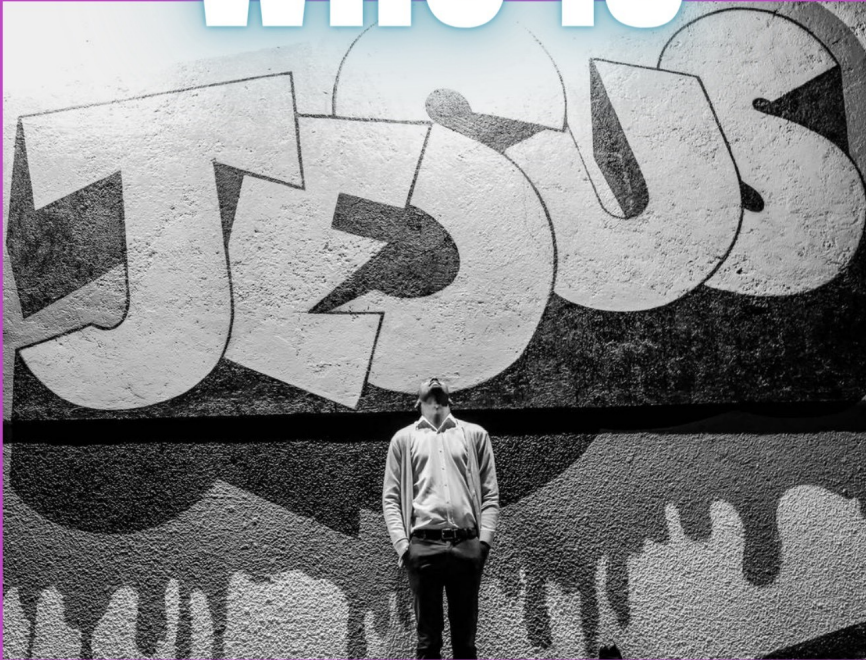


# WHO IS



**Sunday, July 24, 2022**  
**7th 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 24, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

7th Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i> .....	Tristan Frampton
<i>Pianist</i> .....	Peggy Burke
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Jillian Ritter & Donna Davis
<i>Guest Musicians</i> .....	Jillian & Chris Ritter

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
arr. M. Sisco

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on John 1)

One: In the beginning was the Word,

**Many: The Word was with God and the Word was God.**

One: The Word abided in the beginning with God.

**Many: Through the Word, all things came into being.**

One: Life and light came into being with the Word.

**Many: This Life and Light shone in the shadows.**

One: In celebrating the Word, the Christ, we see the Divine Light.

**Many: Let us celebrate the Word, the Christ, as we bask in Divine Light.**

**INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Illuminating God, Divine Light who entered our world as a human, we celebrate your son, Jesus the Christ. Through his nurturing presence, our neighbors have seen you clearer. Through Jesus' radical love, we have learned to boldly care for one another. Through his death and resurrection, we have seen new life ahead of us. Stretch our souls as we challenge ourselves to be like Jesus each day. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus  
CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

123

$E\flat$   $Cm$   $Fm$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $D$   $Cm$   $C$   $B\flat$   $Fm$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

$E\flat$   $A\flat$   $A\flat$   $C$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat7$   $D$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$

O thou of God and man the Son,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:  
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host:  
 Son of God and Son of man!

$E\flat$   $G$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $C7$   $Fm$   $C7$   $G$   $Fm$   $A\flat$   $B\flat7$   $E\flat$

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

$E\flat$   $G7$   $D$   $Cm$   $E\flat7$   $G$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $B\flat7$   $E\flat$

thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!  
 who makes the woe - ful heart sing.  
 than the an - gels heaven to boast.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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

**Holy God, Harmonizing Healer,**

**We say we embrace the walk of Jesus, but we trek another way. We say we live in a world of resurrection, but we shun the possibility of new life. We close ourselves from the grace that Christ afforded us, and we refuse to share mercy with our neighbors. Allow the way of Jesus the Christ to be our way. Create in us the compassion of the Christ as we go about our daily lives. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

The Great Healer, Jesus the Christ, fills our hearts with hope and love. May we celebrate Divine Grace on our messy and magnificent journeys, knowing that, through the love, life, and light of Jesus, we see the blessings of God's mercy.

