



**Sunday, September 29, 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 29, 2024 9:00 am

Nineteenth 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> .....	Susan Relfe

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Andante in D with Variations*  
Felix Mendelssohn

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 19)

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our Rock and Redeemer.

**Many: For we seek your presence, the company of this community, and the renewal of our minds and spirits.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our Rock and Redeemer.

**Many: For you impart wisdom, inspire joy, and instill hope as we reflect on the past, live in the present, and consider the future.**

One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our Rock and Redeemer.

**Many: For wherever we gather in your name, we find holy ground; whenever we call you, we find a fresh encounter; however we know you, we find belonging. Praise God!**

### INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Triune God, make us one as you are one. As we enter worship, may our harmony extend beyond our songs. May our distinctiveness be welcomed, our identities be celebrated, and our differences be a source of delight. May your church serve as a beacon for belonging and demonstrate the beloved community of the kingdom in your name this day and everyday. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

E♭  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  B♭7 E♭  $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$  E♭ B♭ B♭9

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all  
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the

E♭  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  B♭7  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  B♭7 E♭ B♭ B♭7 E♭

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.

B♭7 E♭ A♭  $\frac{Bb7}{F}$  E♭  $\frac{Eb}{G}$  A♭ A♭<sup>(#2)</sup> A♭ E♭ B♭9

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

E♭  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  B♭7  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  B♭7 E♭ B♭ B♭7 E♭

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

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

**Righteous God, we acknowledge the need for repentance and repair. We have confused seeking the common good with controlling our neighbor. We have conflated unity with uniformity. We have cosigned on societal norms that divide, segregate, and exclude rather than becoming agents of cultural change to bridge, welcome, and belong. Transform our hearts and stir our souls. Foster a spirit of curiosity, hospitality, and reconciliation to make things right with our neighbors, foes, and friends. Lead us on the path of belonging. Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Wonderfully and fearfully made humans, you are not bound by the pressures of culture or the attitudes of your past. Even our embedded biases may be broken, our isolationist tendencies shattered, and our fearful reactions unlearned. You belong to God's Realm and the Realm belongs to you. Press forward with the grace to transform and create a world reflecting the reign of God, with peace, justice, and righteousness for all.

## **THE BAPTISM OF MILES OLIVER GLAUERT**

Son of Jacqueline and Joseph Glauert

## **ANTHEM**

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

arr. Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

## **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 9:38-50

## **SERMON**

Belonging

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**

May we offer our gifts as a prayer of trust that God provides, a prayer of resistance that declares that creation's abundance and sufficiency, and a prayer of hope that needs can be met. We pray with our mouths, our hearts, and our spirits. Let us also pray with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

## **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)**

Creating God, thank you for hearing our prayer, receiving these gifts, and making them holy for your Realm. Bless and honor every gift, enlarge our territory, and renew the resources as a demonstration of generosity and flourishing in your realm. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*      (Page 6)

**\*COMMISSIONING**

May the love of God uphold you as your love of neighbor compels you. May the peace of Christ sustain you as the work of peace inspires you. May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit direct you as the call to community beckon you. Go, in the assurance of belonging to God and one another in hope and joy. Amen.

**\*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**      *Improvisation on "Nettleton"*



**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**



*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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# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing two-edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

$\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D F#m G D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D F#m G A7 D

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - ery dread dis-ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.  
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



Today's altar flowers are in loving  
memory of Judy West's birthday.

Given by Mike West, Dennis West &  
family, Denise Aldridge & Family

Today's altar flowers are in celebration of Kevin Chunko.  
Thank you for sharing your exceptional musical gifts with us.  
You will be missed.

By the St. Paul Music Ministry



40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Season  
Presents

St. Paul Fine Arts  
**Concert**  
SERIES

USAF  
*Band of Mid-America*  
*Chamber Recital Series*

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
in St. Paul's Sanctuary.

Come celebrate the first concert of our 40<sup>th</sup> Season.  
The concert is free and open to the public.  
A free will offering will be greatly appreciated.

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WE ARE COLLECTING  
THROUGH 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.

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

Our congregation has a long history of being involved in St. Paul organizations and groups.

In 1977, in preparing to erect the Activity Center and create Heritage Hall, the church council established a committee to report on the number of those type of activities.

How many active groups of church members existed that year? **Answer: 12**

Child Study Guild  
Elder's Society  
Fireside Club  
Merry Mates

St. Paul Men's Committee  
Women's Day Fellowship  
Daughters of Naomi  
55 Plus Club

Ladies Bible Class  
St. Paul Men's Aid Society  
St. Paul Squares  
Women's Evening Fellowship

## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Marilyn Dinkelmann  
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of  
Arline Worms  
Tim Ritter  
Laura (Phillips) Howie  
Betty Rieso  
Larry Walton  
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &  
Tim Ritter

Wayne Caughman  
Hector Rivera  
Jerry Hough  
Lou Ann Niemann  
Cheryl Cooper  
Debbie Price  
Christopher Mitchell  
Audrey Krummrich  
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of  
Marlene Mueller

James Whitmarsh, nephew of  
Jan Friedrich  
Mike Llamas, brother in law of  
Mimi Llamas  
The family of Susan Karstens  
The family of Susan  
Reynolds, sister of Janet  
Kniepkamp.  
The family of Wilma  
Weisenstein



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



### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 8, 2024 85 + Online Participants  
September 10, 2023 83 + Online Participants

### Weekly Offerings 9/14/2024

Operating	\$ 7,790.00
Building Fund	\$ 260.00
	<u>\$ 8,050.00</u>

**Giving YTD \$ 237,717.91**

Weekly Budget \$ 7,638.47

Budget to Date \$ 282,623.39

Total Budget \$ 397,200.29



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