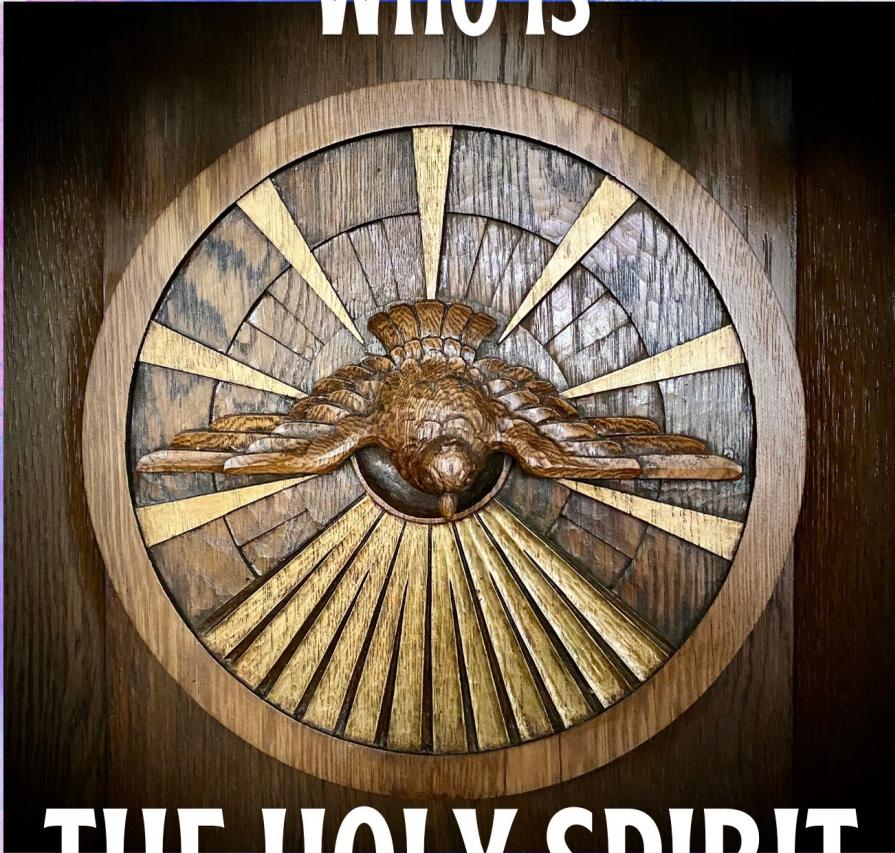


WHO IS



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday, July 31st, 2022
8th 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 31, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

8th 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>	Jan Friedrich

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Prelude to Worship
by R. Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy Breath, fill our beings with new energy.

Many: Holy Breath, fill our lungs with calming air.

One: Holy Winds, encircle us with your stirring breezes.

Many: Holy Winds, encircle our minds with dreams and visions.

One: Holy Gales, set us on a path of strangeness and surprises.

Many: Holy Gales, fill our souls with courage and our hearts with joy.

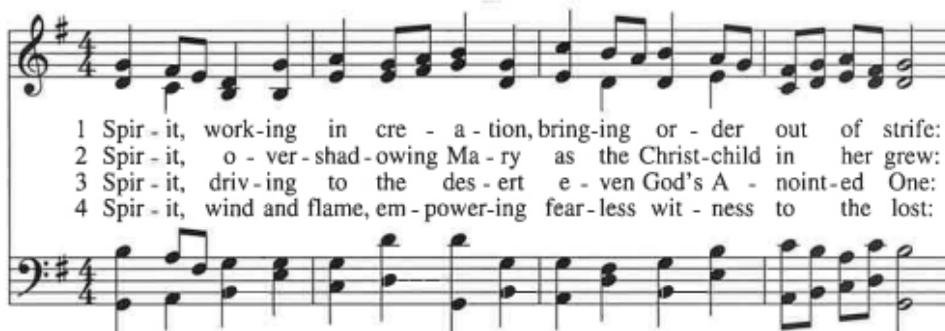
INVOCATION (UNISON)

