

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Psalm 1



Sunday, September 19, 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!

September 12, 2021 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.

*** Notes for our congregants to stand if they are comfortably able**



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Belleville, Illinois



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[https://www.youtube.com/
stpauluccbelleville](https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist Lou Ryseff

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
Tune: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872); arr. by Al Roberts (b. 1946)

INVOCATION (UNISON)

**O Spirit, you swept through the ages:
be among us now to fill us with radical amazement at the wonder of
creation and creativity. Call to us that we may hear your voice in
beauty, in witness, in song, and in prayer, and respond with all that
we have to offer. Whisper to us when we doubt your goodness and
despair of hope in a world fraught with signs of destruction, that we
may yet hear your still small voice. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** In the Bulb There is a Flower (PROMISE)
Text and Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
See page 4

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

Magnificent God-
When we think of awe, our mind stumbles. We are too busy for
awe. We know too much to be in awe. We are too jaded for awe.
We ignore the spiritual gift of awe.
We feel awe, yes, before a mountain, a sparkling lake, or a
hummingbird. We do not feel awe before the blessings of every day.

Magnificent One, help us to experience awe this week in washing dishes,
in watching the backyard animals, in our offices and cars, and while
taking an evening stroll. For we would be deeply faithful to you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Michelle

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)
F (Em)
Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)
C7 (D)
F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER REV. TODD BEAN

(Unison Welcome)

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

ANTHEM

To God Be the Glory

Music: William Howard Doane (1832-1915)
arr. Christine D. Anderson and Gregory Varner
Handbell Soloist, Mary Lu Bretsch

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

SERMON

Rooted by the River

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** *The Church of Christ in Every Age (WAREHAM)*

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: William Knapp ((1698-1768)

See page 6



The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

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

Divine Foundation,

Your generosity builds us. Your grace allows us to continue to grow. With your gifts, we can see into the future with hope. With treasures, talents, and time from you, our church, community, and world will thrive. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Go from this place, letting your anxious worries cease.

May the lilies of the field and birds of the air

inspire you to see God in all you do.

May the blessing of Jesus, who announced God’s righteousness, of the Creator, who fills Earth with beauty, and of the Spirit, who nurtures awe, bless, inspire, and empower you. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on Woodlands*

Tune: Walter Greatorex (1877 - 1949)

arr. J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)



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

Heritage Hall has been renovated. When you are standing in the middle of the space, how many windows (individual or set) can you see?



This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Culinaire's Breakfast

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

Bev Juenger

Lori Coleman

Julie Nollette

Al Stahl

Luci Bradley

Audrey Krummrich

Carol Hotz

Sheila Kronenberger

Joyce Maurer

Jim Young

Bob Harms

Matt Eckert, son of Mark and Rita, who is currently deployed

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Praying for your health and well being!

12 *Answer*

Weekly Attendance

9am Sept 5, 2021 62 + Online Participants Sept 6, 2020 39 Outside Service

Offering for 9/5/2021 - \$10,072

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$266,193

Budget to..  \$290,952

Total Budget  \$420,256