



Sunday, September 15, 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

September 15, 2024 9:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Vexilla Regis prodeunt
Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 116)

One: Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

Many: We love the Holy One who has heard our cry, responds to our prayers, and abides with us through our distress.

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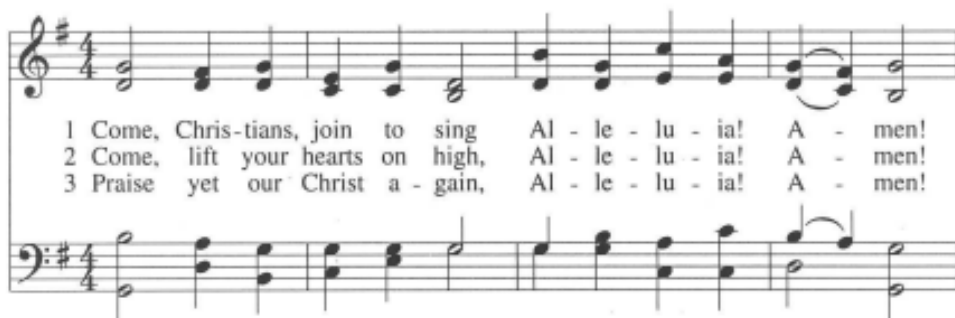
Many: We praise the Righteous One, who protects, provides, and prepares their people.

One: Call upon the Holy One, who is gracious and merciful.

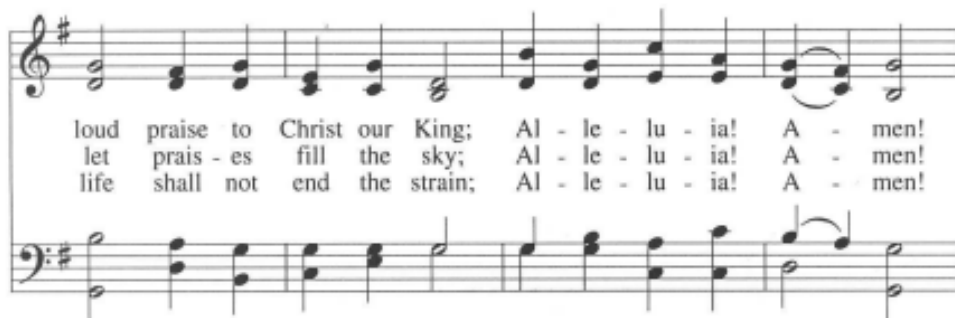
Many: We worship the Radiant One, who walks before us in the land of the living.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

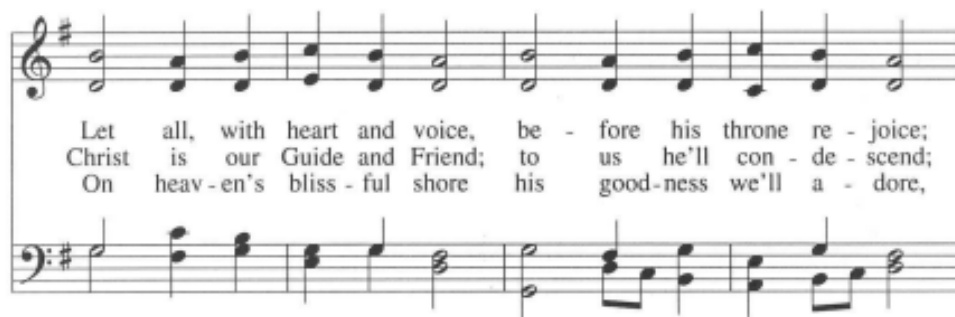
Creator, we have come in response to your call to worship you. We have come to be in community with our neighbor. We have come onsite and online. We have come with quiet contemplation and boisterous joy. We have come in grief and with hope. We come to gather in your name, to honor your presence, and to give you praise. Amen.



