

The kingdom of heaven is near!



Sunday, January 22, 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 22, 2023 9:00 am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*
TUNE: Cesário Gabaráin,
ARRANGED BY: John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 27:1, 4-9)

One: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

Many: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.

One: We seek God’s face on Sunday mornings and evenings...and throughout the week.

Many: Live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for God’s grace, strength, and guidance.

Many: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God’s greatness.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We’re grateful to find you. Amen.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Guest Organist</i>	Robert Chamberlin
<i>Liturgist</i>	Terry Kalinowski

***OPENING HYMN**

Your Servant Comes This Hour 566

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Your Servant Comes This Hour'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line for both systems.

N.C. A D A D A $\frac{E}{B}$ B7 E

1 Your ser- vant comes this hour in true hu- mil - i - ty, be -
2 Your ser- vant kneels in prayer, a - wait - ing from a - bove the
3 Your ser- vant stands this day im - plant - ed in the word; pre -
4 Your ser- vant leaves this place with con - fi - dence se - cure, and

A $\frac{E}{G\#}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ D#m7(b5) E $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ Esus E7 A

liev - ing in your call, O God, and answ - ering, "Lord, send me."
touch which sets their life a - part for min - i - stries of love.
pared to share the ho - ly truth, pro - claim it lamp and sword.
by the Ho - ly Spir - it bears the fruit which shall en - dure.

WORDS: Constance Cherry (1953-)
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)
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FESTAL SONG
S.M.

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION (UNISON)**

Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation, salvation, and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will, and way? How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from your realm? How long have you waited for us to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan, and purpose. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND HOPE**

The One who creates us in the divine image knows how tempted we may be to consider ourselves more highly than we ought or more lowly than we should. The One who knows us continually reaches toward us with the promise of grace and the hope of mercy, faithfulness, and love. Receive God's forgiveness and restorative embrace.

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Waitin' for the Light!
by Sally K. Albrecht
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Which Kingdom?

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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

When Jesus calls his disciples, he promises to transform the gifts they already possess to be used for the glory and realm of God. We offer our resources in following Jesus.

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundred*)

**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)

Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources for the benefit and building of your realm on earth as it is in heaven. Amen..

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

(See pages 6 & 7)

*COMMISSIONING

Recognize the greatness within and around you. Follow Jesus out into the world to spread the radiance of Christ, to proclaim the good news, and to be instruments of healing and wholeness, and fill God's creation with kindness.

*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

Siyahamba

TUNE: South African Traditional

ARRANGED BY: John Behnke



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



We are collecting items such as sample size lotions, lip balms, individual drink mix packages, small packages of tissues, etc. for youth to use in bags for our church members in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Please donate as you can.

Thank You!

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Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay. Benediction from the UCC Book of Worship.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

G Am/G D7/G C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7/G D/F# D/C G Am/G D7/G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); arr. Michael Pope (20th c.), Daniel L. Schutte (1947-), John Weissrock (20th c.)

Refrain
D7/F#

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

a tempo
G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

C/G Am G/B C6 D D7/F#

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G C/G G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G C/G G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

The St. Paul's Young Men's Bible Class advertised their "Annual Moonlight Boat Excursion" for June 17, 1942. The boat left Washington Avenue at 9 pm for the trip lasting until midnight. What was the name of the boat?



This Week

Sundays

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

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9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

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

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

Marilyn

Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,

daughter of Arline

Worms

Scott Schmidt, brother

of Steve Schmidt

Christopher Mitchell

Steve Schmidt

Darwin Bretsch

Mark Eckert

Otto Christopher

Kennedy, great

nephew of Scott Lana

Gentry

Laura Howie, daughter

of Jeanette & Elgee

Phillips

Betty Rieso

Tim Ritter

Alec Zaber

The Family of Ethel

Klasing

The Family of Walter

Beatty

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St Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL

ANSWER: The new luxury S.S. Admiral with music by Ralph Williams and his Victory Band

Weekly Attendance

9am January 8, 2023 95 + Online Participants January 9, 2022 66 + Online Participants

Offering for 1/14/2023 - \$7,853

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to...  \$33,831

Budget to...  \$15,211

Total Budget  \$395,479