



THE SEMANTICS OF FAITH

*If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.*

Job 23

Sunday, October 10, 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!

October 10, 2021 9am 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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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher..... Rev. Merrimon Boyd
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
Liturgist.....Dick Erdmann

WELCOME Rev. Merrimon Boyd

PRELUDE *Andante con moto Op. 16 No. 1*
Alexander Guilmant (1837-1911)

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Holy Light,
You are the illumination of our lives. You are the dawn of each day,
the dusk of each evening, and the flame that remains with us during
the night. When shadows lengthen within our spirits, your light
bursts forth to bring us comfort. May your radiance fill our earth
with love. May your brilliance create more joy for this world. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *There Is Now a New Creation (STUTTGART)*
Text: David Gambrell; Music: Witt's "Psalmody Sacra"
(See page 4)

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Divine Source of All Sweetness,
Your love accompanies us in each moment. What a delight when we can
see you moving in our lives! And yet, there are times when your presence
is not quite so vivid. *Does our bitterness tarnish the taste of your*
presence? Do our groans muffle the sounds of your steps? How do we
search for you when our soul's compass is broken? Fill our senses with
your presence. Light the path ahead when shadows mar the scene in front
of us. Remind us that you are our companion on the journey. Amen.

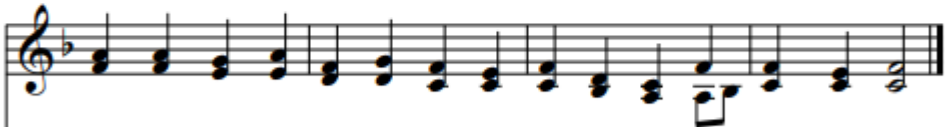
CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. Merrimon Boyd

ANTHEM *Have You Heard God's Voice?*
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Arranged by Frederick Chatfield, 2016
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There Is Now a New Creation



- 1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
- 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
- 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
- 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
- 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



SCRIPTURE Job 23:1-9; 16-17

SERMON The Semantics of Faith Rev. Merrimon Boyd

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** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God (ELLACOMBE)*
Text: Isaac Watts; Music Gesangbuch der HWK
Hofkapelle
(See page 6)

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

**Generous God, we thank you for all that we have for all of it comes
from you. We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you.
May our offerings sustain and support the work of this church to close
the disparity between those who have much and those who have little
in this community. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION** *(Based upon Psalm 90:12, 14, 17 adapted)*

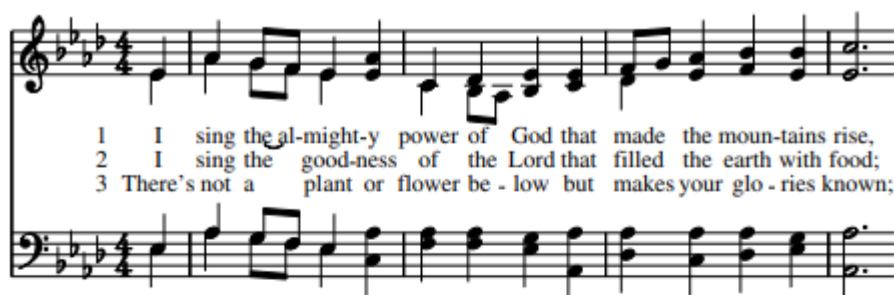
Let us count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Let God satisfy us
this morning with steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our
days. Depart in peace and let God's favor be upon us to prosper the work
of our hands.

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March*
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

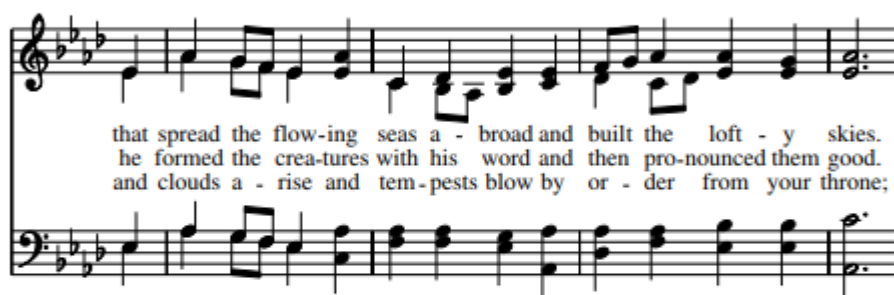
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Invocation and Prayer of Reflection written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Blessing of the Gifts and Benediction from **Courage for Justice: Prayers** for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost written by the Rev. Quentin Chin, member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.

