

JUSTICE, MERCY & JOY



Sunday, June 23, 2024

"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

June 23, 2024 9:00 am

Fifth 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>	Peggy Burke

PRELUDE

Légende
Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The light of God illuminates our walk,

Many: Highlighting our path to where we need to serve.

One: The glow of Christ reminds us of whose child we are,

Many: Leading us to find the spark of the Divine within our souls.

One: The Spirit's radiance connects us with one another,

Many: Beaming a light on the hearts of our neighbors.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy God, Divine Gleam,

You are the sun that never sets, the eternal flame of love and joy. You are the one who calls us to transform this world into your Realm, making a kingdom of light once hidden by shadows. Enliven our hearts to be kindling when our world gets chilly and filled with gloom. May we illuminate the environments of our neighbors so that justice and kindness stream into each corner of our world. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

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Joy to the World!

D Em G D A A7 D D F# G A

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

D G D D G D D

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

D A

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 (1) and heaven and na - ture sing,

A7 D G D D Em G D A A7 D

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

ANTIOCH
C.M.Repeats

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

Holy Bearer of Bliss,

Verbal storms rage across our world, dividing neighbor from neighbor, expanding distrust, and creating an imbalance of resources. We are challenged on how to speak your love to this world. We come to you with our own experiences, traditions, and hope. We are here to work with you to reflect upon our own biases, knowing that some of our interests must be set aside to properly care for your creation. May our hearts open to your visions for this world as we dream together what may be possible for all of our neighbors. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God's Spirit of Joy heals our hearts with grace and mercy. Through acts promoting kindness and equity, we are able to demonstrate God's steadfast love to our world.

***UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON)**

(see page 6)

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Need Thee Every Hour, arr. Hal Wright*
Lauren Shepard, clarinet

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-56, Proverbs 21:15-16, Isaiah 61:1-4 & 8-11

SERMON Justice, Mercy, and Joy 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

Even when light is sparse and resources seem dry, God is calling us to use what we have - whether treasures, time, or talents. May we use our gifts in new and creative ways to build God's Realm of Love.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

**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)**

**Beloved Spirit of Hope,
In excitement, we look for paths that we can travel to bring joy to our
neighbors. We seek new ways to use our talents, time, and treasures and
share the Light of Christ in our communities. Enlighten our spirits as we
spread God's Great Illumination to a hurting world. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (See page 7)

***COMMISSIONING**

May the Spirit's Warmth connect us with one another.
May the Glow of Christ remind us of the Divine Spark in our souls.
May the Brilliance of God point to the places we need to travel.
Through Divine Joy, we are led to celebrate peace with our neighbors.

***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 *Joy To The World*



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STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.



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Cokesbury's

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Firelight**

A SUMMER CAMP *Psalms 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

for ages Pre-k through 6th grade

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Discussion Series
with



Rev. Michelle
Torigian



Rev. Tim
Powers-Reed

June 12
Disability,
Mental Health &
Neurodivergence

July 10
Family Structures &
Marital Status

August 14
LGBTQIA+
& Race

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951 S Green Mt Rd, Belleville, IL
6pm

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

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

When did the Frauen-Verein (Ladies Society) help the church pastor organize our first Sunday School?



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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 9, 2024	78 + Online Participants
June 11, 2023	74 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings 6/15/2024

Operating	\$ 3,465.27
Building Fund	\$ 175.00
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	\$ 3,640.27
Giving YTD	\$ 162,467.41
 Weekly Budget	 \$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 183,283.28
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29