

*"Have salt in yourselves, and be at
peace with one another."*

Mark 9



Sunday, September 26, 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 26, 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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stpauluccbelleville](https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director Dr. Bill Wade
Liturgist Jan Frederick

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *I Know that My Redeemer Lives,*
arr. by Jason W. Krug
St. Paul Glory Ringers

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of Awe and Wonder, we tremble when we think of the universe and what you have created. We wonder how we could be so important to you, and yet, you call each of us by name. You have given us meaning and purpose in this world. Help us to speak up, O God, for your ways of love and justice. Guide us in your ways, O God, because you are far beyond our understanding and comprehension, and yet, you continue to instruct us in the ways of wisdom and insight. Help us to draw near to you, O Holy One, and to live into your truth. Amen.

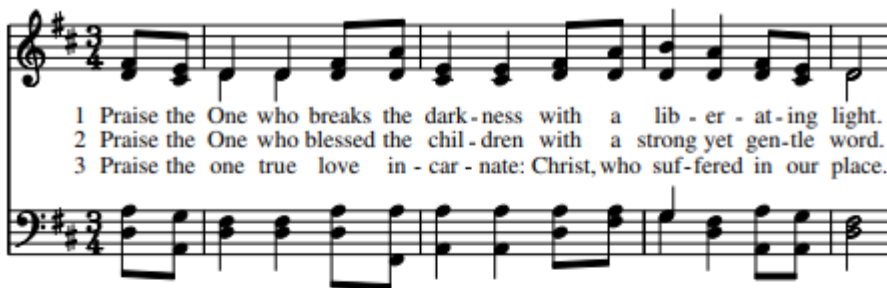
***OPENING HYMN** *Praise the One Who Breaks the darkness*
(NETTLETON)
Text: Rusty Edwards; Music: John Wyeth's
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*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

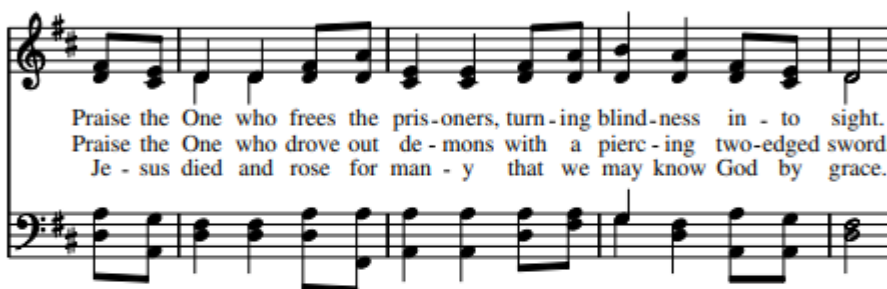
Merciful God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Yet, our witness is often bland and gloomy. *When have we failed to be an influence for good? Can we recognize when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight, God?* Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of your love in a cloudy world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Michelle

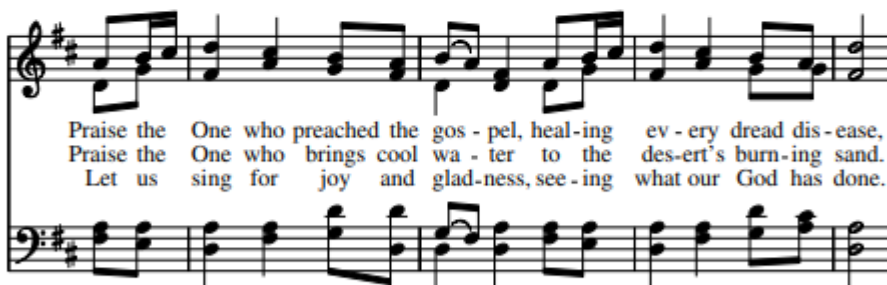
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



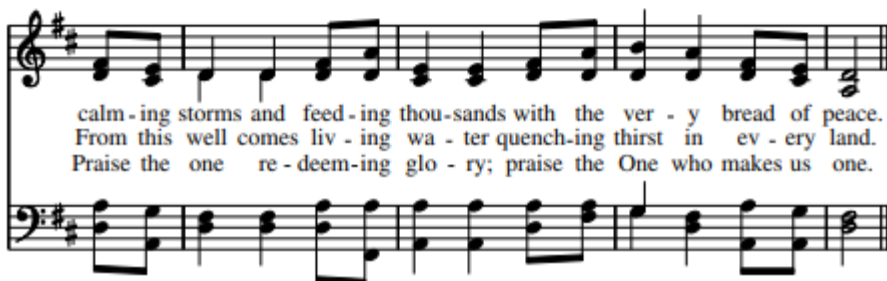
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

THE BAPTISM OF CHARLOTTE KAY WALKER

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

ANTHEM

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken,
arr. by Jason W. Krug*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50 & Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

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Pastor Michelle

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O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

G B7 Em Am D7 G

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

C D7 G A D A D G B7 E Am

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

D7 G C D7 G Am G D G

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

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** *O Christ, the Healer (CANONBURY)*
Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: Robert A. Schumann
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***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**
Divine Light and Love, may these tangible gifts and all the intangible gifts we share among us make known to the world that God is within us and among us. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**
Today and every day, take care of one another,
knowing that each of you is God’s gift
to this community and to the world.
Use your voice to proclaim the love of Christ,
and may the spirit’s guidance bring your courage and joy each day.
Amen.

POSTLUDE *Sunday School March in G*
Alexander Schreiner (1901-1987)



*The flowers for this Sunday's service are in Loving Memory of
Vincent Torigian who passed away on September 18, 2017.
Always loved and missed by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Aaron,
Lori, Nick, Jack & Ellie*

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

The Accension Window in Heritage Hall is dedicated to someone. Who is that and why are they being recognized?



This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee & Doughnuts

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

For Your Prayers

Walter Beatty

Lori Coleman

Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich

Sheila Kronenberger

Jim Young

Mary Mike Wade, sister of Larry

Walton, and the family of Don Wade

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

Bev Juenger

Julie Nollette

Luci Bradley

Carol Hotz

Joyce Maurer

Bob Harms

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Praying for your health and well being!

Answer: Oliver Bange, was the first one of our congregation to be killed in World War II. He was a private in the military.

Weekly Attendance

9am Sept 12, 2021 72 + Online Participants Sept 13, 2020 49 Outside Service

Offering for 9/12/2021 - \$4,741

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$270,934

Budget to...  \$299,034

Total Budget  \$420,256