



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends...

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church. Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

Try our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service**.

The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

The Nursery is open during 9 am services, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Please feel free to visit whenever needed.

Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.

We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week— let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. Also please notify the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

Your phone call is crucial to our ministry!

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE *The Old Rugged Cross* Words and music by George Bennard
Bill Guthrie, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is the one who makes a way in the sea;

Many: God forges a path through the mighty waters.

One: God provides water in the wilderness,

Many: And rivers in the desert.

One: God makes a way where there was none before,

Many: And God leads us through to the Promised Land.

One: Come, worship God, who continues to lead us on;

Many: Worship God, who leads us to new life.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Trailblazing God, You have led us through the wilderness, through the waters, through the fires and beyond. You continue to make a way when the world has unjustly thrown us off course, when the walls of division are constructed to block us. You have taken us by the hand and led us forward where there was no path. You continue to call us by name even when we have been afraid to take those first steps. Though the danger is near, we will trust in You. Though the way is shrouded and veiled, we will listen for Your name. Though the path seems uncertain, we will continue to follow You. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN #29

Morning Has Broken



1. Morn- ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing,! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Almighty God, we confess our fear. At times we allow fear to lead us rather than hope; doubt to drive us rather than trust. We make mistakes, and instead of confessing our mistakes and working to right our wrongs, we double-down. We refuse to acknowledge our wrongdoings because we are afraid. We have allowed fear to rule us instead of love.

All: But Your love casts out fear. Your love calls us to renewed trust. Your love allows us to hope and to work together for goodness. We confess and acknowledge our fear, O God, and ask for Your help to overcome it. In the name of Christ, who faced the fear of death on the cross, and lives in us, we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

“Do not be afraid.” God speaks these words to us in Scripture time and again, and God speaks these words into our hearts. Know that you are forgiven for the times your fear has overwhelmed you. Know that you are loved. Know that you are not alone. Together, we can conquer our fears. Together, we can make a difference in this world. Together, we can do justice, begin healing, and bring hope to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC

What If I Give All?
Bill Guthrie, soloist

Ray Boltz/Mark Pay

CHILDREN’S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 4:42-44 John 6:1-21

SERMON

Be The Miracle
Rev. Michelle Torigian



HYMN #51

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem



1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,



and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:
 O sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and of the sin-less One:
 of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:
 of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:



The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,
 For Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;



of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 God's sov-ereign Child, who rec-on-ciled, is might-y now to save.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

One: Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." As we have been granted great abundance, let us offer up those blessings in God's name.

UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

God of wonders, who enabled Jesus and Elisha to feed the multitudes, bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts. May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all the people.

OFFERTORY

Hope

Felix Mendelssohn

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

+HYMN #275

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing spir-it In - to ev - ery trou-bled__breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv-er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a-tion; Pure and spot-less let us__ be;



Fix in us thy hum-ble__dwell-ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies__ crown;
Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised__ rest;
Sud-den-ly re - turn and__ nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples__ leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in__ thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas-sion; Pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of__ sin-ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga__ be;
Thee we would be al - ways blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to__ glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our__ place,



Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem-bling__ heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee, with - out ceas-ing, Glo - ry in thy pre - cious love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and__ praise.

+ BENEDICTION

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God's love is overwhelming!
As we have been spiritually fed this day,
let us go and offer food and drink to others.
Grant us holy instincts of faith
as we trust in you, O God, to place the final touches
on our culinary masterpieces. Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Fugue

John Stanley

Call to Worship, Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace from
<http://rev-o-lution.org/2018/07/20/worship-resources-for-july-29-2018-tenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, Benediction from "Food for All" Service Prayers for the
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Minister for Christian Faith
Formation Research, LCM.



NEWS & NOTES

July 22, 2018

Region 9 Gathering/Music & Ice Cream Social Great Entertainment and Fellowship TODAY!! 3 PM – 4:30 PM

The B Street Band will be performing for a gathering of Illinois South Conference Region 9 churches. The concert will begin at 3:00 with an ice cream social to follow at 3:30 in the fellowship hall of the church. Free-will offering St. John UCC in Fairview Heights 10207 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Hts.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 12, 2018 anyone (child or adult) attending school who would like to start their school year off “blessed”, bring your backpacks for the “Blessing of the Backpacks” done by our very own, Pastor Michelle.



Franklin School Dist School Supplies Drive

Help bring joy & support to the Franklin School for their 2018-19 Academic Year

Supplies Needed:

Pencils	Markers	Notebooks
Notebook Paper		Erasers
Folders	Crayons	Germ-X
Kleenex/Tissues		Dry Erase Markers
Copy Paper	Glue	Glue Sticks
Scissors	Rulers	

Please place in basket in Welcome center on Aug 12th !!!! Or bring to church office!!

St. Paul Loose League for Golfers:



We are still playing at our usual times at 1:30 and 3:45 at the Orchards. We welcome any golfer who would like to hit a little white or other color ball around grassy areas with a few traps made of sand or water. It's all fun and we are hot, and not just because the temperature has been in the 90s. Contact any of those listed below.