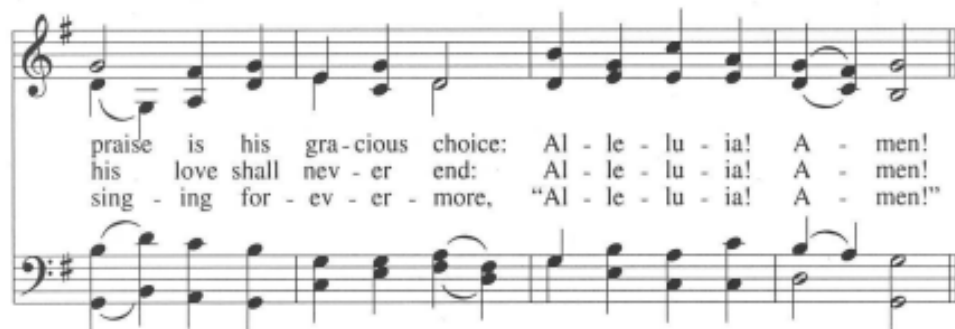
1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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

Loving God, we confess that you are a God of transformation and a solid rock. We strive to be like trees planted by the water, steadfast and unmovable at the same time that we embrace your continuing creative acts in the world and in our lives. We struggle at times to know when to remain firm and when to progress forward. Infuse us with your wisdom and discernment along with courage and grace to be fully who you have created us to be. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Beloved, God knows the journey that has shaped you, honors the efforts you have undertaken, and sustains you when you extend yourself forward. The Righteous One is merciful and grace-filled. Creator delights in you. Be bold and encouraged for the Sovereign One believes in you and goes with you.

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON)

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.

ANTHEM

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Identity

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

The Holy One creates, sustains, and renews with abundant generosity. Let us demonstrate our participation in God's Realm, our trust in God, and our stewardship of our resources through our giving to support our collective ministry.

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)**

Generous God, may these gifts honor your name and your generous Spirit alive within us. We thank you for the opportunity and privilege of contributing to your Realm and our world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**

May you reflect the goodness of God in the land of the living. May you appreciate the beauty of God's creation. And may you know and be known in every encounter. Rest in the identity of the Holy One as you go in the peace of your identity. Amen.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

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1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
 5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

AZMON
 C.M.

*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 *Prelude in G, BWV 541, Johann Sebastian Bach*

ST. PAUL UCC ANNOUNCES

Hot Mess Express
 Coffee Truck
 Wednesdays

SEP 18
 7-10 AM

715 WEST B STREET
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ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

115 W. B Street
Belleville, IL
Activity Center (Gym)
(Across from Franklin School)
INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



Bake Sale!

Donations of
baked goods accepted!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM



**SALE
DATES**

**Fri., Oct. 11th
4-7pm &
Sat., Oct. 12th
9am-12pm**

Donations are accepted starting on Sept. 24th.
Drop off hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 1:30-4pm!
or if you do not need help unloading, you can place your
items in the garage by the activity center door Mon-Thurs.
*****PLEASE CALL before you come!*** 618-233-3303**



Remember St. Paul UCC as you prepare your will or trust!

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Contact the church to learn more:
618.233.3303



October 5, 2024

Registration: 8:30am, opening ceremony 10:00am, walk 10:30a.m.

Location: Eckert's Belleville Farm | 951 S. Green Mt. Rd. Belleville, IL 62220

2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join our team: "St. Paul UCC Belleville"
and/or Donate!
Go to: 2024 Alzheimer's Walk Belleville



Save the Date!

WITH HOST
MICHAEL WAGNER!

**ST. PAUL UCC
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**SAT. NOV 16
7PM**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

115 WEST B STREET., BELLEVILLE

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

In 1874, a new church policy was put in place. It had to do with recognition. What was it?

Upcoming Events

Church Council meeting-3rd Thursday @ 6pm
Community Dinner-every Tuesday @ 5pm
Culinaires Breakfast
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 starts September 3 - Tuesdays @ 10am
Wednesdays-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)
With You group-1st Wednesday @ 1pm
Women's Guild-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Debbie Price
Carol Hotz	Christopher Mitchell
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Audrey Krummrich
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller
Tim Ritter	Amy Drake
Laura (Phillips) Howie	James Whitmarsh, nephew of Jan Friedrich
Betty Rieso	The Day family of Waterloo for their 3 year old son
Larry Walton	The family of Bernie Limper
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter	The family of Larry Wilhelm
Wayne Caughman	
Hector Rivera	
Jerry Hough	
Lou Ann Niemann	
Cheryl Cooper	

ANSWER: Funeral bells to be tolled only for members of the church and Ladies Society at fifty cents, payable to the janitor (who had to pull the rope to ring the bells)..

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

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 1, 2024	77	+	Online Participants
September 3, 2024	92	+	Online Participants



Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/>



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Weekly Offerings 9/7/2024

Operating	\$	8,535.00
Building Fund	\$	270.00
		\$ 8,805.00
Giving YTD		\$ 229,667.91
Weekly Budget	\$	7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$	274,984.92
Total Budget		\$ 397,200.29