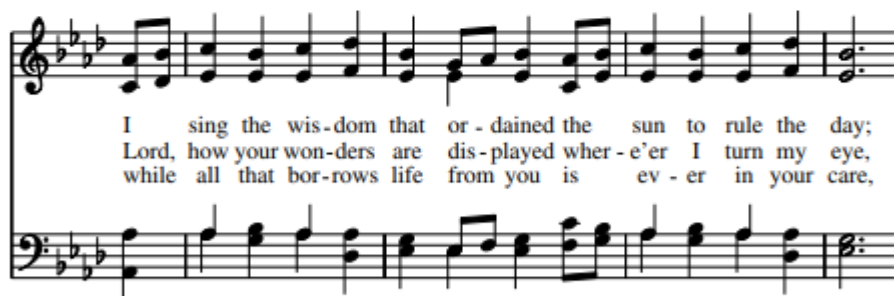
I Sing the Almighty Power of God



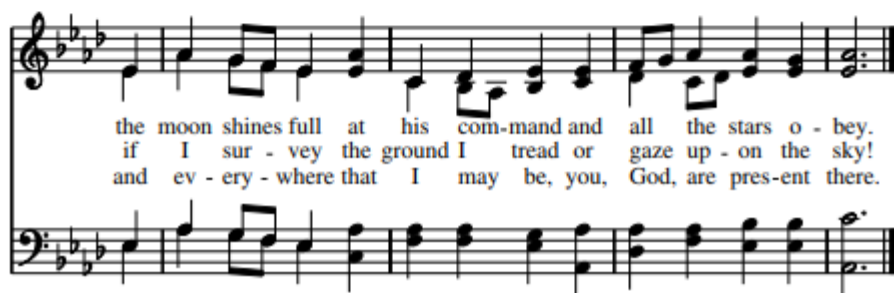
1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Our preacher today:

The Reverend Merrimon Ramout Boyd of The First Congregational Church of Webster Groves United Church of Christ holds a Bachelor of Science in Religious Education, and a Master of Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University. He is one of the newest Alumni of Eden Theological Seminary graduating and holding a Master of Divinity.

Merrimon is a native of St. Louis, Missouri who enjoys God and God’s people. Ramout finds joy in the greenhouse. He lives in the world of art, music, outdoors, and family. He is a fan of combative sports. He has a dream to be in full participation in God’s plans with God’s people.

Rev. Boyd is a man of prayer and patience, devoted to expressing an activist theology for the good of community and neighbors.

In the words of Rev. Boyd: “I am uniquely compassionate about helping people in the margins because in this space I experience a rebirth. I’m a disciplined learner.”

I would like to give thanks to Rev. Boyd for sharing the message and leading worship today. May all of you have a wonderful Sunday! - - Pastor Michelle



OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/10 Organ & Handbell Music Concert-St. Paul UCC Sanctuary @ 3pm
- 10/11 AGO Meeting & Dinner @ 5:30 in Heritage Hall
- 10/13 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Michelle @ 9-11am
- 10/17 Culinaire’s Breakfast
- 10/19 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Michelle @ 2:30-4:30pm
- 10/25 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Michelle @ 2:30-4:30pm
- 10/29 Halloween Spooktacular Concert St. Paul UCC Sanctuary @ 7pm
- 10/30 Trunk or Treat –St Paul UCC parking lot @ 10am-12pm

ST. PAUL WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade

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

St. Paul was originally a citizen of Rome. What was his name?



This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee & Doughnuts

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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

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3) Listen to the radio! 690am



For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether

Lori Coleman

Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich

Joyce Maurer

Bev Juenger

Julie Nollette

Bob Harms

Carol Hotz

Jim Young

The family of Lillian Miskimen

Mary Mike Wade, sister of Larry
Walton, and the family of Don Wade

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!

ANSWER : TALS

Weekly Attendance

9am Sept 19, 2021 71 + Online Participants Sept 20, 2020 56 Outside Service

Offering for 9/19/2021 - \$3,692

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$274,626

Budget to...  \$307,116

Total Budget  \$420,256