



Celebrating Thanksgiving

*Celebrate all the bounty that the Lord your
God has given to you and your house*

Sunday, November 20, 2022
24th 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



November 20, 2022 ~ 9:00 am
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Music	Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist	Andrzej Zahorski
Liturgist	Sandy Wagner

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Sinfonia from Solomon, HWV 67
G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

Many: We gather to bear witness to all that God has done for us.

One: Come, behold the works of God!

Many: We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Divine Uniter: Though many forces have scattered us in various ways, we invite you to bring us together within ourselves and all around us. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to be present and ready to receive exactly what we need from this time of worship. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest 724

Unison

E \flat A \flat C \flat D \flat E \flat C \flat B \flat m7 D \flat E \flat A \flat

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,

E \flat C \flat B \flat m7 A \flat C \flat D \flat B \flat m7 A \flat C \flat B \flat m7 E \flat 7 A \flat

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

A \flat C \flat m7 G Fm D \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat G E \flat 7 Fm A \flat B \flat m7 B \flat m7 D \flat E \flat

By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

E \flat A \flat B \flat m7 A \flat C \flat D \flat F \flat m7 B \flat m B \flat m7 A \flat C \flat B \flat m7 E \flat 7 A \flat

sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 he crowns the year with bless - ing, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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

It's so easy for us to get caught up in our human-made divisions. We separate ourselves from those who don't look, think, or act like us. We unintentionally allow our differences to stain the beauty of your diversity. Our many different households, family structures, belief systems, and various identities become tools of divisiveness rather than gifts of the divine. Inspire us to seek the beauty in diversity and the gratitude for our spirit-siblings across this earth. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Even when we cling to the things that unnecessarily separate us, God unscatters us. No matter who we are or what has brought us to this very moment, God chooses to love us back to wholeness, individually and communally. Hallelujah and amen!

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

MISSION MOMENT

Chris Cox, President & CEO
Hoyleton Youth & Family Services

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise,
by Natalie Sleeth,
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

SERMON

Active Gratitude

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise to the Lord,
by Dan R. Edwards
Glory Ringers



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're faced with an opportunity to participate in God's restorative action in the world. Where others have scattered, God is gathering. Let us be empowered to share our gifts fruitfully and allow God to multiply them for the good of all.

***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)**

We're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer. May they be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so! Amen!

***CLOSING HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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(see page 7)

***COMMISSIONING**

May you experience God's goodness in your coming, going, and staying.
May you witness God's activity in your work, play, and world at large.
May you feel God's presence in your life, relationships, and self. May you know God's love now and forever more.



***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you.
May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Organ Concerto in G, Allegro, BWV 592
Ernst/Bach



Please join us today after worship service for our Culinaire’s
Breakfast in the Activity Center!




Hoyleton Youth and Family Services is asking for your support with their Hope for the Holidays giving campaign. They have several options to make it easy for you to donate as described on their website: <https://hoyleton.org/events/hope-for-the-holidays>



Advent Study with Pastor Michelle
Tuesdays, Nov. 15, 22, 29 & Dec 6 at 6pm in Library

From the Thoughtful Christian: "Discover the meaning of the season with 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns.' This four-session adult study pack takes a look at the meaning of four popular Advent and Christmas hymns. Featured hymns include 'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus;' 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;' 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;' and 'In the Bleak Midwinter.'"



Star Tree

The Star Tree will be happening again this year! We will have stars beginning the first week of Advent - Sunday, November 27th. Gifts to be returned by Dec 15th. If you are unable to come to church, you may send in a monetary donation. \$25 per child is recommended and our Elves will do the shopping.

St. Paul United Church of Christ

This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

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723 For the Fruit of All Creation

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C E Bb Gm C C7 F

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

F Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C E Bb Gm C C7 F

For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

Bb D E C Bb D F Bb E C7 F C7 F C7 Dm Bbmaj9 Gm Bb

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

F C C E Fmaj7 Bb Bb D G G7 C E Bb Gm C C7 F

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

A predecessor ministry to our food pantry was called “Love in Action”. It was a one-time donation of non-perishable foods gathered and boxed to give to needy families. These families would contact the church for help. When did this begin?

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

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**



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Belleville, Illinois*



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

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Shirley Martin
Marilyn
Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,
daughter of Arline
Worms

Scott Schmidt, brother
of Steve Schmidt

Brian Sample, nephew
of Kathy Birkner

Christopher Mitchell
Steve Schmidt

Darwin Bretsch

Otto Christopher
Kennedy, great
nephew of Scott Lana
Gentry

Laura Howie, daughter
of Jeanette & Elgee
Phillips

Betty Rieso

Ethel Klasing, aunt of
Jerry Pierce-Heisler

Alec Zaber

In loving memory of
Christine Laut, sister
of Elgee Phillips

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
or call 618-233-3303

Praying for your health and well being!

ANSWER: September 27, 1981

Weekly Attendance

9am October 30, 2022 82 + Online Participants October 31, 2021 76 + Online Participants

Offering for 11/5/2022 - \$4,648.00 **General Fund**

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to...  \$333,826

Budget...  \$749,040

Total...  \$400,199