



Sunday, May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

“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

May 15, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Janet Spencer
<i>Liturgist</i>	Pam Nicholson

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Majestic Alleluia, by Joel Raney

Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 148)

One: Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

Many: Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.

One: Sing to our God who designed creation.

Many: Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Spirit of Joy-

Basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us. We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings. We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbors. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

They'll Know We are Christians

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They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

God of Awe and Harmony-

We were given the great commandment to love one another the way you, the Christ, the Spirit loves us. And yet, the way we love becomes conditional. *What events have distorted our view of Divine Love? How can we return to a simple but radical way of loving?* Transform our hearts as we work to understand one another, creating an earth which reflects God's heaven. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments,
by Francis Coombs
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35
Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6

SERMON

A New Hope * (*Star Wars title)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jubilation,
by Mary Kay Parrish
Glory Ringers

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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

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

**Loving God, Holy Vessel of Kindness-
We glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We
celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these
offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice,
and hope. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
SHOWALTER

(See next page)

***BENEDICTION**

As the week begins again,
May we dance as we celebrate God's presence.
May we sing as we proclaim Christ's love.
May we create as we embrace the Spirit's vision.
May we love boldly, care radically, and share courageously to glorify the
Spirit of God in our midst. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major.
Dietrich Buxtehude

Please join us for Culinaire's Breakfast after worship!

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This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Liturgy written by the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian for the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways. Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded and/or streamed. Music is used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press License #17755, or public domain.

496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Ab D♭6 D♭ Ab

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-

E♭ Ab D♭6 D♭

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,

Ab E♭ E♭7 Ab Refrain Ab

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing ing,
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

D♭ Ab E♭7 Ab B♭ C E♭ Ab E♭ Ab

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on

D♭ Ab E♭ E♭7 Ab

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



News & Notes



Total collected at St. Paul UCC for
Ukraine Relief since March = \$5,267.00
Great work everyone!



Emergency Contact Numbers

We have started an emergency contact list for our church members. If you would like to add your emergency contact person to the list, please email swilhelm@stpaulucc.org, call the office 618-233-3303, or you can write the information on the sign up sheets that are located in the sanctuary where you pick up your bulletin. Thank you!



Back By Popular Demand

Women's Guild Rummage Sale

Friday, June 10th 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11th 9:00 a.m. – noon

Clean out the closets! Share your past treasures! It's Time!

Proceeds from this traditional event go to our church missions.

Can you help us set up on the previous Wednesday & Thursday? HELP!

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

- 1) **When was St. Paul's first pipe organ purchased? How much did it cost?**
- 2) **In what year did the St. Paul congregation purchase the church's second pipe organ?**

This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
 10am Coffee Hour & Culinaire's
 Breakfast (3rd Sunday of the month)

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!!

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

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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

For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether
 Lori Coleman
 Carol Hotz
 Shirley Martin
 Sue Kuether
 Eileen Wetzel
 Grace Wolf

Diane Drake
 Marilyn
 Dinkelmann
 Christopher Mitchell
 Scott Schmidt,
 brother of Steve
 Schmidt

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org

or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well being!



ANSWER:
 1) 1862 \$365.00
 2) 1872



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 Belleville, illinois*

Weekly Attendance

9am May 1, 2022 81 + Online Participants May 2, 2021 23 + 16 Outside

Offering through 5/7/2022 - \$8,668

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to Date _____ \$150,694
 Budget to... _____ \$138,528

Total Budget _____ \$400,199