



Sunday, September 8, 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 8, 2024 9:00 am

Sixteenth 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>	Ken Nettleton

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Follow The Lord's Ways
Simon Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 125)

One: Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

One: We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

One: Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Many: Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth you have for me;
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth you send so clear;
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb7 Bb Gm/Bb Bb7 Eb

place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-lock and set me free.
 and while the mes-sage sounds in my ear, ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with your chil-dren thus to share.

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si-lent-ly now, on bend-ed knee, read-y I wait your will to see;

Ab Ab7/C Db Eb7 Db/Eb Ab

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

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

Holy One, we confess our tendency to exclude rather than to include, to form closed groups rather than open communities, and to prioritize comfort rather than embrace curiosity. Help us to truly love our neighbor, whether family, friend, stranger, or foe, as ourselves and with the love you demonstrate toward us.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Beloved, God's grace is sufficient to meet you in weakness. And yet, faith without works lacks power, conviction, and life. Let our commitment to the gospel and a life with Christ be reflected in our attitude and actions toward those with different life experiences, identities, and cultures. Be opened to the possibilities, wonders, and joy that the diversity of God's creation presents to us.

MISSION MOMENT

Planned Giving

Ken Nettleton

ANTHEM

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

by Rob Landes
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-37

SERMON

Understanding

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

James 2:8 states, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well." Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God.

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)**

Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your Realm. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that all may do well. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**

Go into the world as agents of healing
Appreciating the wonder of creation
In all forms, expressions, and ways
Boldly embracing the fullness of humanity
Welcoming the stranger
And considering the other as friend.
Go in peace.

***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 *What Wondrous Love Is This*



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can give to St. Paul UCC?**

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Chords: D F#m G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A7 D $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mun - ion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;

Chords: D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 A7 Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

but one great fel - low - ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

ST. PETER
 C.M.

Today's altar flowers are in celebration of

*Wayne & Janet Kniepkamp's
 45th anniversary!*

Flowers, music and bulletin sponsorships
 are a lovely way to honor the memory,
 birthday or achievement of your loved one.
 To sign up, you can call the church office.
 Cost is \$35.00.



ST PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE
PRESENTS

The **INCLUSION**
Discussion Series
Sept 11 @ 5pm

Topic:
LGBTQIA+ & Race

Join us for the third session of this series
on theology and the beauty of inclusion
in faith communities!

@Eckerts Cider Shed
951 S Green Mt Rd, Belleville, IL

NEW DATE
& TIME

STPaulUCC.org

Pastor Michelle's
OFFICE HOURS
AUG 12-SEPT 28

Mondays 12-4pm
Tuesdays 9:30am-2:30pm
Wednesdays 12-4pm
Thursdays 9:30am -1:30pm

Fridays are my sabbath days.
While I am not in the office or attending to
administrative work, I am available for
pastoral emergencies

If there are exceptions, I'll note them in the
weekly bulletin and eNews. As always, feel
free to call ahead as I may have stepped
out for a few minutes, be in a meeting, or
attending to a pastoral situation.

Helping the people who use the Interfaith Food Pantry is easy if you have a Medicare advantage plan! Most plans offer a credit every quarter for over the counter (OTC) products. These credits can be used for things like toothbrushes and paste, feminine hygiene products, first aid products, etc. If you have credits that you don't need for your family, why not purchase some of those items and donate them to the interfaith food pantry we have a collection box here at St. Paul! (Some plans credits expire at the end of each quarter (Sept 30) so please check your plans and don't just let those credits expire!) Thank you! Questions please see Synthia Kalinowski

The History and Archaeology of the Bible

Tuesdays - 10:00 a. m. -11:30 a.m.

St. Paul UCC - Genesis Room

September 3 – November 19, 2024

- Sept 3** 1 The World of Genesis, 2 The Tower of Babel
Sept 10 3 The Journeys of Abraham, 4 Joseph in Egypt
Sept 17 5 The Story of Moses, 6 The Mystery of the Exodus
Sept 24 7 The Settlement in the Promised Land, 8 The Rise of the Israelite Monarchy

Source material provided is a DVD
from The Great Courses!

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

The St. Paul's Senior Community complex was recently sold off. Is our church still involved.

Upcoming Events

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

ANSWER: Yes, a group of volunteers from St. Paul Church provides worship services on a weekly basis at the community.

For Your Prayers

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

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

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

August 25, 2024 103 + Online Participants
 August 27, 2023 83 + Online Participants



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Weekly Offerings	8/31/2024
Operating	\$ 4,200.00
Building Fund	\$ 37.00
	\$ 4,237.00
Giving YTD	\$ 220,862.91
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 267,346.45
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29