**A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

Pastor Michelle

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Can Only Imagine*  
by Bart Millard  
Jillian & Chris Ritter

**SCRIPTURE**

John 1:1-18 & 29-45      Matthew 25:31-46  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**SERMON**

Who Is Jesus?

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jesus, Take the Wheel*  
by Carrie Underwood  
Jillian & Chris Ritter

**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

Like a flame spreading from one candle to the next, we, too, are encouraged to share the Light of Christ with our neighbors and church. Through our gifts of treasures, talents, and time, we follow the footsteps of Jesus the Christ. May the Light of Christ be experienced by all through the gifts we give throughout this week.

### \*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)

**Gracious God, Divine Light of the World, with these offerings, may our neighbors experience your love. With these gifts, may the world know your love and continue to pass your brilliant hope to all. Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord of the Dance*  
LORD OF THE DANCE

*(See pages 6&7)*

### \*BENEDICTION

May the Road of Christ welcome your authentic beings.  
May the Light of Christ illuminate your journeys.  
May the Energy of Christ soothe your pensive minds.  
May the Grace of Christ connect you greater with a neighbor.  
May the Words of Christ invigorate your hearts.  
May the Love of Christ send you into the world to spread Divine Kindness from corner to corner in this world. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance*  
arr. H. Leonard



Unison G Em Bm Em

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-sec, but they  
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame, the  
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; it's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I  
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame; they  
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back; they  
 I am the life that 'll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and the John; they  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; and they  
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me;

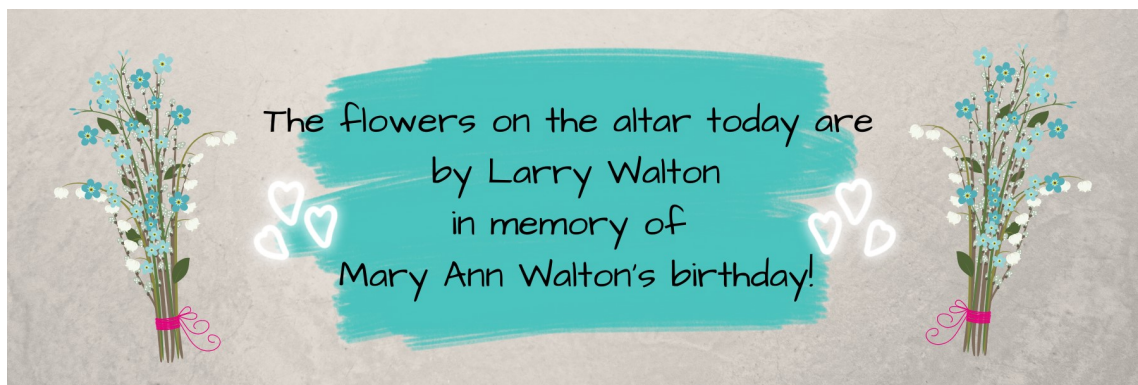
Am D7 C/G G Refrain G Bm D

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the Dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, where-  
 I am the Dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all where - ev - er you may

be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.



This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

\*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Liturgy of this worship service 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.

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

*In 1899, the St. Paul pastor threatened to resign, refusing a salary raised by the sale of beer at a picnic. He did leave later that year, because of methods of raising money for church expenses. Who was this pastor?*

### 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

**ANSWER:** Rev. William Weber

### For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

Sue Kuether

Marilyn

Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,  
daughter of Arline  
Worms

Scott Schmidt,  
brother of Steve  
Schmidt

Laura Sadler

Mona McAllister

Brian Sample,  
nephew of Kathy  
Birkner

Donna Young

Christopher Mitchell

Otto Christopher  
Kennedy, nephew of  
Scott & Lana Gentry



#### **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!*

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



Like us on Facebook  
*St Paul United Church of Christ,  
Belleville, illinois*

#### **Weekly Attendance**

**9am** **July 10, 2022** 72 + Online Participants **July 11, 2021** 54 + 12 Outside

Offering for 7/16/2022 - \$5,713.01

#### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$221,025

Budget to... \$215,488

Total Budget \$400,199