



*Come and
See!*

Sunday, January 15, 2023

"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



January 15, 2023 9:00 am
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *O My Soul, Rejoice with Gladness*
S. Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 27)

One: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Many: God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

One: Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

Many: O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

One: One thing we ask of God:

Many: That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

One: Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

Many: Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Gracious Light-Bearer, into the shadows of our isolation you speak words of life and community. Divine Challenger of Our Lives, you call us from places we call home to lead us more deeply into the world you love. With your gentle, healing touch you redeem the broken places of our lives and creation. Inspire our worship here today. May we be filled to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.


TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist.....	Janet Spencer
Liturgist	Fred Hotz

*OPENING HYMN

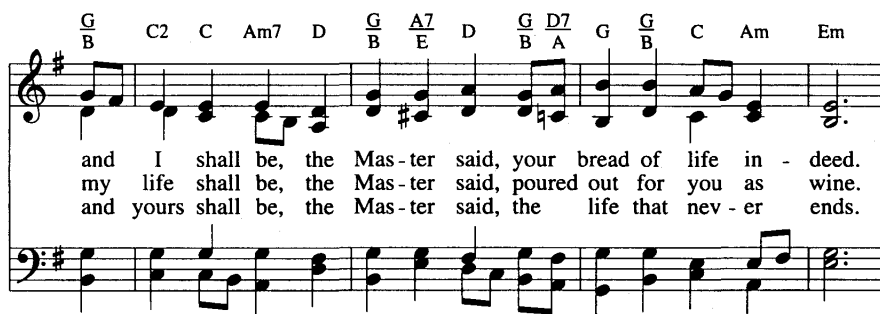
Come to Me, the Master Said

Em C $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G Am C Dsus D



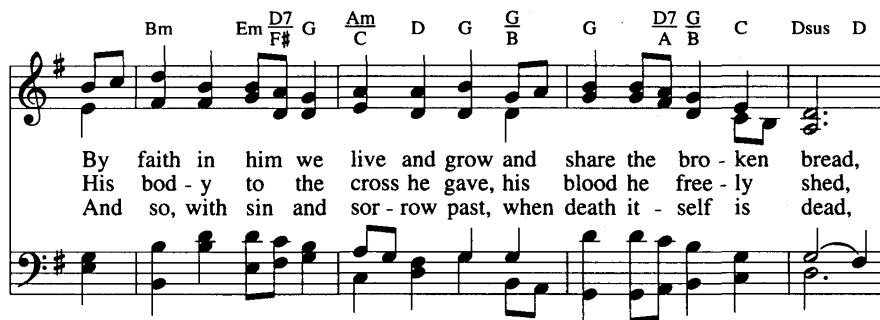
1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;
 2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;
 3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,

$\frac{G}{B}$ C2 C Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{G}{B}$ C Am Em



and I shall be, the Mas-ter said, your bread of life in - deed.
 my life shall be, the Mas-ter said, poured out for you as wine.
 and yours shall be, the Mas-ter said, the life that nev - er ends.

Bm Em $\frac{D7}{F\#}$ G $\frac{Am}{C}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C Dsus D



By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,
 His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,
 And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,

$\frac{G}{B}$ C2 C Am G $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G Bm C Am Em



and all his love and good-ness know, for so the Mas-ter said.
 who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas-ter said.
 the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas-ter said.

(KINGSFOLD)

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION**

Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose, but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith. Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection. Deepen our connections with one another as each of us are made in your image. Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

Receive the good news: there is no place, not even in our hearts, where the love of God cannot reach. God is around and among us, healing, restoring, and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Lamb of God, Grant us Peace
by Z. Randall Stroope
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 1:29-51

SERMON

Come and See

Pastor Michelle

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.**

Please join us after worship service today in Heritage Hall for the Culinaire's Breakfast! Menu: Biscuit & Gravy, Eggs, Sausage & Blueberry Muffin. Suggested donation \$7.50.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

With a clear voice, Jesus calls us to accept the costs and joys of discipleship, and the challenges of living in peaceful unity with those who are different from one another. As we make our offering, let us remember that we give, work, and love on behalf of Christ's whole and undivided body on earth. Let us celebrate the gift of unity that is ours through the Spirit and our generous hearts.

*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, to you we dedicate these gifts this day. May this act of giving inspire other ways that we seek out those who need your nourishing spirit. We pray that you will multiply our gifts as Jesus multiplied loaves and fish. We ask that your love may be revealed on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

The Summons

(See next two pages)

*COMMISSIONING

Go now in peace, for Christ has called you to live in peace among your siblings in Christ. Go now in courage, for Christ has called you from the places of your life to be agents of redemption and partners in healing. Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light! Go now as one body, to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

*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. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Dialogue on NOEL NOUVELET
R. Warner

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



The St. Paul Fine Arts presents

LOVE & OTHER THINGS

Featuring David Wagner & Dan Fry

an evening of voice and piano

Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m.

In the St. Paul UCC, Belleville Sanctuary

115 W. B. Street, Belleville

Enter at C. Street

A free-will offering will be received

A reception will follow the concert



The Seekers of St. Paul Adult Bible Study would like you to join us as we begin a new study at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 17 in Genesis Room. You can use the Sanctuary doors by the parking lot for entry. We welcome all who would like to share their faith journey with us. You do not need to have prior Biblical knowledge to be part of this open and accepting group of curious people. The topic is **The Gospel of Thomas**. We begin with a video lecture by Elaine Pagels which can be previewed on YouTube. A copy of the Gospel of Thomas can be found online or our office staff can provide you with a copy for a small donation. It's only 15 pages! Tuesday, we will also be deciding our next study topic.

Crafty Mania deadline to reserve space has been extended to January 17th!

Mats for Community-Tuesday, January 17 @ 1-3pm

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Liturgy written by Rev. Elizabeth Dillely. Benediction from the UCC Book of Worship.

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

The cover of the June, 1942 Our St. Paul's publication advertised an event on the 17th of that month with the following information "At Turner Park, off Lebanon Avenue, all day and evening, fall in line either on foot or with your car, and The Big Parade leaves the church at 9:00 am." What was this advertising?



This Week

Sundays

9am Traditional Worship
10am Coffee Hour &
Culinaire's breakfast

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)!**

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

The Family of Perl
Hazelip

The Family of Grace
Brashier

The Family of Fern
Regensberger

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618-233-3303.



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



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St Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL

ANSWER: The St. Paul's Annual Picnic

Weekly Attendance

9am January 1, 2023 95 + Online Participants January 2, 2022 44 + Online Participants

Offering for 1/7/2023 - \$25,978

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to... \$25,978

Budget to... \$7,605

Total Budget \$395,479