Spirit of God, Divine Gust,

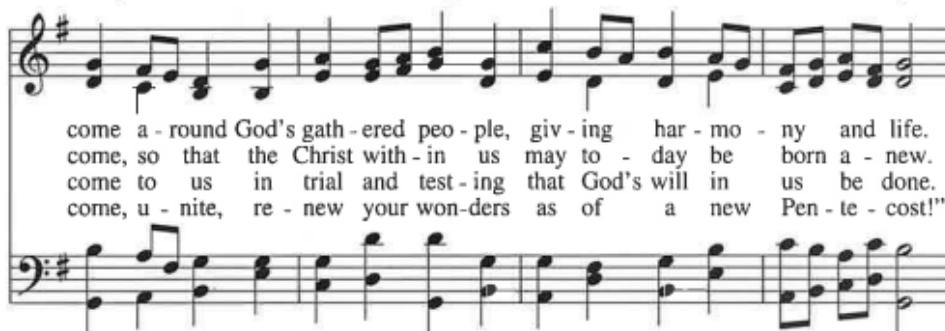
The mystery of your being swirls around us as you inspire us to co-create with you. As we reach to God, your great exhale nudges us closer to our Divine Parent. As we seek to share our stories, you place the images and words into our minds. Through your presence and power, we are inspired to joyously share the adventures of our faith with and in you. Holy Gale of God, encircle us with your realm here on earth. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

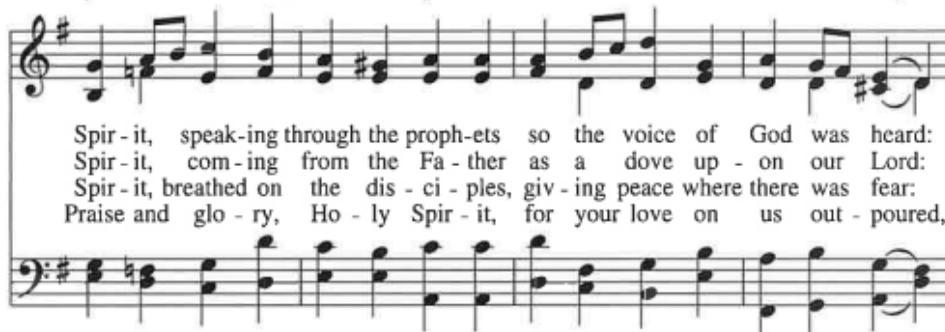
**Spirit, Working in Creation
IN BABILONE**



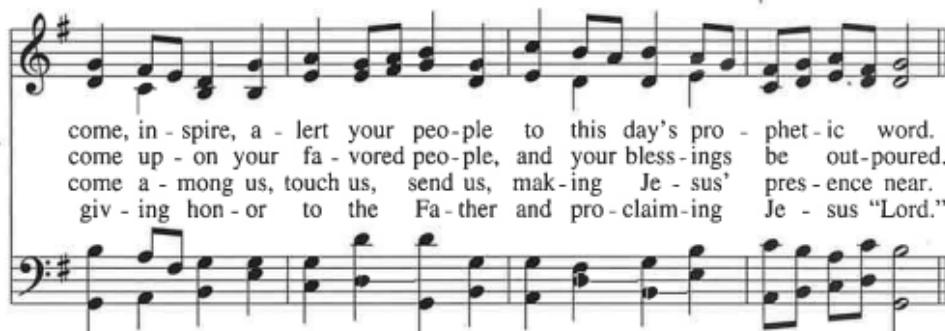
1 Spir - it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring - ing or - der out of strife:
2 Spir - it, o - ver - shad - owing Ma - ry as the Christ - child in her grew:
3 Spir - it, driv - ing to the des - ert e - ven God's A - noint - ed One:
4 Spir - it, wind and flame, em - power - ing fear - less wit - ness to the lost:



come a - round God's gath - ered peo - ple, giv - ing har - mo - ny and life.
come, so that the Christ with - in us may to - day be born a - new.
come to us in trial and test - ing that God's will in us be done.
come, u - nite, re - new your won - ders as of a new Pen - te - cost!"



Spir - it, speak - ing through the proph - ets so the voice of God was heard:
Spir - it, com - ing from the Fa - ther as a dove up - on our Lord:
Spir - it, breathed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where there was fear:
Praise and glo - ry, Ho - ly Spir - it, for your love on us out - poured,



come, in - spire, a - lert your peo - ple to this day's pro - phet - ic word.
come up - on your fa - vored peo - ple, and your bless - ings be out - poured.
come a - mong us, touch us, send us, mak - ing Je - sus' pres - ence near.
giv - ing hon - or to the Fa - ther and pro - claim - ing Je - sus "Lord."

