



**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**15th 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 18, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

15th 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> .....	Dick Erdmann

## WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**     Variations on "*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*"  
(EVAN)

Tune by William Havergal. Setting by Robert Chamberlin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Though our hearts may be lamenting, we come risking joy:

**All: God is our balm.**

One: Though we weep over woes of the day, we are here seeking hope:

**All: God soothes our discomfort.**

One: Though our lives are often difficult, we gather for strength:

**All: God restores our souls and cares for us; God calms our anguish and dries our tears. Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in**

**God, ever our source of solace in our daily journey, ever our comforter in times of trial. Amen.**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**God of our hearts, you are our Physician in times of hurt; your balm heals our wounds. You hear our prayers and comfort us. Your presence is pleasing to us, and we welcome you. Together in your sanctuary we rejoice in your embrace and offer you our boundless praise. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*God Has Spoken Through the Prophets*  
HYMN TO JOY


667 God Has Spoken by the Prophets

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1 God has spo - ken by the proph - ets, spo - ken the un - chang - ing Word,  
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
3 God is speak - ing by the Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain;

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G7  $\frac{G7}{C}$  C Cmaj9  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord!  
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
in the age - long Word de - clar - ing God's own mes - sage, now as then.

D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{B}{D\#}$  B7 Em A D



'Mid the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor hold - ing fast:  
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God of God, ere time was born;  
Through the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith yet stand - ing fast:

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G7  $\frac{G7}{C}$  C Cmaj9  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D7  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G



God e - ter - nal reigns for - ev - er, God the first and God the last.  
Light of light, to earth de - scend - ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.  
God a - bides, the Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

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

Sometimes, God, we take ourselves so seriously—our opinions, our emotions, our needs, our entitlements—that we fail to notice our effect on others. And we do not make connections between our limitless wants and the resources left for others. We do this without knowing it. Bring our awareness to justice and kindness for all—to widen and strengthen the common good. Remind us you love all of your children. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

The God of salvation offers forgiveness to each of us. We are grateful that over and over we are given the chance to begin again and that nothing we have done can separate us from God's love.

**A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

Pastor Michelle

**ANTHEM**

*The Gift of Love, by Hal Hopson*  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Amos 8:4-7 & Luke 16:1-13

**SERMON**

Multiple Masters

**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**

Children of a loving God, our hope is that as we have been faithful with little, we can be generous in our giving so that our congregation can be faithful with much. May our continued work for God's purposes be enhanced by the gifts 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)**

**God, as your church, we reflect your hopes for humanity. We offer our gifts and ask you to guide us to shrewd and loving management of all we are given in order to further your work in our midst. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*  
**FESTAL SONG**

(see page 6)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Go forth, following as God leads you, into faithful living. Taking the balm of grace and healing you have received, offer it in each encounter of your day by day living. Thus the soul of the people is restored. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*  
**(WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄSST WALTEN)**  
Chorale Prelude by J. S. Bach

*St. Paul Fine Arts Series presents*

**EQUINOX CHAMBER PLAYERS**

**Sunday, September 25 at 3pm**  
**St. Paul United Church of Christ Heritage Hall**  
**115 West B Street, Belleville**

**Concert is free and open to the public.**  
**A free-will offering will be taken.**

This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

\*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Worship service from **Prayerful Living: Service Prayers for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling.

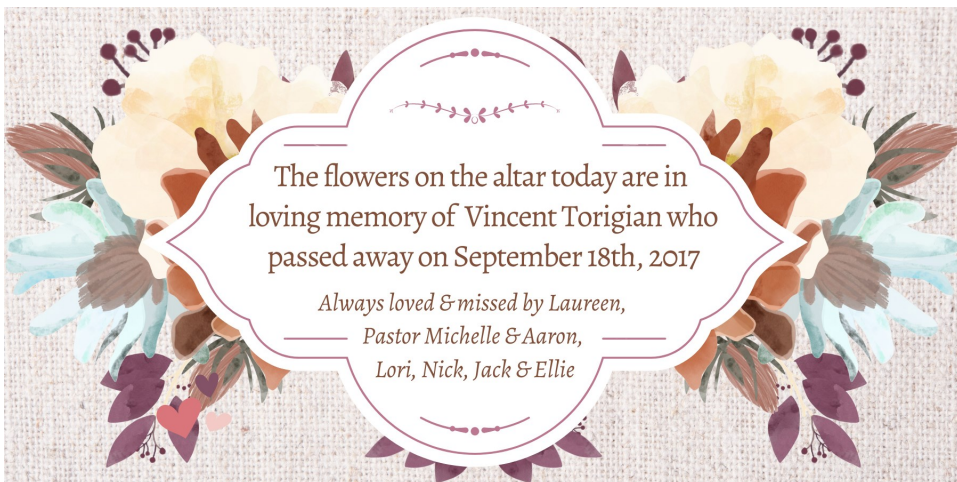
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# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



## 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

A Memorial Service  
for **Bobbie Smith**  
is planned for  
Saturday,  
September 24th.  
St. Paul UCC  
Visitation: 9:30  
Funeral: 10:30

## 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](mailto:dlippert1@att.net) or Beverly Brightwell, [bev@stc708.org](mailto:bev@stc708.org)

Please Join Pastor Michelle for conversation at one of these times.  
Food and drinks are BYO.

September 19  
September 22  
September 29

2-4pm  
5:30-7pm  
9-11am

Pastor Michelle at Pour 322  
Pastor Michelle at Grafted  
Pastor Michelle at Joe & Onie's

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

In 1980, the United Church of Christ published a position on a hoax that supported the effort to eliminate religious broadcasts in the U.S. Who was the supposed leader of this hoax?

### 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](http://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 Boesch

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  
Al Stahl



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Watch videos on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/>

*ANSWER: Atheist Madalyn O'Hair*

### Weekly Attendance

9am September 4, 2022 80 + Online Participants September 5, 2021 62

Offering for 9/4/2022 - \$6969.00

### General Fund

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to... \$274,456

Budget to... \$277,056

Total Budget \$400,199