

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season.*

*Psalm 1: 3a*



**Sunday, November 14, 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!*

November 14, 2021 9am Worship

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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](http://stpaulucc.org) (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on [Jubilee690.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

Senior Pastor .....Rev. Michelle Torigian  
Music Director .....Dr. Bill Wade  
Liturgist .....Sandy Wagner

**WELCOME**           Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**           Prelude on "Brother James's Air"  
arr. by Searle Wright (1918-2004)

### INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Divine Source of All Blessings-**

**We pray that you would inspire us to commit to and act on the small difference we can make:**

**May we bring peace through small acts of gentleness and reconciliation;**

**May we bring wealth through small contributions and collaborations;**

**May we bring safety through small acts of consideration and acceptance;**

**May we bring wholeness through small acts of care and service.**

**And in the small ways, O God, may our small differences make a big contribution to your saving work in our world. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**   What Gift Can We Bring (ANNIVERSARY SONG)  
Words and Music by Jane Marshall (1924-2019)  
(See pages 5)

### \*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

God of Hospitality and Wonder,

You welcome us into a space that welcomes those who are different from us. This invitation often makes us uncomfortable and unsettled. *How can we better see others' perspectives? How can we expand our beliefs beyond the status quo?* Help us to see the abundance of your invitation to all. Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness. In the Wild and Wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Peggy Burke

## **BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES (UNISON)**

**O Holy One who dwells in our midst-  
You abide in each heart and root yourself in our communities. Yet  
are always pushing us out of our comfortable places, calling us into  
the ever-wider world of human diversity. You challenge us to  
recognize in others your beloved face. We offer our annual pledges to  
you as an act of love. In this coming year, take and multiply them.  
Show us how to create a world where the stranger is welcomed,  
greeted as Cherished-of-God, honored with justice, engaged in peace.  
All this we ask in the name of the One who calls us “Friend”, and  
invites us to ponder ever more deeply “Who is my neighbor?” Amen.**

## **CHILDREN’S CHAT**

Rev. Michelle Torigian

### **ANTHEM**

Psalm 23  
arr. by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 23  
Psalm 1

### **SERMON**

Rooted in Love

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.**



# What Gift Can We Bring



*Unison*

1 What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?  
 2 Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vi - sion,  
 3 Give thanks for To - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,  
 4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it— the joy of this day?  
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.  
 for know - ing what - ev - er To - mor - row may bring,  
 these words can con - vey it— the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,  
 Give thanks for the Now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,  
 God gives us his word that al - ways, for - ev - er,  
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?  
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.  
 we rest in his keep - ing and live in his love.  
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
(SHOWALTER)  
Text: Elisha A. Hoffman; Music:  
Anthony J. Showalter

*(See page 6)*

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

**On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much - especially in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more. This is not simply because they've been added together, but somehow these gifts are multiplied in their usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts. With the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fish, there is enough for all. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

What endures is not the edifices we build, but the work of God that we accomplish through our ministries in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's instruments of justice rooted in love to further the work of Jesus and to move us closer to God's reign of peace. Amen!

**POSTLUDE**

Fuge in C major (Op. 3)  
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



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Invocation written by John van de Laar. Posted on his excellent [Sacredise.com](http://Sacredise.com) website. Prayer of Reflection written by Stephen M. Fearing at [www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com).

Blessing of the Pledges written by Rev. Susan Blain for the UCC.

Blessings of the Gifts from the [Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/). <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

Benediction from The New and Living Way of Christ: Service Prayer for the 25th Sunday after the Pentecost written by the Rev. Quentin Chin, member of Church on the Hill in Lenox, MA.



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

Here are a few of the past names for our church.  
Try to guess the year that they were adopted by the congregation.

- 1) Church Congregation of Belleville,
- 2) German Protestant Congregation of Belleville,
- 3) St. Paul Evangelical Church



### This Week

#### Sundays

9am Traditional Worship  
10am Coffee & Donuts

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](http://stpaulucc.org)**

-and you will find: videos of services,

### For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether

Lori Coleman

Al Stahl

Carol Hotz

Jim Young

Gay Eckert

Bev Juenger

Julie Nollette

Audrey Krummrich

Joyce Maurer

Mimi Llamas

Barb Suess

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)

or call 618-233-3303

*Praying for your health and well being!*



ANSWER: 1) 1839 2) 1841 3) 1913

#### Weekly Attendance

9am Oct 31, 2021 76 + Online Participants Nov 1, 2020 29 9AM & 33 Outside Service

Offering for 10/31/2021 - \$7,801

#### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date \_\_\_\_\_ \$330,281  
Budget to... \_\_\_\_\_ \$355,608

Total Budget \_\_\_\_\_ \$420,256