



**Sunday, October 1, 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

October 1, 2023    9:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Donna Davis

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*There Is A Spirit That Delights To Do No Evil*  
(from "A Quaker Reader")  
Ned Rorem

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Within each one of us are the cells to make a difference.

**Many: Within each of our souls is the passion to make a change.**

One: From dawn to dusk, the gifts within our spirits can fill this world with light.

**Many: From dusk to dawn, the dreams of our hearts become the visions to move us ahead.**

One: May the light from within our souls burst forth to brighten our earth.

**Many: May the light from within our hearts illuminate the Realm of God.**

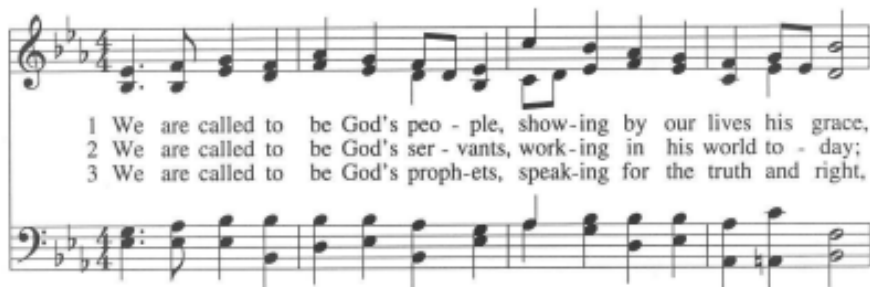
## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Holy Stream of Light,**

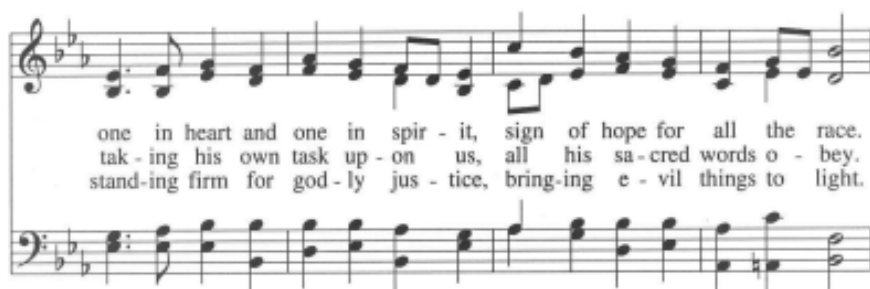
**Your Spark resides within each of our souls. Your Spark fills us with the hope that we can be part of the transformation of this world to your Realm. Each of us desires to share our powers for the good of your creation. May our energy be used to encourage one another. May we remind our neighbors that we each bring a unique and equally-important gift to the table. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

