



Sunday, July 4, 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!

9 am Worship

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am In-Person and Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological-based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on 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. You can watch the online service anytime after it has begun.
- For those in attendance: please note that our services are recorded and you may be on camera.
- Please send prayer requests by email to 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 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.

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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St. Paul United Church of Christ

July 4, 2021
9:00 am

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor..... Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist..... Sue Hoffman

REFLECTING UPON INDEPENDENCE DAY

PRELUDE *Fanfare for the Common Man*
 Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

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.

***HYMN** *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies (MATERNA)*
 Text: Miriam Theresa Winter; Music: Samuel A. Ward
 (see page 6 of this bulletin)

SERVICE FOR PENTECOST 7

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Divine Crafter of Kindness,

We dwell together in this space of comfort, allowing your energy to refill our cups. This is a time for us to rebalance our hearts as we look into this new week. *In what ways will we sprinkle kindness? With whom will we share your grace?* In a spirit of excitement, we look forward to the ways we will exchange compassion with our neighbors. In a spirit of hope, we build a community, a country, a world of understanding. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:16-26
 1 Corinthians 13

SERMON Be Kind Pastor Michelle

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *For the Healing of the Nations (REGENT SQUARE)*
 Text: Fred Kaan; Music Henry T. Smart
 (see page 7 of this bulletin)

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

Loving God, Holy Patron of Humanity,
You call us to use our time, talents, and treasures to sprinkle kindness like seeds into our world. As we create this world with you, we use our energy to restructure systems to build a world of love. Assist us as we find new ways to uproot animosity and plant kindness with our gifts. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

As we fill this world with kindness,
may the God of love,
the Christ of peace,
and the Spirit of hope
guide us into this week,
working with us to pave our pathways with love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful (MATERNA)

arr. John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

** Please stand if you are comfortably able*



Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services are recorded. Hymns used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Prayer of Reflection, Blessing of the Gifts, and Benediction written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

Prayer for Independence Day written by Rev. Elsa Cook and found at her website [Cooking with Elsa](http://CookingwithElsa.com) .

Communion Liturgy written by Rev. Chris McArdle.

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea

our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain,
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years,
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

For the Healing of the Nations 621



1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac-cord,
2 Lead your peo-ple in - to free-dom, from de-spair your world re-lease,
3 All that kills a - bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned:
4 You, Cre - a - tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;



for a just and e - qual shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords.
that, re-deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob - scure your plan.
for our grow - ing in your like-ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;



To a life of love in ac-tion help us rise and pledge our word.
Show us how, through care and good-ness, fear will die and hope in-crease.
In our com-mon quest for jus-tice may we hal-low life's brief span.
that by our re-sponse and serv-ice earth its des-ti-ny may find.



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

The Patriotic Concert was an annual tradition.
When did this annual event start?



This Week

Sundays

9am	Traditional Worship
6pm	Non-traditional Worship

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -**

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)!**

For Your Prayers

Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler

Walter Beatty

Lynn Koehler

Lori Coleman

Bev Juenger

Al Stahl

Julie Nollette

Bob Yung

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastomichelle@stpaulucc.org
Or call 618-233-3303



Praying for your health and well-being!

Answer: June, 1986

Weekly Attendance

9am / 6pm June 20, 2021 51/10 June 21, 2020 All Virtual

Offering for 6/20/2021 - \$3,443.15

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date	\$193,498
Budget to..	\$202,050

Total Budget	\$420,256
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