



Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth 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 22, 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>	Fred Hotz

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

RHOSYMEDRE
R. Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the Creator be home among us!

Many: In our hearts, may God be welcomed.

One: May God's love shape our every thought.

Many: May our actions lead to God's justice and mercy.

One: May our words be words of life.

Many: May God's Spirit lead us.

One: May God's peace dwell within us.

All: Amen.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God of Love, Wandering Spirit-Whether near or far from this gathering place, your presence walks with us. Whether inside this building or outside its doors, you call us to share the Good News of your love and grace. Fill our hearts with your peace this day and always. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

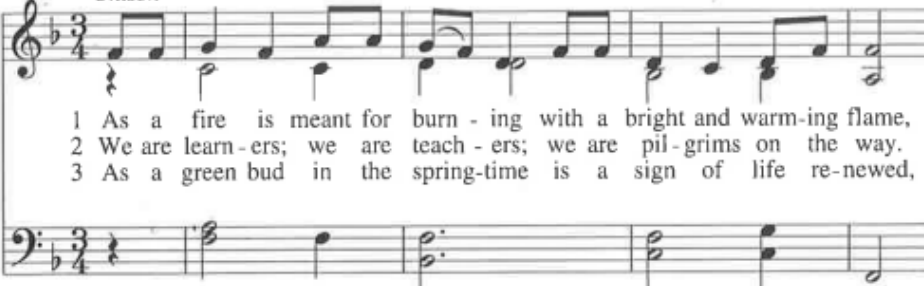
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BEACH SPRING

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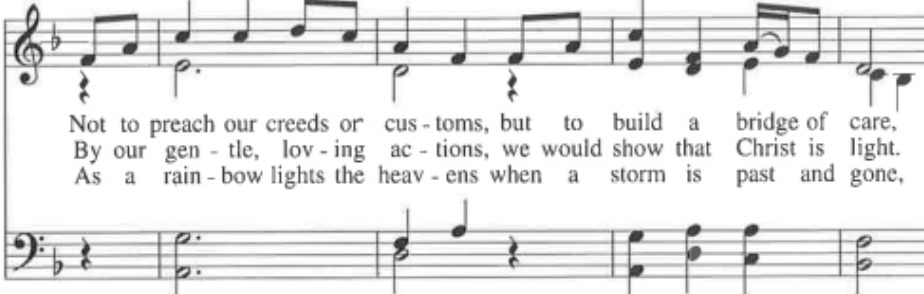
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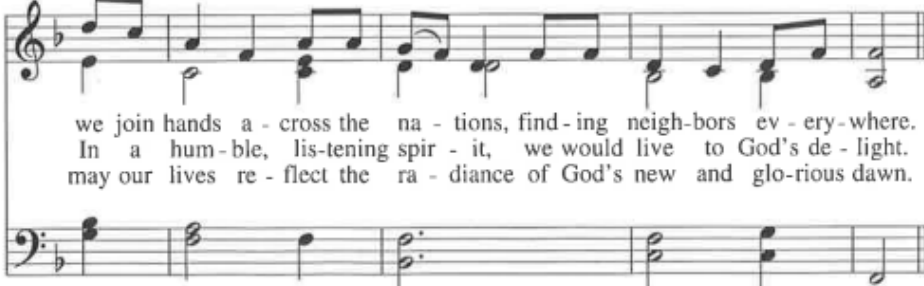
1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing flame,
2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
3 As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re - newed,



so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y - hued.



Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light.
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,



we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
In a hum - ble, lis - tening spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
may our lives re - flect the ra - dian - ce of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

We have not yet learned to love as you love. We have spoken praise in our mouths when our hearts were far from you. Yet, even in our failings, your love has never failed us. Even when we turned you away, you still choose to make your home among us. Creation needs you. Our families need you. Our streets need you. Our cities need you. The soil needs you. Our souls need you. Heal us. Forgive us. Make us whole again.
Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above,
by Michael Larkin
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:9-15

SERMON

Outside of the Gate

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

Our God does not give as the world gives. In the chaos, God is our peace. In our fear, God is our confidence. In our weakness, God is our strength. Let us offer our gifts to God.

