



**Sunday, July 17, 2022**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

"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

July 17, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Music .....	Tristan Frampton
Organist.....	Janet Spencer
Liturgist .....	Dick Erdmann

*Photo on cover the Carina Nebula taken by the James Webb Telescope and released by NASA this week.*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**

*Voluntary I.*  
William Boyce

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    (*Based on Psalm 139*)

One: Our God searches us and knows us.

**Many: May we search for God on our journeys.**

One: Our God is acquainted with all of our ways.

**Many: May we seek the ways of our God.**

One: Our God flees with us to the farthest limits of the sea.

**Many: May we sense our God in our fleeing and retreating.**

One: We praise you, Creator God.

**Many: For we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, as we know very well.**

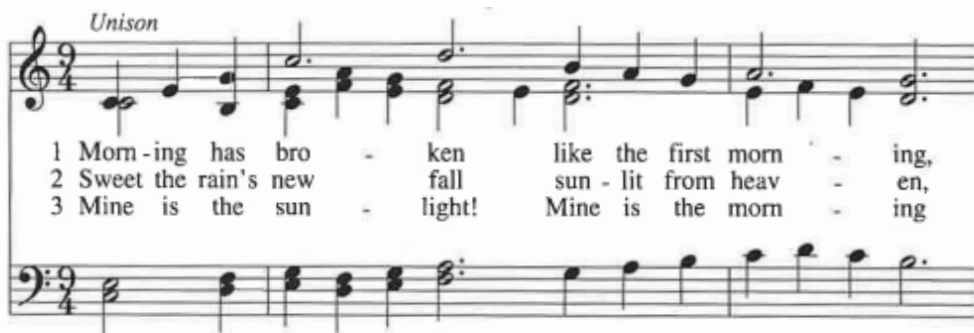
**INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**In the cracks of the cement and in the flickering streetlights, you are present. In the summer breeze and the wandering firefly, you make your presence known. Open us to the small ways you speak to us. As you reveal yourself in the mighty and miniscule, may we be willing to embrace the unconventional pictures of you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken*  
BUNESSAN

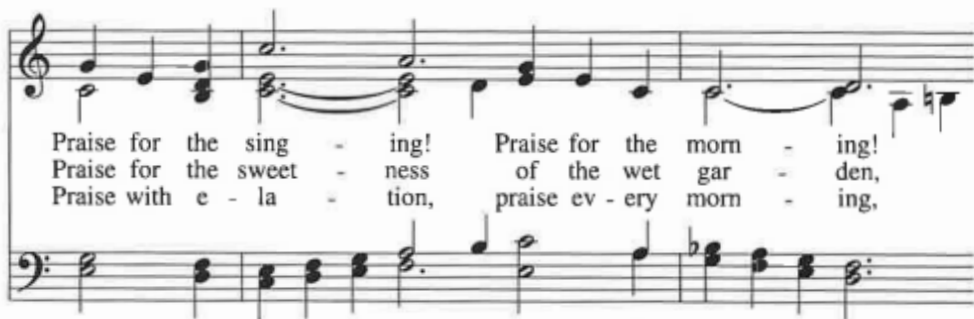
*Unison*



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

**\*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION (UNISON)**

**Holy God, Savior and Seeker,**

**As we wander aimlessly about this world, we become distracted by empty, shiny objects. We focus on the dramatic instead of the holy. Instead of seeing your presence in the ordinary, we look for something more glamorous. Fill our hearts with hope in humble voices and simplicity. Make way for your visions to enter our dreams. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Our Loving God, the Holy Savior and Seeker and Great Creator, will transform our minds as we set our sights upon the intentions of God. Throughout our journeys, God's grace will fill our lives with hope for the future. Amen.

**\*UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (*in doxology form*)**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

## A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow,*  
by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel  
Osceola Mueller, soloist

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-2:3      Romans 1:16-17  
Micah 6:6-8      Psalm 139

### SERMON

Who Is God?

### 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

As we continue to recognize the image of God all around us and within us, we will begin to sense how God is calling us to use our gifts to build our church, our community, and our world. May we recognize the ways we construct our relationship with God and neighbor as we dedicate our gifts to God.

### \*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)

**Radiant God, Holy Light,  
In gratitude for your love, we share our treasures, our talents, and  
our time with this congregation and community. We humbly ask that  
you illuminate our minds and hearts to recognize your presence as we  
use our resources to craft a kind and just world for all. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;  
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

*The flowers on the altar today  
are by Laureen Torigian  
in celebration of  
Pastor Michelle's and Aaron's  
two year anniversary!*

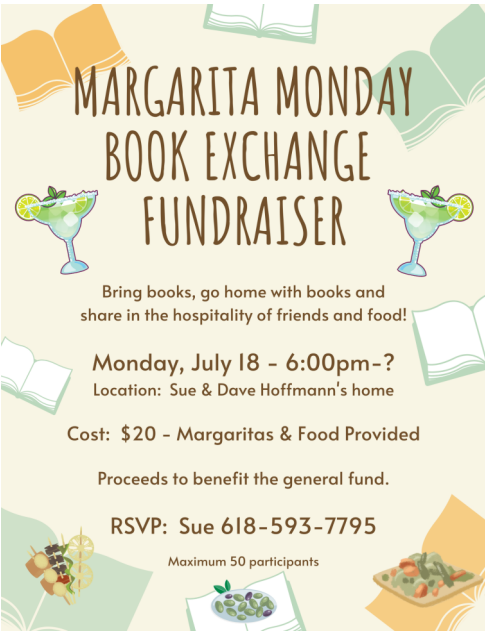


**\*BENEDICTION**

As we leave this space and continue to co-create with God,  
May we sense God our Creator filling us with inspiration to craft a world  
of love.  
May we sense God our Seeker and Savior accompanying us into the  
valleys and peaks of life.  
May we sense God the Carpenter of Justice and Love awakening us to  
new avenues of caring.  
May God of the Expanding Universe open us to a world of new visions  
and dreams. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

*Lord God, We All Give Praise To You*  
J. G. Walther



*Coming This Summer...*

What Do We Believe???

A sermon series and evening Bible/faith study on the UCC's Statement of Faith.

The evening study begins July 13 at 6:30pm, and the sermon series starts during the 9am service on July 17.

For more information, contact Pastor Michelle at [pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)

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This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

\*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

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

**There are 5 stained glass windows in the east wall of the Welcome Center. They are small in size, relative to the sanctuary panes. When were they originally installed?**

### This Week

#### Sundays

9am Traditional Worship  
10am Coffee Hour after worship  
**No Culinaire's Breakfast  
in July or August.**

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

### For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether  
Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Shirley Martin  
Sue Kuether  
Grace Wolf  
Marilyn  
Dinkelmann  
Christopher Mitchell

Scott Schmidt,  
brother of Steve  
Schmidt  
Laura Sadler  
Mona McAllister  
Brian Sample,  
nephew of Kathy  
Birkner  
Donna Young

#### **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!*



**ANSWER: December of 1960.**

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



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#### Weekly Attendance

9am June 26, 2022 68 + Online Participants June 27, 2021 52 + 10 Outside

Offering through 7/2/2022 - \$1774.00

#### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to Date \_\_\_\_\_ \$200,850  
Budget to... \_\_\_\_\_ \$200,096

Total Budget \_\_\_\_\_ \$400,199