



**Sunday, July 14, 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

July 14, 2024 9:00 am

Eighth 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> .....	Susan Relfe

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Contemplation on "Hawkhurst"*  
Eric Rowley

## CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30)

One: Sing praises to our Creator.

**Many: We give thanks to God's holy name.**

One: God's image is forever on our souls.

**Many: God's love is beyond a lifetime.**

One: In this space we sing to the Holy One

**Many: Rejoicing in God's everlasting presence.**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Divine Landscaper of Creation,**

**As the sunbeams break from the horizon, the world refreshes itself. The earth takes a deep breath as it shoots forth blossoms of all sorts. Each daybreak is a new chapter and more opportunities for growth. We celebrate the dawn of this week, the overarching skies of your grace, and your Creation to accompany us on a new path. Encircle us with your wisdom as we head joyfully on a new journey. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# Joy in the Morning

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*Unison*  
N.C. Fm Bbm Fm Bbm Fm Cm7 Fm

1 There'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day, there'll be  
2 There'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, there'll be  
3 There'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where, there'll be

Fm Bbm Fm Dbm Ab C Fm Bbm Eb Ab

joy in the morn-ing on that day, for the day-light will dawn when the  
peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more, ev - ery heart, ev - ery voice on that  
love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where, and the way of the Lord will that

Db Gdim C Bbm7 Cm Db Cm Fm

dark-ness is gone, there'll be joy in the morn-ing on that day.  
day will re-joice, there'll be peace and con-tent-ment ev - er - more.  
day be re-stored, there'll be love and for-give-ness ev - ery-where.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992); arr. Roland Tabell (1934- )

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JOY IN THE MORNING

Irregular



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

**God of Light, Holy Caretaker of Creation, We plant ourselves deeply in traditions, perspectives, and cultures. As time progresses, our roots deepen, and we become fixed in our own thoughts rather than your calling. Yet, there is room for all of us to grow in new directions and new gardens. Help us to refocus on your intentions instead of our own will. You will give us strength as we look for the spaces to which you call us. You will fill our spirits with the energy, wisdom, and joy to take on the challenges we need. We look for you as we embrace journeys of transformation in our lives. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**God's unending grace will nurture our spirits as we enter new chapters and new paths. May we continue to seek Divine Wisdom as we move about our lives.**

### **FOUR-WAY COVENANT LITURGY WITH REV. DR. CHANCE BEELER**

**Congregational Response:**

**We celebrate the Body of Christ, in which we are each part of the other, and part of ministry in this world that God loves. We give thanks for the legacy of Jesus. From that legacy the church extends outward in ministries of care and courage, healing, blessing, feeding, teaching, growing, and leading. Through sacrament and mission, the Spirit of God creates and renews the church across time and place. Leaders are called to serve such a church in many specialized ways.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

arr. Hugh Alexander

Osceola Mueller, soloist

### **SCRIPTURE**

Ezekiel 36:33-3, Isaiah 55:12-13, Psalm 30: 4-5

### **SERMON**

Transformational 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

God's never-ending joy continuously works to transform our hearts. In our transformation, we seek new ways to share our gifts. In this time of offering, may we be the bearers of God's blessings.

## 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)**

**God of Eternal Joy, We blossom with the gifts of your light and love. In turn, we contribute from our bounty. As we share our treasures, talents, and time, may our actions nurture your Creation. In our journeys, may we also be examples of restoration and renewal to our neighbors. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *He Has Made Me Glad*      (See page 6)

