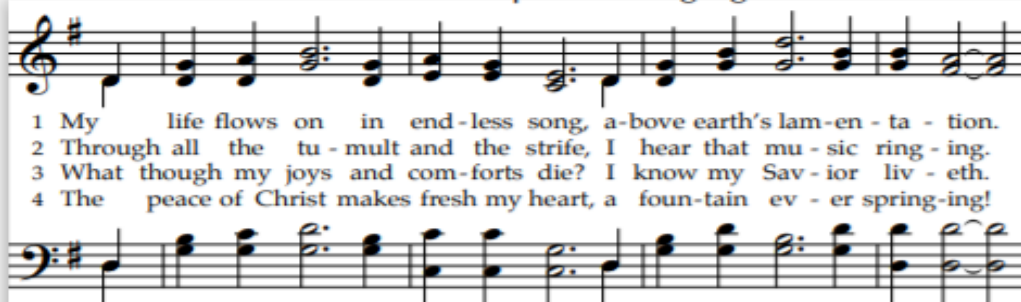
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**WELCOME**

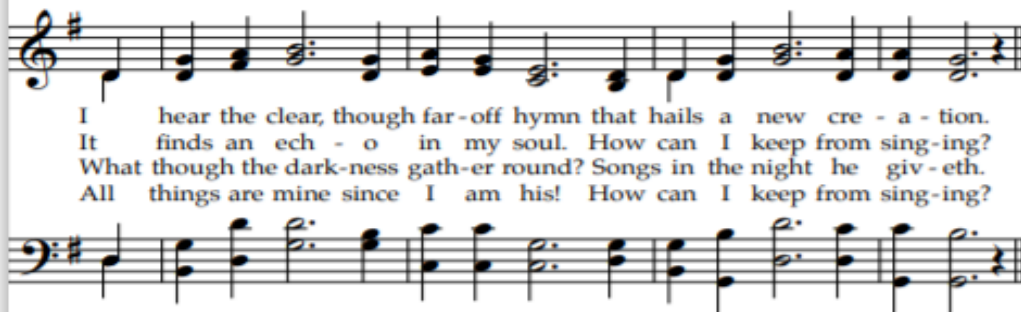
**INVOCATION**

Eternal One, your love for us bursts forth in the creation of the universe. Your love for us blazed alive in the life and death of Jesus. Your love became known to us in a new way through Christ's resurrection. May that same love burn in us so bright that we give our lives to you, in the ways we love one another and care for the earth, so that we may truly understand the wisdom of your love, that endures forever. In the name of Wisdom, in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**     *My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)*  
Text and Music: Robert Lowry

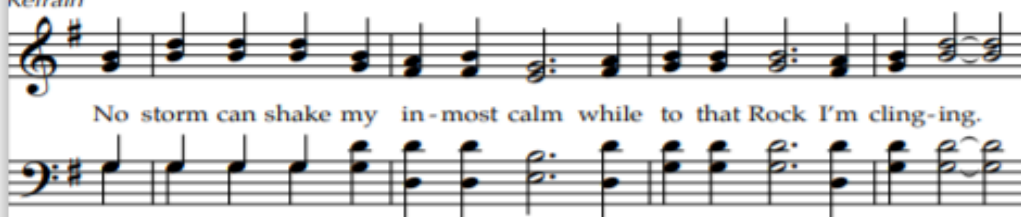


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

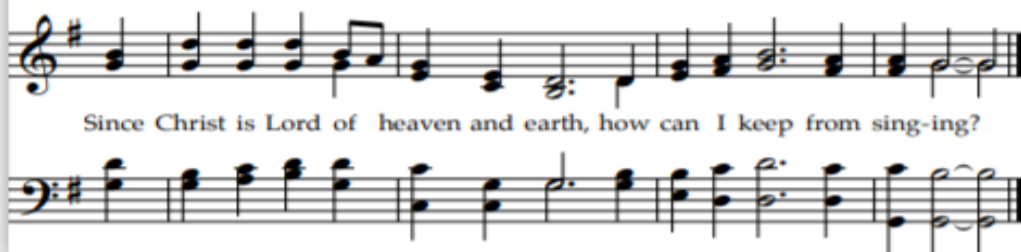


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## CHILDREN'S CHAT with Pastor Michelle

## SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18  
Luke 15:3-7

Sandy Wagner

# SERMON

## Following the Good Shepherd

## Pastor Michelle

## 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.



Information about today's service: Blessing of Gifts and Benediction by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Invocation from **Welcoming Shepherd, Service Prayers for Easter 4** 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. All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded. Hymns used with permission through OneLicense.net License #A-715913

## CLOSING HYMN *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Text: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young Music: William Batchelder Bradbury

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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## **BLESSING OF GIFTS AND BENEDICTION**

Divine Shepherd, your presence is the rod and staff which brings us peace. We know we are called to follow your lead. Open our souls ready to live into a spirit of abundance instead of a mindset of scarcity. Open our hearts to your flock – your children across our communities and world who are struggling. Open our minds to the possibilities of how we can share our gifts during challenging times. May we continue to focus on your voice as we discern what is next for us. Amen.

As we leave our time together today-  
May God find you pillows of comfort on which you will rest your head.

May God lead you to places and in ways that will keep you healthy and safe.

May God restore your souls during the long days and nights of loneliness.

We will not fear, for you are with us God.

You will follow us to the ends of the earth and remain with us on our paths and in our homes.

Your goodness, mercy, and steadfast love will accompany us,  
And we will dwell in your loving embrace our whole life long.  
Amen.

**POSTLUDE**      *The Trophy (from Pieces De Clavecin, Book 4*  
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)



**Question:** *Who was the St. Paul pastor that dedicated the present altar  
In the church sanctuary?*

## This

### Sundays

9am Traditional Worship  
10:30am Zoom Social Hour  
4pm Non-Traditional Worship

Here is how to stay in touch  
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1) **Watch the services and check for  
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3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

Family of Marge Rahn, sister of  
Judy Koch

Family of David Foree, brother of  
Ruth Klingel

Family of Jo Ann Schwinn Smith

Gary Loeffler, brother of

Sandy Loeffler

Lynn Koehler

Carl Schneider

Carol Wilkinson, Oriana's aunt

Phil McClary, Lynn Koehler's nephew

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org)

Or call 618-233-3303

**Answer:** Pastor Robert Koepcke made  
the dedication on May 17, 2017

### **Weekly Attendance**

9am / 4pm April 11, 2021 April 12, 2020  
19/16 All Virtual

Offering for 4/11/2021 - \$5,438

### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$129,087

Budget to...  \$121,230

Total Budget  \$420,256