



Sunday, May 8, 2022
Fourth 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 8, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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>	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Robin Milford

INVOCATION (UNISON)

**God, our shepherd—Restorer of our souls—
The one who calls us to nap in green pastures—
We enter into this moment of worshipful gathering trusting that you
will guide us along the paths of righteousness. Wherever we may be in
this world, let us know the comforting presence of your rod and staff.
We are expectant, O God, that our fears will fade, that our cups will
overflow, and that your goodness and mercy will accompany us in this
hour and beyond. Now, let us worship you in spirit and in truth.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

In the Garden

GARDEN

(See pages 5 & 6)



***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

God of all possibilities-

We confess that we often let hopelessness have too much power over our lives. In the face of crisis, our faith has frequently faltered. In the midst of calamity, our fearlessness has faded. In the presence of tribulation, our worry has weakened our ability to act justly. Remind us of the unfailing treasure that is in your love and care for all of creation—

For your grace is sufficient, from the valley of death to the tables you've prepared for us. Embolden us, again, and revive our spirits. In the season of resurrection and Good News, help us to remember that you, God, believe in us even when our belief in you is challenged. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Bette Rotert

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord, from "Deus in Adjutorium"

by Antonio Vivaldi / arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30 & Psalm 23

SERMON

Being a Sheep

A MOTHER'S AND MOTHERING DAY PRAYER

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 believe in the God of justice and righteousness, and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with God and with neighbors.

***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)**

Holy One: We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice and love kindness in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Come Let Us Praise the Lord
DARWALL'S 148th

(See page 7)

***BENEDICTION**

Let us go forth knowing that we are led by God, that we are sheltered by God, that God never leaves nor forsakes us even in the bleakest valley. In God, may we hunger and thirst no more, and may a peace that surpasses all understanding abide with us, now and forever more. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Choral Song
Samuel S. Wesley



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This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Believe God Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Easter written by Rev. Mia M. McClain, Associate Minister at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC and a member of the Southern Conference UCC.

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In the Garden

\flat $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat 7$ $D\flat$
 $B\flat$ C

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a - round me be

$A\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$
 C

ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

$B\flat 7$ $G\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat 7$ *Refrain* $A\flat$
 $B\flat$ $E\flat$

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

$E\flat 7$ $E\flat 7$ $E\flat 9$ $A\flat$
 $B\flat$

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

In the Garden, Continued

Ab C7 Fm Ab7 Eb Db Ab Eb Eb7 Ab

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Above the treble staff, there are several chords indicated: Ab, C7, Fm, Ab7 Eb, Db, Ab Eb, Eb7, and Ab. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known."



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!



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!

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord



C G/B C Am Cmaj7 G F C/E G7 D C G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D D/C G/B C G/B D7 G C F Bdim D

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C G/B C F/A C/G F E Am Dm F C/G G7 C

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

1959 saw a new record for total attendance at all church services. What was that number?

This Week

For Your Prayers

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)!**

- Gus Kuether
- Lori Coleman
- Mike Eckert
- 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!



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ANSWER:



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



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St Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, illinois

Weekly Attendance

9am April 24, 2022 77 + Online Participants April 25, 2021 27 + 17 Outside

Offering through 4/24/2022 - \$4,210

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to Date	_____	\$142,026
Budget to..	_____	\$130,832

Total Budget _____ \$400,199