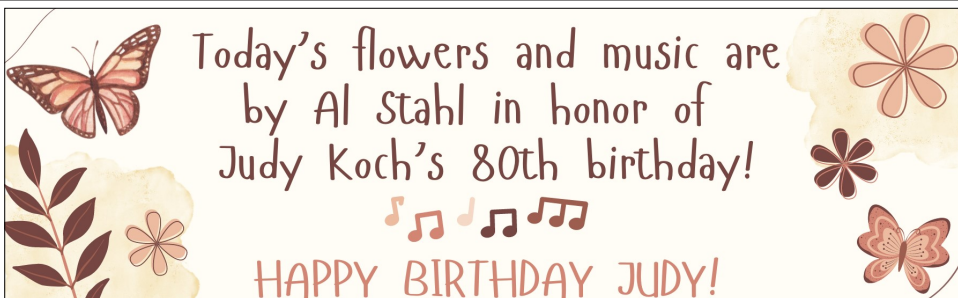
**\*COMMISSIONING**

Go out into the world in joy, bless this congregation and community with peace, see how creation sings blissfully in your presence, and revel in the everlasting love of God.

**\*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**      *Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit (BWV 668)*  
Johann Sebastian Bach



# He Has Made Me Glad

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I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will

en - ter his courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the

Lord has made!" I will re - joice for he has made me glad.


He has made me glad, he has made me glad, I will re - joice for

he has made me glad. will re - joice for he has made me glad.

WORDS and MUSIC: Leona Von Brethorst (1923- )

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**Please join us for cake and coffee in Heritage Hall to celebrate Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler immediately following the worship service today!**




*Today, July 14, Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler will be making a four-way covenant with St. Paul UCC, the Illinois South Conference UCC, and HSHS St. Elizabeth Hospital. This covenant is much like the one a pastor makes with a local church and conference at their installation service.*



Rev, Dr. Chance Beeler is a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary and a Board Certified Chaplain. Chance serves as the Manager of Mission Integration, Spiritual Care, and Volunteer Services at HSHS St Elizabeth's hospital in O'Fallon and Manages Mission Integration and Spiritual Care for St Joseph Highland, St Joseph Breese, and Holy Family in Greenville.

Chance currently serves as the chair of the UCCPCC, United Church of Christ Professional Chaplains and Counselors group, member of the Professional Advisory Group for the St Louis University Clinical Pastoral Education program, and currently serves as a member of the Personnel Committee for Illinois South Conference UCC. In his free time, Chance enjoys spending time with his spouse Chris and two rescue dogs, cooking, and bicycling.



# Share

\*\*\*Your photos of "JOY" that we will use in an upcoming worship service

\*\*\*A celebration - BIG or SMALL - in your life

Email to [PastorMichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:PastorMichelle@stpaulucc.org)

**Flowers,  
music and  
bulletin  
sponsorships  
available!  
Cost is \$35.00.  
Contact the  
church office.  
618-233-3303**

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

Records from 1910 mentioned something for the first time. Money was put in a fund for it by St. Paul organization and land at the corner “K” and First streets was purchased. What was this idea?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinares Breakfast**-ON HOLD until fall  
**Finance Meeting**-every 2nd Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Mission Meeting**-2nd Sunday after service  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** –ON HOLD until September 3 - Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Women’s Guild**-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

**ANSWER:** For the purpose of erecting a hospital and old folks home by the St. Paul’s congregation.

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Jerry Hough
Carol Hotz	Lou Ann Niemann
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Cheryl Cooper
Debbie McIntyre,	Debbie Price
daughter of Arline	Christopher Mitchell
Worms	Audrey Krummrich
Tim Ritter	Ralph Eckart, brother
Laura (Phillips)	in-law of Marlene
Howie	Mueller
Alec Zaber	The loved ones of
Betty Rieso	Harlan Brightwell,
Larry Walton	brother of Beverly
Tim Ritter Jr., son of	Brightwell
Sandy & Tim Ritter	Amy Drake
Wayne Caughman	Bill Halfacre, Vi
Hector Rivera	Nettleton’s brother

Please call the church for prayer requests:  
 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 30, 2024	83 + Online Participants
July 2, 2023	65 + Online Participants



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Weekly Offerings	7/5/2024
Operating	\$ 4,116.00
Building Fund	\$ -
	\$ 4,116.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 171,182.41</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 206,238.69
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29