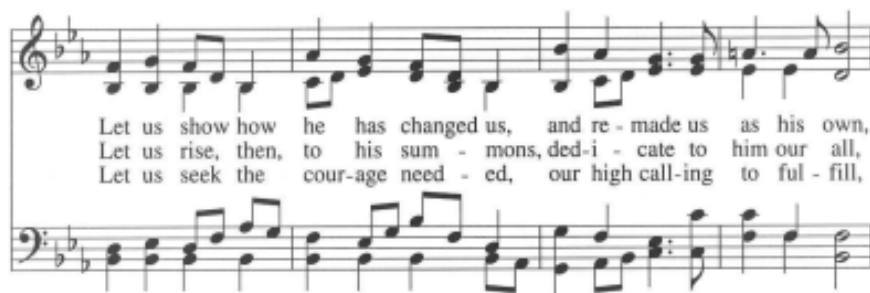
# We Are Called to Be God's People 580



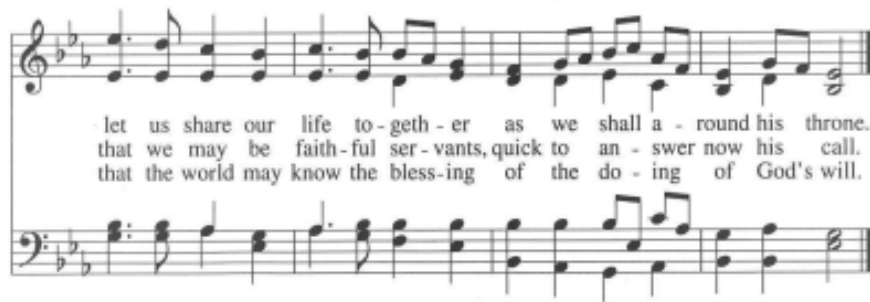
1 We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives his grace,  
 2 We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in his world to - day;  
 3 We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.  
 tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.  
 stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,  
 Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded-i - cate to him our all,  
 Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call-ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.  
 that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.  
 that the world may know the bless-ing of the do - ing of God's will.

WORDS: Thomas A. Jackson (1931- ), alt.  
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

AUSTRIAN HYMN  
 8.7.8.7.D.

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

**Illuminating God,**

**Your Holy Light resides within each of us. From time to time, we spend our energy dampening the light of our neighbors. Whether intentional or not, our words of discouragement have the potential of causing our neighbors to turn down their lamps. The glow in our world is diminished through harsh criticism and overbearing judgments. May we spend our energy encouraging our siblings to turn up their lamps and remove any barriers which hide their brilliance. Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God's grace is a balm when the world becomes bleak, a light of affirmation in becoming more loving, and a reminder that we all carry God's spark within our souls. Amen.

## **ANTHEM**

*Living Bread*, by Joel Raney  
Sanctuary Choir with Congregation

### **Living Bread**

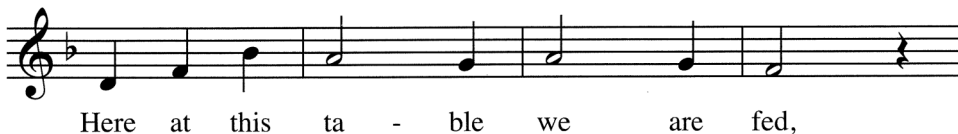
Words by ANON.

Adapted by JOEL RANEY

Music by

JOEL RANEY

#### **Congregation:**



**SCRIPTURE**            Jeremiah 1:4-13, Romans 12:1-13, & Matthew 5:13-16

**SERMON**                            Encourage Talents                            Rev. Michelle Torigian

**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.**

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED MISSION MOMENT**

**REFLECTION ON GIVING**

Through our gifts, the world paves the roads of God. With our treasures, time, and talents, the landscapes become illuminated. May we light the world with our own unique gifts according to the call of God.

***Please place your offerings today - whether for St. Paul or for the Neighbors in Need offering - in the box on your way out of the sanctuary.***

**\*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)**

**Blessed Divine Light,**

**Your Spark moves us to offer this world our illumination. Your Luminosity creates visions for us to follow. May we radiate your love and kindness to our neighbors through our communities and across our planet. Amen.**

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Worship service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian. Communion & Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Maren Tirabassi. Benediction from the UCC Book of Worship.

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

### **Invitation**

### **Communion Prayer**

### **Words of Institution and Blessing of the Elements**

### **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.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**God, we give you thanks that someone taught us about your presence surrounding us, for we take this sacrament into us so that we can face the east and the north and the west and the south, not claiming to know what we find there, but asking that you turn us the particular way we should go tomorrow. Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Here I Am, Lord*

(See page 8 & 9)

### **\*COMMISSIONING**

May the Glow of God remind us of the Holy Light within us.

May the Illumination of Christ inspire us to bring forth the Spark of the Divine in others.

May the Spirit of Incandescence embolden each of us in spreading God's Light and Love in our world.

You are the light of the world! It is our joy share that light with others.

### **\*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**

*Praeludium in F, BuxWV 144*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

# St. Paul Fine Arts Series

2023-2024 season

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PRESENTS

Organ Concert  
with  
Kevin Chunko



SAT, OCTOBER 7  
3PM

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST SANCTUARY

115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE

A FREE-WILL OFFERING  
WILL BE TAKEN

St. Paul UCC organist Kevin Chunko has served a wide variety of congregations as a church musician. He graduated from Millikin University and Western Illinois University, both in organ performance. He pursued doctoral studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Kevin has also served as University Organist and adjunct faculty accompanist for vocal soloists and choirs at Illinois Wesleyan University. Kevin began at St. Paul in May 2023. We welcome his talents to the Concert Series!



## Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*

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,

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

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

*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.

**Tickets for this event will be available after service today!**  
**Round Sponsorships are available for \$100.00**



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# ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BELLEVILLE

HALLOWEEN THEME-COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

*Belle Vegas Bingo Hall*

**Friday, Oct 27, 2023**

**517 S. Illinois St, Belleville, IL**

**Doors @ 6pm**

**Bingo @ 7pm**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT :  
GLO-BINGO.COM/EVENTS  
(\$2/TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE FEE)  
ST. PAUL UCC 618-233-3303



*\$25 in Advance-\$30 at the Door*  
**MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND**

**Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games**  
**Also includes Glow Hat & Dauber**  
**(\$5 per additional 6 cards)**

**CASH BAR - BYO SNACKS - BOOZE COOLER & LOTTERY RAFFLES - 50/50**

**WE ARE COLLECTING ON ALL  
5 SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER FOR  
KINDERCOTTAGE**

**TODDLER SIZED GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS  
& UNDIES FOR AGES 1-5 YEARS OLD**

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR LEAVE YOUR  
ITEMS IN THE WRAPPED BOX IN THE  
WELCOME CENTER WHEN ATTENDING  
WORSHIP.**

St. Paul UCC  
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*Today's Altar  
Flowers are by:*

**Beverly Brightwell  
& Dana Rosenzweig**

Thanks to God for all of  
life's blessings on our  
wedding anniversary!



**Crafty Mania**

Proceeds to benefit: Youth group & missions of the church  
Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry maker or like to Sew/Knit?  
Whatever your craft, join us!  
Spend the day doing what YOU like!

**Saturday October 14, 2023**  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Cost: \$35.00



*Join  
us!*

**Coffee Truck  
Wednesdays  
with  
Hot Mess Express  
&  
St. Paul UCC**

**October 4 & 18  
7-11am**

[StPaulUCC.org](http://StPaulUCC.org)

**And come over to  
Coffee & Conversation in  
the Mosaic Room  
with Pastor Michelle from 9-11am**



**WALK TO  
END  
ALZHEIMER'S**

alzheimer's association®

2023 Walk To End Alzheimer's  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. SWIC

Join Our Team: "St. Paul UCC Belleville"  
And/Or Donate  
Go To: 2023 Alzheimer's Walk Belleville



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

For years, a group at church was responsible for the preparations of the many dinners held in St. Paul Church. This included cooks, servers, menu planners, table decorators, and purchasers of supplies. Who was this group?

### Upcoming Events

**Culinaires Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Executive Council**-3rd Monday of the month @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** -Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1pm  
**Women's Guild**-3rd Wednesday of the month @ 1pm  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday of the month @ 7pm  
**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday of the month-6pm  
**St. Paul Fine Arts Concert with Kevin Chunko**-October 7th @ 3pm  
**Walk to End Alzheimer's**-October 7th @ 9am  
**Crafty Mania**-October 14th @ 9am to 4pm  
**Glo Bingo**-October 27 @ 7pm, doors open at 6pm

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Alec Zaber
Carol Hotz	Jo Ann Purdy-Elmore
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Hector Rivera
Debbie McIntyre,	Scott Martin, son of
daughter of Arline	Shirley Martin
Worms	Betty Rieso
Tim Ritter	Linda Mentzer
Laura Howie, daughter of	Doug Bush
Elgee Phillips	

Please call the church for prayer requests:  
618-233-3303 [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)



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ANSWER: The Women's Day Fellowship

### Weekly Attendance

9AM

September 17, 2023 89 + Online Participants    September 18, 2022 101 + Online Participants

Offering for 9/23/2023 \$4,005

### General Fund

Needed each week \$7,605

Giving to..  \$259,872

Budget to..  \$281,398

tal Budget  \$395,479