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

**Spirit of Warmth and Wonder,
The chills of this world paralyze our anxious hearts. We become stagnant when listening to the discord from other voices instead of listening to your harmonies. We shun your visions and dreams because we stop believing the future is possible. We feel as if all life is being drained from us, that we are simply dry bones. May your winds awaken us. May your breath enliven us. May we see new life as we inhale your breath. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Our God, the flicker of new life in our world, ignites our hearts to share love with our neighbors. God's Spirit will help us to understand Divine Grace in our lives, understanding that second chances and hope are the path to unimagined possibilities. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

SPECIAL MUSIC

Spirit of the Living God

words & music by Daniel Iverson & Lowell Alexander
Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23 Acts 1:1-5 & 2:1-21
Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

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

The Spirit's winds are always nudging us to new ways of giving. Could this be through our time? Could the Spirit be emboldening us to give from different talents? In what ways are we called to give of our treasures today? As we reflect on the ways we share, we come together to offer God our praise through our gifts.

*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)

This is the time for us to dream together, Spirit of God. May we run wild with hope as we embrace our Spirit-infused imaginations. With joy, we celebrate the offerings contributed this week, this month, and this year as we commit to dream with you, Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

(See page 6)

*BENEDICTION

May the Spirit's flame warm our chilled hearts.
May the Spirit's winds encircle our anxious minds.
May the Spirit's breath enliven our souls.
Through the Spirit's presence, we embrace the love of God and the hand of neighbor as we dream together. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. D. Isaacson

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Open My Eyes, That I May See 480

Ab Eb7
Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth you have for me;
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

C7 G Fm C7 E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.
and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7
Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7 C Db Eb7 Db Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Too hot to walk outside?



Come to St. Paul UCC and walk in
the air-conditioned gym!



No appointment necessary!

Monday & Wednesday any time from 11:30-2
and Tuesday & Thursday any time from 9-2



Next Bible Study

Listen Up Series - John

Starting August 2nd @ 10am in the Genesis Room
Contact Donna Davis for more information!

ST. PAUL FRIENDS FUNDRAISER EVENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 FROM 6-10

A Big Invitation to the St. Paul congregation and Friends to attend the end of the summer fundraiser with friends, food, music and fun. Chris Ritter's band and Jillian will provide music from 6-10. It will be \$20.00 a person which \$10.00 will go to the church and the balance will cover pulled chicken sandwiches and hamburgers from Roy-el catering. We ask that you bring an Hors d'oeuvre, dessert or side. Your choice. Bring your cooler and lawn chair for a relaxing fun evening. Any questions call Sandy Ritter. Looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun evening. A Big Thank You to Scharf Farm for hosting.

50/50 Summer Grand Slam

Help support the operating fund by participating in our summer 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, August 28 - St. Paul day at the ballgame. Tickets are available in the Welcome Center and through the church office.

Take me out to the ballgame,
Take me out with my friends,
Join with St. Paul at the Cardinals game,
Oh, to miss it would be such a shame!
For a ticket, hotdog, and soda,
and give-away bobble surprise,
Only \$25 all this you can claim at the old, ballgame!



August 28 - St. Louis Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves

Game Time 1:15pm

\$25 per person

Ticket includes voucher for hotdog and soda.

Plus Mystery Hall of Fame Car Parade Bobblehead to first 25,000!

Tickets are limited. Get yours in the Welcome Center on Sundays or through the church office.

MARGARITA MONDAY BOOK EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER



Bring books, go home with books and
share in the hospitality of friends and food!

Monday, August 1st - 6:00pm - ?

Location: Sue & Dave Hoffmann's home

Cost: \$20 - Margaritas & Food Provided

Proceeds to benefit the general fund.

RSVP: Sue 618-593-7795

Maximum 50 participants



What Do We Believe???

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

The evening study is on
Wednesday evenings at
6:30pm. We will use the book
Affirming Faith as part of this
study. For more information,
contact Pastor Michelle at
pasormichelle@stpaulucc.org.

The Patriotic Concert was an annual tradition.
When did this annual event start?

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**

-and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

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

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm



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Worms

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nephew of Kathy
Birkner

Donna Young

Christopher Mitchell

Otto Christopher
Kennedy, nephew of
Scott & Lana Gentry

Laura Howie,
daughter of Jeanette
& Elgee Phillips

Jane Rogers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well being!

ANSWER: June 1986

Weekly Attendance

9am July 17, 2022 68 + Online Participants July 18, 2021 77 + 10 Outside

Offering for 7/23/2022 - \$7019.00

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$228,044

Budget to... \$223,184

Total Budget \$400,199