



What is the Church?

Sunday, August 14th, 2022
10th 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

August 14, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

10th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tristan Frampton
<i>Guest Organist</i>	JD Brooks
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lynn Koehler

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Organ
Arnatt

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whether we are rich, middle class or barely getting by-

Many: We are Christ's church.

One: Whether we have plenty or in want-

Many: We are Christ's church.

One: Whether we are employed, unemployed or retired-

Many: We are Christ's church.

One: Whether we give of time, talent or treasure-

Many: We are Christ's church.

One: In a spirit of unity, caring for one another-

Many: We are Christ's church.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Eager and Empowering God, we come to you this morning to reflect our view on what it means to be Christ's Church. We enter this sanctuary to examine the ways we can create sanctuary for all. May we see one another through your eyes. May we see your living presence in our gathering together. Allow this time not only to be one where we worship you but one where you open us up to new ways of serving. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

D G/D D D/A A/G D/F# G6 D/A A7 D

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

A7/E D/F# F#+ F#7 Gdim7 G F#m/A G/B A/C# D E7/B A

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed:
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

A D A7/E D/F# G D/F# Bm Bm/F# F# E Bm/D B/D# Em

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

A/C# D G/D D Gmaj9 Em/G G Em7 Asus A7 D

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

**Holy God, Holy Connector,
Through your Spirit, we find your abundant love. Through your Church, we recognize the gifts of ourselves and others. Yet sometimes we want to focus on the weaknesses of our neighbors instead of acknowledging their strengths. Our relationships crumble when we lack mercy. Inspire us to encourage our neighbors. Remind us that our voices of confidence assist our neighbors along their journey, and when one of us is stronger, the Church is stronger. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Our Grace-filled God, the One who dwells with us on this journey, is filling our hearts with mercy and our minds with wisdom. We are called to focus on the grace of our journeys which will strengthen the bonds between us, God, and our neighbors. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies
from the oratorio *St. Paul*, by Felix Mendelssohn
Teresa Schmidt, soloist

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-17

Matthew 4:18-22

Luke 8:1-3

SERMON

What Is the Church?

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 Holy Spirit prompts us to be the Church as we move about the earth. At times, we share our talents, filling the world with our songs and art. Other moments, we share our time, sitting with a neighbor hurting or using our hands to strengthen our building. And then there are times when we contribute the gifts of treasures, giving financial offerings for the good of our local church and the entirety of Christ's Church. However you give this week, may we grow with God and neighbor.

*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 Spirit, Divine Winds of the Church, you gather us together, breathing new life into our souls. You gather us together, filling our hearts with inspiration and creativity. You gather us together, focusing our minds on how we can care for one another. May each of our gifts build the Body of Christ, this congregation, and our community. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons
KELVINGROVE

(See next page)

*BENEDICTION

May the winds of the Spirit carry us to new possibilities, even in the face of anxiety.
May the dust on Christ's path strengthen our courage when the road seems rough.
May the waters of our God renew us in our times of exhaustion.
Let us co-create with one another and God to build the Church of Love here on earth. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Carillon
Vierne

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
foot - steps show, Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
prayer in you and you in me?
mean in you and you in me?
grow in you and you in me.

Fredbird wants you to take the kids out to the ballgame!
To help you do that, St. Paul will make tickets available
for youth, age 18 and younger, for \$15 each.

August 28, 2022
1:15pm
Cardinals vs. Braves
Adult tickets \$25
Youth tickets \$15



Get yours before they're sold out!
Don't forget, all St. Paul tickets include a soda and jumbo hotdog.
AND the first 25,000 fans get a surprise bobble head!

BLESSING OF OUR STUDENTS & TEACHERS
AUGUST 21, 2021
DURING OUR 9AM WORSHIP
JOIN US!

Icons include: a calculator showing 98, an atom model, a yellow school bus, a graduation cap, a stack of books, a chalkboard with 'ABC', '2+3=5', and '4+6=10', and a box of colored pencils.

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

On September 14, 1980, we held a church service celebrating the ground breaking of a new addition at a place dear to our hearts. The new space would house a chapel, offices, and service areas. What is this place?

This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour after worship
**No Culinaire's Breakfast
in 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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Weekly Attendance

9am July 31, 2022 81 + Online Participants August 1, 2021 74 + 9 Outside

Offering for 8/6/2022 - \$8,850

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to...  \$247,472

Budget to...  \$238,576

Total Budget  \$400,199