

What Are Our Sacraments?



Sunday, August 7th, 2022
9th 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 7, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

9th 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>	Mimi Llamas

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Cantabile
Drayton

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Tactile God, through our senses, your presence shines in our lives. We can feel the winds swirling around us. We know you are near as we smell the fragrant roses on our journeys. We can taste your joy in the bread and in the fruit of the vine. Awaken our minds to your constant companionship. May our sacraments of baptism and communion fill our senses of your love for us. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Gather Us In
Marty Haugen

(See pages 4 & 5)

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

**Holy God, Divine Brightness,
We are given two great gifts in the sacraments of baptism and communion. What we often forget are the ones who have felt excluded from your holy waters and loving table. At times, we have placed conditions upon who receives these divine gifts. We neglect the ones who are living with trauma after their experiences of exclusion. Help us to understand the pain of our neighbors. Allow us to be conduits of welcome as we open the waters and the table to our neighbors. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Our God of Light and Love showers us with mercy and fills our souls with understanding. In our time at the table, we realize the blessings of God's grace in our lives as we grow with the Christ who abides with us forever. Amen.

***UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON - *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 *How Can I Keep from Singing,* arr. Richard Walters

Tristan & Sarah Frampton, vocalists

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-17

Luke 22:1-20

Mark 6:30-44

Mark 2:13-17

Gather Us In

Unison D A/C# C G Gm/Bb Dm

1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4 Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A/C# C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

SERMON

What Are the Sacraments?

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

We are always connected to all of God's children. Through the call we received upon our baptism, we are given the sacred opportunity to love our neighbors abundantly. May the talents, time, and treasures we share lift the life of this church and our fellow children of 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)**

May we recognize the ways we are connected to our neighbors through our baptism and through the Table of Christ. As we acknowledge our part as the Body of Christ, we build the Church and community. Through these gifts, we care for your entire creation. As we taste the fruit of the vine, may your Spirit propel us to use our gifts to build your Realm here on earth. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance

Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome at the Table of Christ! Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We celebrate our gratitude, Loving God, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

We Meet as Friends at Table
MEAL OF LOVE

(See next page)

***BENEDICTION**

**May the waters from our baptism remind us that we are a child of God.
May fruit of the vine remind us of the Christ to whom we are all
connected.**

**May the bread of Life remind us of the nourishment of the Spirit,
enlivening us again.**

Through senses and Sacraments, our God comes alive in our world. Amen

POSTLUDE

Toccata
Lemmens

704 We Meet as Friends at Table

Unison
N.C. C Em7 F2 F Dm F Dm7 C G

1 We meet as friends at ta - ble, to lis - ten, and be heard, u -
 2 With food and drink for shar - ing the ta - ble soon is spread. The
 3 We share our lives and long - ings, and when the meal is done we
 4 Ful - filled, and glad to fol - low wher - ev - er Christ may lead, we

F Dm7 C E Am7 Dm7 Dm7 A G7sus G7 E G

nit - ed by the Spir - it, at - ten - tive to the Word. Through
 free - dom meal of Je - sus is crowned with wine and bread, and
 pray as friends at ta - ble, and prom - ise to be one. To
 jour - ney from the ta - ble to love a world in need with

C Em7 F2 F Dm F Dm7 C G

prayer and con - ver - sa - tion we tune our var - ied views to
 all, with - out ex - cep - tion, may eat, and speak, and stay, for
 Christ, and to each oth - er, we cheer - ful - ly be - long: a -
 pa - tience, truth and kind - ness, that jus - tice may in - crease and

F Dm7 C E Am7 Dm7 Dm7 G G7 C

Christ, whose love has made us the bear - ers of good news.
 this is Christ's own ta - ble where none are turned a - way.
 part, our hope is fruit - less; to - geth - er, we are strong.
 all may sit at ta - ble in free - dom, joy, and peace.

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

On September 5, 1980, Pastor Roger Horn became Minister of Christian Education and you. Who was his predecessor?

This Week

Sundays

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

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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*

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For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

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Worms

Scott Schmidt,
brother of Steve
Schmidt

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Mona McAllister

Brian Sample,
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Donna Young

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daughter of Jeanette
& Elgee Phillips

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ANSWER: Ms. Eleanor Stoerker



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9am **July 24, 2022** **75** + Online Participants **July 25, 2021** **57** + **13 Outside**

Offering for 7/30/2022 - \$10,578

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$238,622

Budget to... \$230,880

Total Budget \$400,199