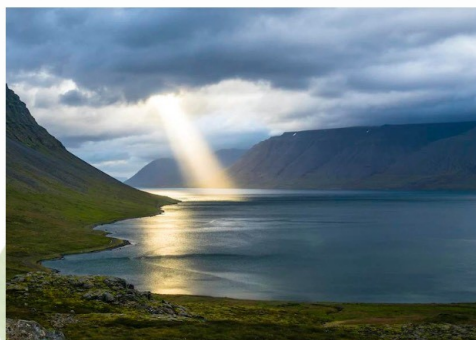


What is Eternal Life?



Sunday, September 4, 2022
13th 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 4, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

13th 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>	Lisa Cleveland
<i>Liturgist</i>	Peggy Burke

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision
Robert Cull and a Traditional Irish Melody,
arranged by Mark Hayes

INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Holy Creator of Forever,
You crafted the sparkle of our world, from the glistening snow to the twinkling stars in the beautiful black sky. You created the great beyond that abides in another realm next to us and above us. You care for the saints of the church and of our hearts, just as you provide for us today. May we rest knowing that you will keep us for eternity as we continue to do your work during our time here on this earth. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Hymn of Promise
PROMISE

(see next page)

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

We hope, as people of faith, to abide with you for eternity. We believe we have what it takes to earn our way to heaven. Yet, there are people in our lives who we believe shouldn't be with us for eternity. *Why do we believe that we have your grace and deem others unworthy?* Share your understanding with us. Help us to see that you believe in the redemption of all of humanity as we witness through Jesus the Christ. May your everlasting grace and mercy be experienced by each of us here and all of your children throughout this world. Amen.

Hymn of Promise

Unison F Gm7 F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7 F C7 F F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7 G E A Dm Gm6 A7

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
 me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
 ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
 ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

The great enduring hope, God's love and grace, encircles us in each moment and fills our hearts with faith. May we walk forward knowing that Divine Mercy accompanies us on our journey. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine,
by Harry Dixon Loes, with I Saw the Light, by Hank Williams
Sarah and Tristan Frampton, soloists

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:31-39 1 Corinthians 13:7-13
Revelation 21:1-7

SERMON

What Is Eternal Life?

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 Divine Radiance of God fills this realm with Holy Light. As we evolve throughout our lives, may we never forget to care for creation, your children, and the church. We take this time to reflect and to share from our gifts.

***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)**

Loving God, Divine Gleam, as your heavenly light reaches this earth, may this brightness allow us to see the ways we are called to care. Let our light shine before others so that our world is encouraged to bring your realm here to earth. 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.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Change My Heart, O God

by Eddie Espinosa, arranged by Mark Hayes

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.

Joy in the Morning

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Unison
N.C. Fm Bbm Fm Bbm Fm Cm7 Fm

1 There'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day, there'll be
2 There'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, there'll be
3 There'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where, there'll be

Fm Bbm Fm Dbm Ab C Fm Bbm Eb Ab

joy in the morn-ing on that day, for the day-light will dawn when the
peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, ev - ery heart, ev - ery voice on that
love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where, and the way of the Lord will that

Db Gdim C Bbm7 Cm Db Cm Fm

dark - ness is gone, there'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day.
day will re - joice, there'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more.
day be re-stored, there'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where.



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*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

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*CLOSING HYMN

Joy in the Morning
JOY IN THE MORNING

(see previous page)

*BENEDICTION

As the Spirit of God journeys with us as the winds of courage, and the Love of Christ accompanies us as we bring about the Realm of God to earth, the Divine One, Creator God, has crafted a heaven and earth of shining love, sparkling joy, and radiating hope. May we experience God's grace as we care for creation in this world and journey to the next. Amen.

POSTLUDE

How Majestic Is Your Name
by Michael W. Smith
arranged by Mark Hayes

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

1980 saw the resignation of the secretary of our Education Department. She served for 11 years. What was her name?

This Week

Sundays

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

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Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**

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3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

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

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

Loved ones of
Lillian Franke, Lisa
Smith's grandma



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ANSWER: Louise Boos

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