

# Out-of-the-Box Care



**Sunday, January 16, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

“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

January 9, 2022 9:00 am

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music</i> .....	Jan Spencer
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Karen Keuss

**WELCOME**      Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**      *This is the Day the Lord has Made*  
Sigfrid Kaig-Elert

### **INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Divine Decanter, you pour your spirit into our souls and your love into our hearts. Like the transformation of water to wine, our simple aptitudes are expanded to strength our world. In this space today, may we reflect on how to best use our gifts to better your Kin-dom and care for our neighbors. May we ponder the ways that we can encourage our spiritual siblings to utilize the gifts they carry on their journeys. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (IN BABILONE)  
Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan  
*(see next page)*



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Liturgy written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Installation from UCC Book of Worship.

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of seven systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal line and the second column to the second vocal line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

## \*PRAYER OF REFLECTION

God, we extinguish others' dreams in our quest to survive. We douse their hopes and their courage with discouragement. *How does our negativity and jealousy stop their quest to develop their gifts?* Give us the vision to see that all of us have a place on this earth. Help us to seek success for all people – not just ourselves. May we become a team with our spiritual siblings so that we can use our talents to create a light-filled world. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Michelle

## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Leader: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

**Individuals: I am.**

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

**Individuals: I do, relying on God's grace.**

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service.

Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.  
**All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

## SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

## SERMON

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Pastor Michelle



## **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**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (FAITHFULNESS)  
(See page 6)

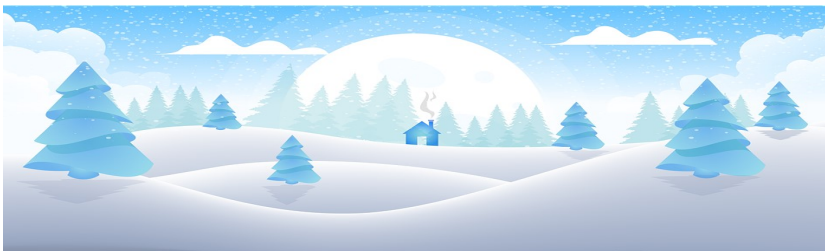
## **\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

**Spirit of Gifts, with gratitude we pour our talents for you. Stir our souls today. Move us to courageous ways of giving and encourage us to fill basins of hope for humanity. Amen.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

As we head on our journeys this week, Divine Decanter-  
Pour your courage into our souls.  
Pour your love into our hearts.  
Pour your vigor into our minds.  
Fill our spiritual vessels to the brim so that we may abundantly lavish life and light into our world.  
Amen!

**POSTLUDE**      *Hymn to Joy*  
Michael Burkhardt, arr, Beethoven/Stamley



# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (D major) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## **A Covid-19 Guidelines Update for St. Paul United Church of Christ Updated January 3, 2022**

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Paul United Church of Christ leadership has taken this virus seriously and has followed local, state, and federal guidelines as well as listened to the science informing the public on the need for mitigations.

Due to increasing cases and the Omicron variant, we have made some adjustments to our guidelines.

First of all, we will be canceling all Sunday coffee hours throughout January and February, and the Culinaires' Breakfast will also be canceled on January 16 and February 20.

Secondly, previously scheduled events such as the Trivia Night and Valentine's Day Dinner (both in February) have been canceled for the time being. Our choir and bells will not practice during the month of January and February. Christian Education for all ages will not be held in January. All team meetings in January will be held on Zoom.

Third, we will be reinstating physical distancing in the sanctuary for worship and wherever possible in our building. We ask that our congregants be seated every-other pew where the blue cushions have been placed.

Masks are mandated at all times while in the St. Paul UCC building (per state guidelines). If you are unable to wear masks over both your nose and mouth, you can watch our service online on Facebook, YouTube, or on our website ([stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)). Sunday morning services are also broadcast live on Jubilee 690AM.

It is important that we can continue to have worship in person if possible. By instituting these practices, we believe we can continue to do so safely.

Thank you for your help in keeping the St. Paul United Church of Christ community safe in this new year!

Blessings,

Dr. Steve Schmidt, Council President

Mimi Llamas, Safety Team

Dave Hoffmann, Safety Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager & Safety Coordinator

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

**In the mid-2000s, our food pantry moved into the building at 205 West “B” Street. The building, an old home was renovated into a space for the pantry. What organization did the renovation?**



### This Week

#### Sundays

- 9am Traditional Worship  
10am Coffee Hour & Culinaire’s  
breakfast cancelled until  
further notice.

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, sermons, archives, and much more!!

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

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

### For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether                      Bev Juenger  
Lori Coleman                      Karen Zaber  
Al Stahl                              Audrey Krummrich  
Carol Hotz                          Joyce Maurer  
Shirley Martin                      Wayne Caughman  
Betty Hartmann  
Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt

#### **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!*

**Neighbors for Renewal**

**ANSWER:**



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<https://www.youtube.com/>



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#### Weekly Attendance

9am Jan 2, 2022 44 + Online Participants Jan 3, 2021 All Virtual

Offering for 12/26/2021 - \$4,941

#### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$8,082

Giving to Date  \$391,105

Budget to..  \$420,264

Total Budget  \$420,256