



Sunday, September 11, 2022
14th 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

September 11, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tristan Frampton
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	Robert Chamberlin
<i>Liturgist</i>	Peggy Burke

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

A PRAYER REMEMBERING 9/11/2001

PRELUDE

Prelude on “*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*”
Welsh Tune, arr. Robert Chamberlin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the one until it is found?

Many: When you find it, you lay it on your shoulder and rejoice.

One: Or what one of you, having ten silver coins, if you lose one, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until you find it?

Many: When you find it, you call together your friends and neighbors and rejoice.

All: As faithful people all, let us gather by the grace of a seeking God - who rejoices in finding us here today!

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Hear our excitement that you are with us. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord
DARWALL'S 148th

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

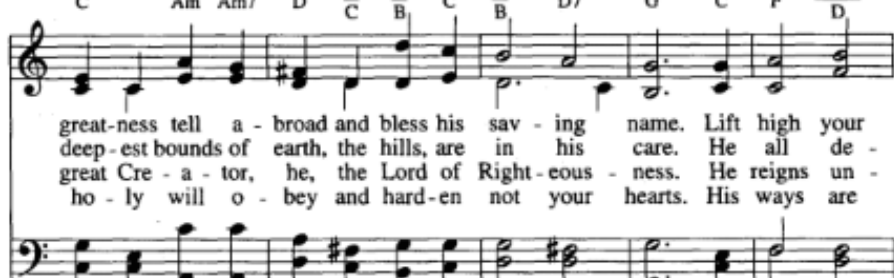
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C G/B C Am Cmaj7 F C E G7 C G



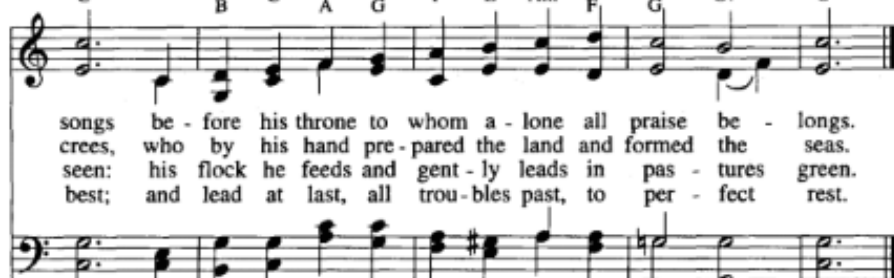
1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D D/C G/B C G/B D7 G C F Bdim/D



great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C G/B C F/A C/G F E Am Dm/F C/G G7 C



songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.



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

Loving God, sometimes, we realize we're lost. We realize that we don't want to be found by you. We run far away from you, and we bolt from our neighbors. We refuse their help, and we refuse to help. So help us know that we are always in community. We are always in your presence. We are never really lost, and we are always your children. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

As it says in Romans 8:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. So we abide in your world knowing that you are always with us, always loving us, and always forgiving us.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Thank You, Lord
by Mary Ellen Kerrick
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-32

SERMON

Our Excited God

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 know the reward of God's welcome. The Holy Spirit has blown through us so that we sing of God's steadfast love continually. Now, gathered here as prophets of welcome, we respond to what God has done. We give our gifts in the certain hope that God's welcome will continue in the ministry we offer.

*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)

Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit. Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs. In these gifts, may we usher in a new world of love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Save Us

BRADBURY

(see next page)

*BENEDICTION

Know wherever you are, God is there.
God is calling us to find and love the heart of our neighbors.
God is calling us to find our authentic selves.
God is calling us to find the Divine in our midst.
Go from this place – knowing that we are never far from the presence of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

Setting by John Behnke

This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Call to Worship from <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-27.html>. Opening Prayer from http://www.rexachuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_a_liturgy_collection/year_a_lenteaster/easter4a1152014.html. Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication Written by the Rev. Elsa A. Peters, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Assurance of Grace and Benediction written by the Rev. Michelle 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.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

Chords: D, A/G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A, D/A, A7, D/A, A7, D

1 Sav - ior, like a Shap-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

Chords: D, A/G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A, D/A, A7, D/A, A7, D

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

Chords: G, D, A, Bm7, A7/C#, D

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

Chords: G, D, A7, D

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2022 Walk To End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 1st
9:00 am – 11:00 a.m. at 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
→ Register/Donate → St Paul UCC
Belleville

Senior Pickle Ball

Pickle ball is a combination of table tennis, badminton and tennis. This sport is played on an indoor badminton court with a racquet and whiffle ball.

Beginner court available!

Mondays & Wednesdays

9-11am

Fridays

9:15-11:15

St Paul UCC
ACTIVITY CENTER

Culinaire's

Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast!



September 18th after 9 a.m. service!
Suggested donation \$5

Join us for bible study!

Listen Up Series - John

Every Tuesday @ 10am

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 or

Beverly Brightwell, bev@stc708.org

Please Join Pastor Michelle for conversation at one of these times.

Food and drinks are BYO.

September 12

3:30-5pm

Pastor Michelle at White Cottage

September 19

2-4pm

Pastor Michelle at Pour 322

September 22

5:30-7pm

Pastor Michelle at Grafted

September 29

9-11am

Pastor Michelle at Joe & Onie's

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

A fund was established in 1980 to support one of the missions of our church.
What was this mission?

This Week

Sundays

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

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

For Your Prayers

Karen Boeschen

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

Marilyn

Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,
daughter of Arline
Worms

Scott Schmidt,
brother of Steve
Schmidt

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

Colleen Igou, Roger
Henke's fiancé



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<https://www.youtube.com/>

ANSWER: Our Sunday morning radio broadcast

Weekly Attendance

9am August 28, 2022 83 + Online Participants August 29, 2021 64+ Online Participants

Offering for 8/28/2022 - \$4,732

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$267,487

Budget to... \$269,360

Total Budget \$400,199