

Justice & Peace



**Sunday, August 28, 2022
12th 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 28, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Music	Tristan Frampton
Guest Pianist.....	Lisa Cleveland
Liturgist	Dick Erdmann

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Joel Raney

Lynda Marshall and Lisa Cleveland, 4-hand piano duet

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 58)

One: We share the bread of hope with the hungry.

Many: We share the house of peace with the poor.

One: In doing so, God's light will break forth like the dawn,

Many: And God's healing shall spring up quickly.

One: In offering food to the hungry,

Many: In satisfying the needs of the afflicted,

One: God's light shall rise beyond the shadows.

Many: The brightness will be like noonday.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Divine Designer of Justice and Peace,

As your winds continue to swirl in your Realm, you call us to build communities of equity and love. As we celebrate your amazing glory and grace, we are reminded to worship not only with our hearts and mouths, but our minds and hands. May we see the ways you are calling us to cultivate peace and kindness in a world overgrown with hate. May we name the ways we can shift our ways to embrace justice and love in a world that often favors one over another. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Community of Christ LEONI

N.C. Em B Em Am B Em Am G Am7 D G

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

D G $\text{F}\sharp\text{dim}$ G C G D7 Em Am7 G D G

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

G G $\text{C}\sharp\text{m7}(\flat 5)$ D G C G Am7 Bsus B

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

B Em B Em D G Am7 Am Em Em B Em

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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

Holy One: Your justice flows like a stream. Your mercy pools for all to experience hope. Unfortunately, sometimes we block the waters of equity and reroute the rivers of kindness. We qualify who receives help even when you ask for us to open the waters of love for all. Open our hearts to the needs of others. May we have the patience and mercy to listen to others' stories so that our empathy will grow. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

The Creator of Grace, our God of Love, is calling us to share our hearts with our neighbors. Our God always showers us with grace just as God will grant mercy to the ones who hurt all over our world. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Richard Walters
Tristan Frampton, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

Micah 6:6-8

Amos 5:21-24

SERMON

What Are Justice, Mercy, and Peace?

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

In both seasons of certainty and anxiety, we often want to hide in the shadows of scarcity. Yet no matter the season, God calls for us to give in a spirit of abundance. Through these gifts, we are able to reach many people - both inside the church and outside of its walls. Through these treasures, our mission continues as we love kindness, embrace justice, and walk humbly with 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)**

Divine Tranquility, may we embrace your steadfast peace. Through your peace, may we confidently give our treasures, talent, and time to invigorate the work of the church. Through your peace, may our congregation utilize these gifts wisely to reach a world filled with suffering and unease and to share your hope and love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Sing a New Song
Daniel L. Schutte

(see next two pages)

***BENEDICTION**

May the God of justice create streams of understanding in our minds.
May the Christ of kindness and love build pools of hope in our hearts.
May the Spirit of humility open the gates of love in our souls.
As we move into the future, may the Divine Light guide our way. Amen.

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Carl G. Gläser

arr. Jerry Aultman

Lynda Marshall and Lisa Cleveland, piano/organ duet



St. Paul at the Cardinals Game

Sunday, August 28

6:08pm

**Tickets still available for tomorrow's
Cardinal Game!**

Tickets

\$25 adult

\$15 youth special

With each ticket you get a free jumbo hotdog, soda and a bobblehead if you are one of the first 25,000 people there.

Contact Peggy Burke after church or pegb64@gmail.com

Sing a New Song

Refrain (Unison)

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

un - to the Lord, sing-ing, "Al - le - lu - ia."

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; O come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



Join us for bible study! Listen Up Series - John
Every Tuesday @ 10am in the Genesis Room

WELCOME TEAM

Would you like to see a return of the Welcome Team and offer an open door as you greet people when they arrive at church on Sunday morning? If you are interested in being a part of the Welcome Team contact either one of the Congregational Care Team Leaders, Debbie Lippert, dlippert1@att.net, (618) 304-5535, or Beverly Brightwell, bev@stc708.org

2022 Walk To End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 1st
9:00 am – 11:00 a.m. SWIC

Join Our Team:
"St. Paul UCC Belleville"

And/or donate to fund
Alzheimer's Research.

Go To: 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's
Belleville → Walk Details

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*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

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

In 1980, St. Paul Church had several choirs: Senior, Junior, Children's and Cherub. Who was the overall Choirmaster?

This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour after worship
Culinaire's Breakfast 3rd
Sunday of the month.

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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!!

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9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

Marilyn

Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,
daughter of Arline
Worms

Scott Schmidt,
brother of Steve
Schmidt

Laura Sadler

Mona McAllister

Brian Sample,
nephew of Kathy
Birkner

Christopher Mitchell

Otto Christopher

Kennedy, great
nephew of Scott &
Lana Gentry

Laura Howie,
daughter of Jeanette
& Elgee Phillips

Jane Rogers

Betty Rieso

Ethel Klasing, aunt
of Jerry Pierce-
Heisler

Coleen Igou, Roger
Henke's fiancé



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ANSWER: Norbert Krause

Weekly Attendance

9am August 14, 2022 70 + Online Participants August 15, 2021 73 + 9 Outside

Offering for 8/20/2022 - \$4,044

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$259,247

Budget to... \$253,968

Total Budget \$400,199