

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

Joel 2:26



Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 21, 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 21, 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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Belleville, Illinois*



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior PastorRev. Michelle Torigian
Music DirectorDr. Bill Wade
LiturgistPeggy Burke

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *We Gather Together*
 arr. Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Divine Spring of Gifts-

Today, we sing of your generosity. We exclaim our thanks for the ways we experience your presence. Fill us with the joy that comes with the season of Thanksgiving. In this moment, may we delight in your love for us. In this hour, may we celebrate the ways you speak to us. In this week, may we proclaim your gratitude for your work in our lives. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT)*
Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
(See pages 5)

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Holy Source of Blessings-

We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the test that is coming up. So much worry, so much time wasted over things we cannot control. You shower earth with rain, place the stars in the autumn sky. You wrap us in mercy and sprinkle us with healing and hope. *How do our worries keep us from trusting you, God? How do our concerns distract us from living on a path of gratitude?* As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome all whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BLANKETS

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Mary Lu Bretsch

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God*
William Allen Pasch

SCRIPTURE Joel 2:21-27

SERMON Gratitude in Tough Times 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** *For the Fruit of All Creation (AR HYD Y NOS)*
Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: Irish Melody
(See page 6)

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

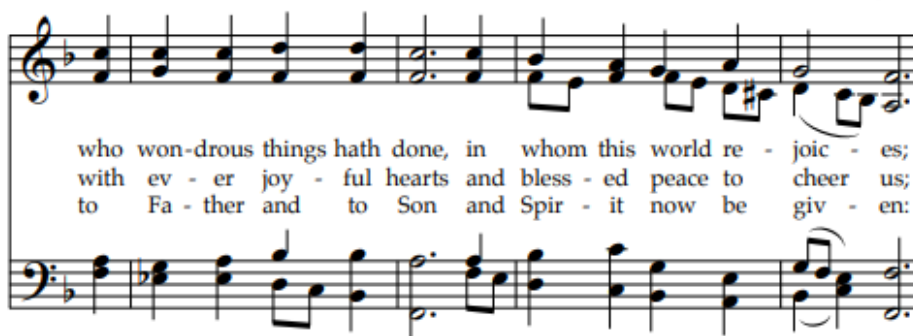
**God of Goodness, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that you
have given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure
our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away.
We remember that when we contribute, we bless your church, your
people, and your creation. Amen.**



Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

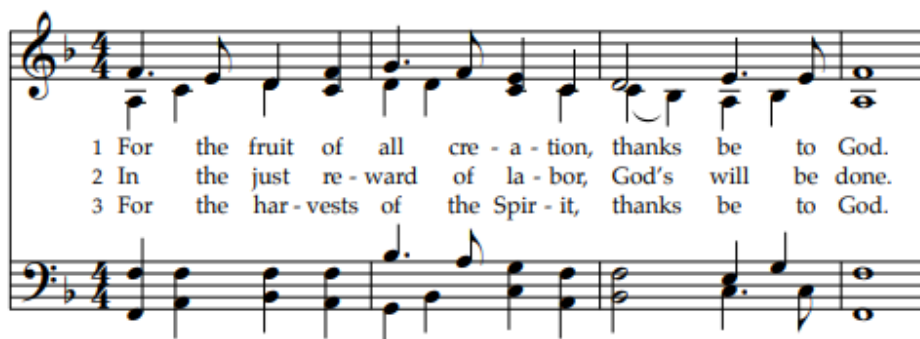


who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

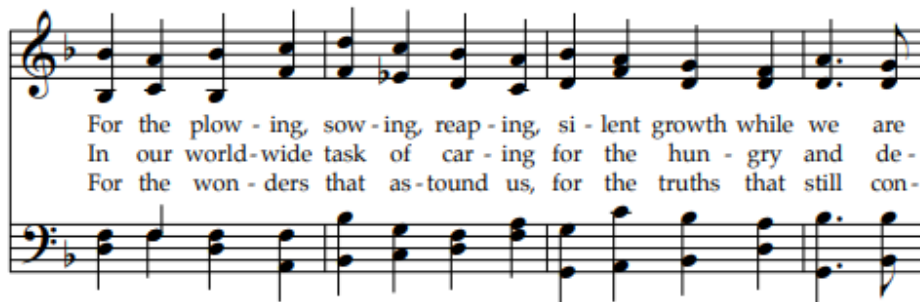
For the Fruit of All Creation



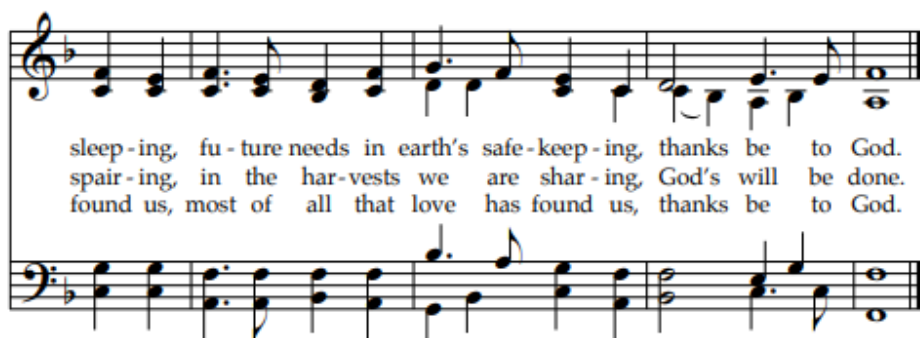
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

Let us take on this week's life with renewed hope and imagination...
With faith in God, creative and generous power of life,
With hope for the future of life in this world,
With love for all others who share this life with us,
Let us go forward together in peace. Let our service begin.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)



Hanging of the Greens



Sunday, November 21 from 3-5pm
Please meet at the Sanctuary/Welcome Center Doors.



The roses on the altar today are for:



James Thomas Spargur

Born October 12, 2021

Parents are Erin (Birkner) & Aaron Sparger

Grandparents are Tom & Kathy Birkner

& Jim & Lana Spargur

Ellie Stephens

Born October 30, 2021

Parents are Clay & Milie (Wilson) Stephens

Grandmother is Lee-Alison Wilson

Great Grandparents are Gary & Jan Friedrich

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Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Prayer of Reflection from (c) 2015 Thom M. Shuman <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/11/thanksgiving-day-year-b.html>

Prayer of Blessings written by Rev. Quentin Chin for the UCC

Benediction from https://www.rexachuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgies_-_pentecos/creation5pent16c2992019.html

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

**Here are a few of the past names for our church.
What year were they adopted?**

- 1) German Protestant Church and School.**
- 2) 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

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

For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether
Lori Coleman
Al Stahl
Carol Hotz
Jim Young
Gay Eckert
Karen Zaber

Bev Juenger
Julie Nollette
Audrey Krummrich
Joyce Maurer
Shirley Martin
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: 1) 1842 2) 1919

Weekly Attendance

9am Nov 7, 2021 104 + Online Participants Nov 8, 2020 21 9AM & 18 Outside Service

Offering for 11/7/2021 - \$9,830

General Fund

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$340,111
Budget to..  \$363,690

Total Budget  \$420,256