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundred*)**

**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)**

May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

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***BENEDICTION**

May the love of God go with us. May God’s love saturate our memories. May God’s love overwhelm us. God is love. As we carry God’s love within us, may we carry God’s love to the world around us. Go forth in the love of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia
J. Pachelbel

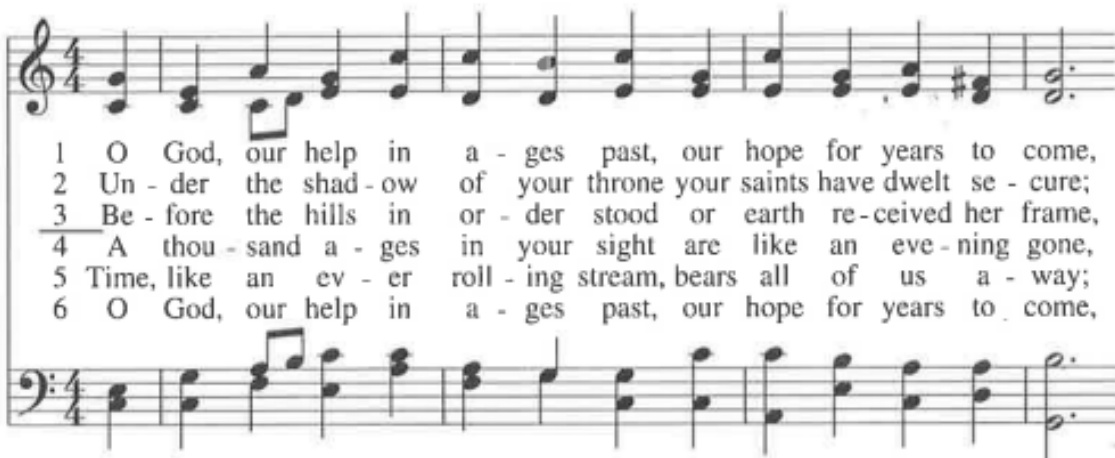


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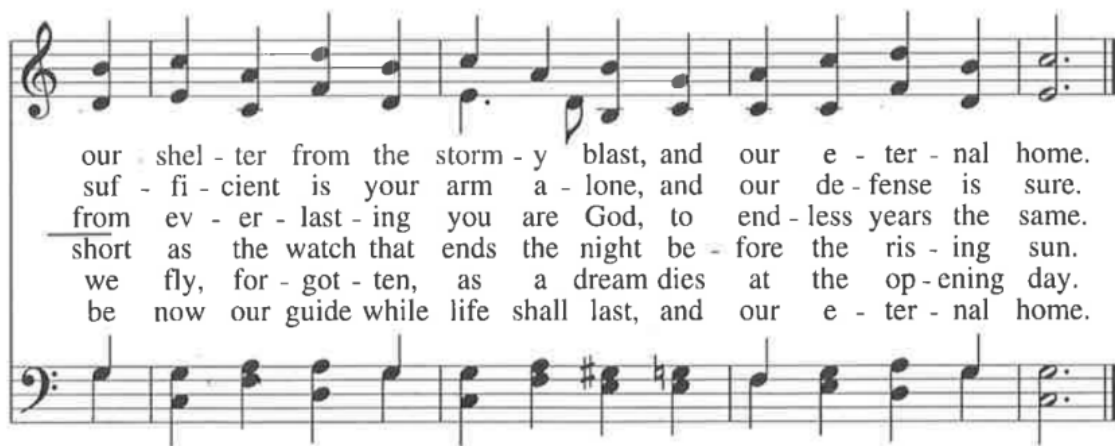
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Liturgy from *Love of God: Service Prayers for Easter 6C* was written by Michael Anthony Howard, who serves as Minister of Faith in Action for the Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, of the Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ. Invocation written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. 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.

84 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.
 be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.





News & Notes

- ✍ **Vacation Bible School is June 27-July 1 from 6-8pm**
We are accepting donations for the program!
- ✍ **Walkers are needed for the Ainad Shriners' Parade**
Friday, June 3rd.
The parade starts at 7:30pm.
More information to come about the meet up time and place.
We are accepting candy and monetary donations for the parade.
- ✍ **Volunteer helpers are needed for the Rummage Sale preparation!**
Volunteers will be in the in the Activity Center on
Wednesday, June 8 & 9th from 9am-4pm.



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!

(We do not accept large furniture.)

Proceeds from this traditional event go to our church missions.

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

In 1936, the church purchased our fourth organ. It was moved here, adapted and installed. Total costs around \$2,500. Who was the original owner?

This Week

For Your Prayers

Sundays

- 9am Traditional Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour after worship
- 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

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

- 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:
The Grand Opera House of St. Louis, Missouri!

 Watch videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

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Weekly Attendance
9am May 8, 2022 88 + Online Participants May 9, 2021 47 + 9 Outside

Offering through 5/14/2022 - \$6,653		General Fund	Needed each week \$7,696
Giving to Date		\$157,347	
Budget to..		\$146,224	
Total Budget			\$400,199