



Sunday, October 31, 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 31, 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. Michelle Torigian
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
Liturgist.....Dave Hoffmann

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *Glorious Praise*

John Behnke (b. 1953)

St. Paul Glory Ringers: Mary Lu Bretsch, Ruth Klingel,
Peggy Burke, Karey Sadler, Laura Sadler,
Sandy Wagner & Pam Walton

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of All Time and Spaces-

We know that through your magnificent creative Spirit our world and our lives came into being. And yet, you are not completely finished with creation. You continue to speak. As you nudge us to newness, grant us renewal as we observe creation with refreshed souls. Help us to appreciate the boldness of Jesus, Martin Luther, and other reformers throughout history. Give us the courage to change what needs to be transformed in order for your Church to grow. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (EIN' FESTE BURG)
Text and Music: Martin Luther, 1529 (See pages 4 & 5)

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Divine Gale of Change,

Just as the world continues to revolve and evolve, we are called to move in new directions. Yet we place brakes on change and silence newness. The winds of the Holy Spirit are still blowing in our direction, nudging us to move forward, but sometimes we have chosen to close doors, shut windows, and ignore its urging. God, we too often place you and your ideas into boxes. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we incorporate the new winds and bold ideas even when we are set in our old ways and content with our repetitive routines. Amen.

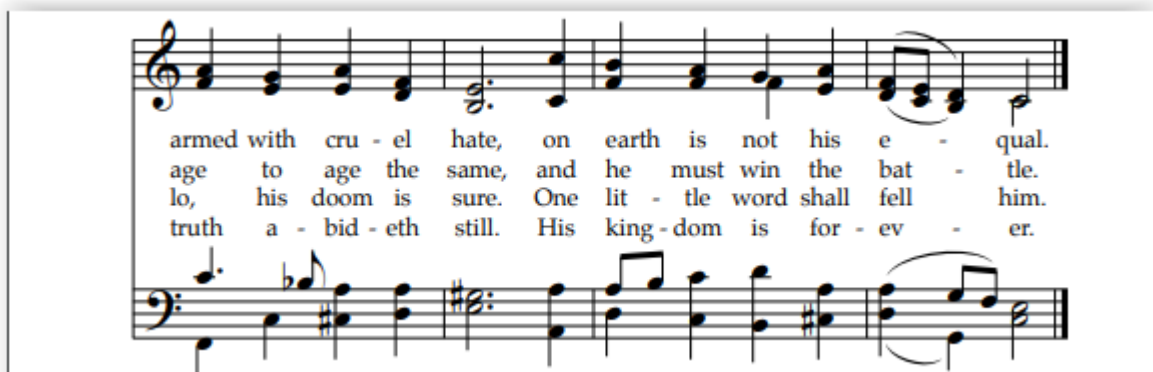
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sandy Wagner

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Rev. Michelle Torigian

ANTHEM

All Glory Be to Thee Most High

Text: Nicolaus Decius (1490-1541);

Music: Valentin Schumann's Geistliche Lieder, 1539;

arr. Rachel Aarons

Tom Birkner, trumpet

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-17 & Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

A Haunted Reformation

Rev. Michelle Torigian

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.

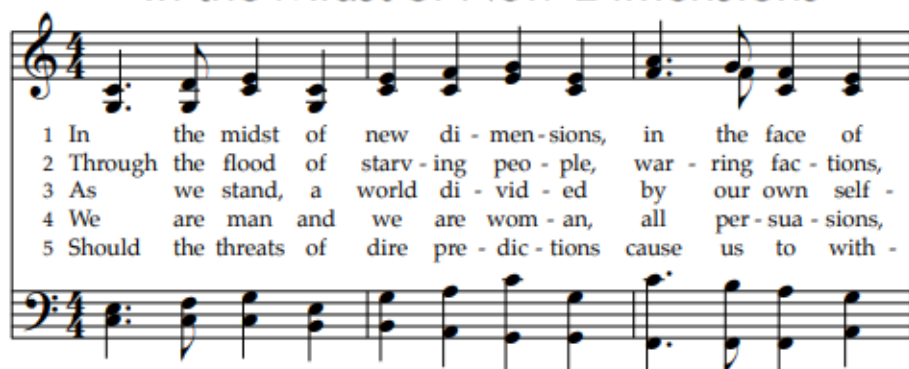
***CLOSING HYMN**

In the Midst of New Dimensions (NEW DIMENSIONS)

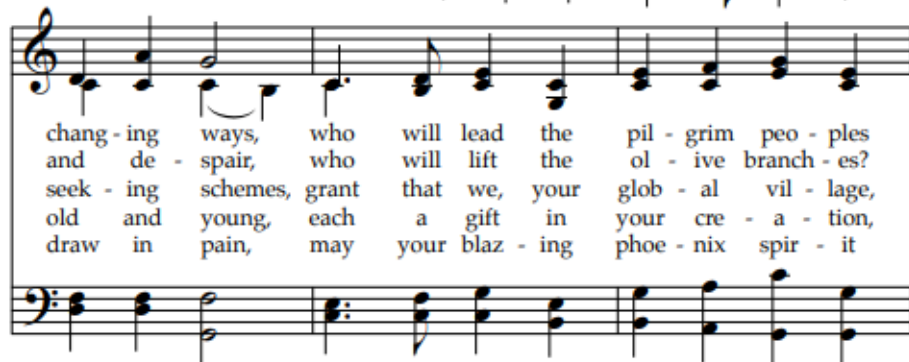
Text and Music: Julian B. Rush, 1979; rev. 1985

