

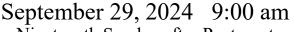
Sunday, September 29, 2024

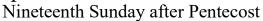
SAINT PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST "No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."



## Welcome to Worship

#### at St. Paul UCC







TODAY'S	WORSHIP LEADERS
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Music Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Chunko
	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 kindom in your name this day and everyday. Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

#### This Is My Father's World



MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930)

S.M.D.

#### \*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"



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#### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93



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# 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



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.

St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West B Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220
618-233-3303

# 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



Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service					
September 8, 2024	85	+ Online Participants			
September 10, 2023	83	+ Online Participants			



Watch videos on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>



Weekly Offerings	9/14/2024	
Operating	\$	7,790.00
Building Fund	\$ 260.00	
	\$	8,050.00
Giving YTD	\$ 2	37,717.91
Weekly Budget	\$	7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 2	82,623.39
Total Budget	\$ 3	97.200.29