(See page 6 & 7)

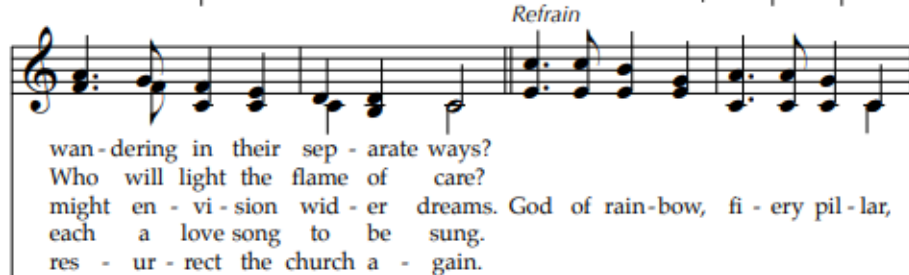
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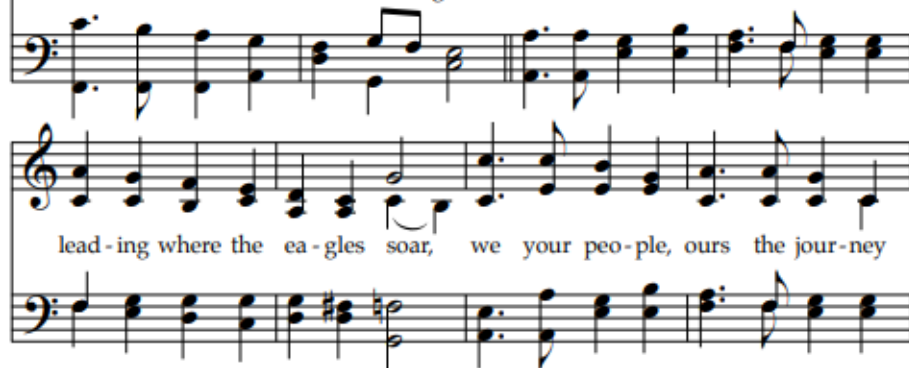
1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



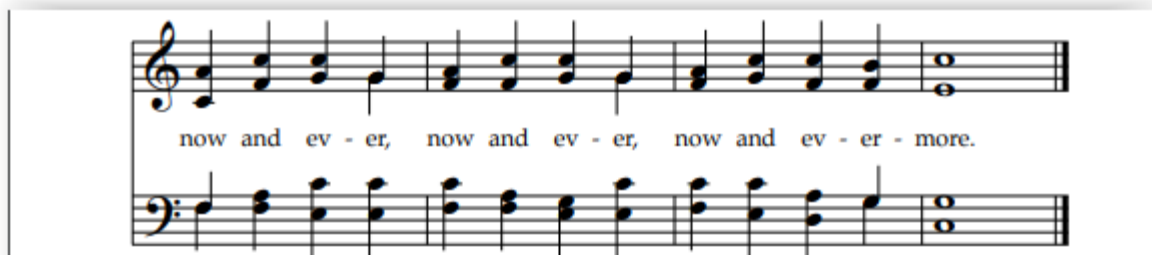
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



Refrain
wan - der - ing in their sep - a - rate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
each a love song to be sung.
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

Through the gifts of treasures and the offerings of our time and talents, we seek to grow the Church, God. Let us continue to find creative ways to contribute. And may our Still Speaking God's call entice us to not only build but reform Christ's church. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

May we leave this place understanding that this is the beginning. May we depart today knowing that the best of our faith is yet to come. And may the exhilarating mystery of God, the courage of the Great Reformer Jesus, and the dynamic nudging of the Spirit excite us as we become reformers for the Divine. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The flowers on the altar this week are by Bette Rotert, in loving memory of Gary Rotert, a loving husband, father and grandfather.



ST. PAUL WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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Liturgy written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

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

Except for the Rose Window, when were the windows of Heritage Hall dedicated?



This Week

Sundays

9am	Traditional Worship
10am	Coffee & Donuts

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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**

-and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether

Lori Coleman

Al Stahl

Carol Hotz

Jim Young

Our Neighbors

Bev Juenger

Julie Nollette

Audrey Krummrich

Joyce Maurer

Mimi Llamas

Barb Suess

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org

or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well being!



Answer: In March of 1903, the newly-renovated Second Church was dedicated. This work included installing the stained glass windows. This space is now known as Heritage Hall.

Weekly Attendance

9am **Oct 17, 2021** 77 + Online Participants **Oct 18, 2020** 25 9AM & 30 Outside Ser-

Offering for 10/17/2021 - \$13,239

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date \$321,051

Budget to... \$339,444

Total Budget \$420,256