Two teams of golfers represented St. Paul in Hoyleton's Scramble. Golfers included: Judy Koch, Marlene Mueller, Debbie Lippert, Al Stahl, Wayne Caughman, Paul Sutherland, Dave Brannon and Donna Davis. One team won second place in C Flight. Team winnings of \$240 were donated back to Hoyleton. The team also won a C Flight skin on hole 9 for another \$35 which was also donated to Hoyleton.



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR
ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

CARDINAL BASEBALL!!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
CARDINALS VS. GIANTS

6:15 pm game



Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 5
in the Welcome Center/Activity Center or from the Church Office on weekdays.
\$20 per person (no children's ticket price) Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion Section 371

We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field!

The give away that evening is a Cardinal sweatshirt for those 16 and older.

This is a fundraiser for St. Paul and our goal is to sell 300 tickets – so invite friends, family – everyone you know who's a baseball fan – even if they root for the Giants! **If we reach our goal, 4 lucky ticket holders will win a pregame field visit to watch batting practice, we'll get a group photo, group recognition on the scoreboard during the game and, if available, sing God Bless America or Take Me Out to the Ballgame.** Plus, we'll be earning \$\$ for St. Paul while having a great evening of fun and fellowship! You just can't miss this event!!

Here are a few tips that might be helpful:

- *Only soft-sided coolers no larger than 16"x16"x8" are allowed in the stadium
- *No backpacks are allowed, unless it's a diaper bag
- *Factory sealed soda, water in clear plastic bottles, no larger than 2 liters, are allowed
- *No alcohol or non-alcoholic beer is allowed *Empty cups, mugs or plastic bottles are allowed
- *No aluminum containers, glass bottles, metal cans or thermoses are allowed
- *Food items are allowed but must fit in a bag no bigger than 16"x16"x8"

Redbird Express Information:

- *Cost for round trip (cash only) adults \$5; ages 2 – 12 \$2; under 2 free
- *Buses leave (about every 5 – 8 minutes) beginning 2 ½ hours before game time from the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights and *if we know that we'll have more than 25 riders, we might be able to get our own bus*
- *Drop off is at the corner of Clark & Broadway near Gates 5 & 6
- *The last bus leaves stadium -Clark Street between Broadway & 4th, 45 minutes after game ends

Let's make this a super success & start off our new church year with a home run!!

Brought to you by your St. Paul Stewardship Board



Summer
Youth
Musical
presents



Annie Jr.

Friday Aug 10 7pm	Saturday Aug 11 7pm	Sunday Aug 12 2pm
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No Admission Cost - bring the family!
Free Will Offering

St. Paul UCC
115 West B Street . Belleville
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Director Tyler Kohrs

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Worship Service Volunteers Appreciation Day

The Worship Board will host our annual "Thank You" for our worship service volunteers on **Sunday, August 19**. If you usher, run the radio room, sound systems, worked in the control room, read during a service or shook a hand as a greeter, lit a candle *join us!!* We will meet after the 9am service in the Activities Center to enjoy a light lunch together! *All who have helped in making our worship services wonderful are encouraged to attend!*

Worship Service Volunteers Training Day

All worship service volunteers are encouraged to attend a volunteer training on **Sunday, August 26**. If you usher, run the radio room, sound systems, worked in the control room, read during a service or shook a hand as a greeter, lit a candle... *join us!!* We will meet in the sanctuary after the 9am service. *We will be learning more about how to have a safe and caring church environment.* Questions—please call church office.

Kurt Fest The Mueller Family will honor the memory of Kurt Jacob Mueller, our son and brother at a Free Outdoor Concert featuring *the Harris Brothers* Thurs, Aug 16 6pm-9pm at the Belleville Mini Park (between Wine Tap & Tavern on Main) 227 East Main St *Come for friendship! Celebrate Life! The music will be great!*

Mingles & Singles Celebrate Summer Party at Al & Nancy Scharf's Farm
8132 State Rt. 163, Millstadt Saturday, August 25 Fun begins at **6:30pm**
1st annual 'Scharf Olympics' games, Live band, hang out with Pastor Michelle, and much more!!



For Our Prayers

Darwin Bretsch - Amy Drake – Mike Foppe - Richard Goers
 Marsha McCoy - Kamden Newman - Ruth Mabray - Geneva Rehg- Bill
 Whicher

For Our Thoughts

‘Don’t wait for a miracle....Be a miracle!!’ *Svetlana Shchedrina*
 ‘I am a disaster learning how to be a miracle.’ *Anonymous*
 ‘Every moment of light and dark is a miracle.’ *Walt Whitman*
 ‘Don’t wait for miracles...your whole life is a miracle.’ *Albert Einstein*

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

Sun, July 29 **9am Traditional Serv**
 11am Celebration Serv

Mon, July 30 10am exercise
 4:30 Investment Comm-
 Library
 6pm NAMI– Gen Rm
 6pm SYM-AC

Tues, July 31 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 6pm SYM—AC

Wed, Aug 1 6pm SYM –AC
 Band

Thurs, Aug 2 6pm PFLAG

Sat, Aug 4 SYM Practice

GO GREEN
with your weekly offering!

Did you know we can automatically debit your checking account for your weekly offering? This would enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even if you miss a Sunday offering and it simplifies our accounting.

Go green and eliminate your envelopes! Interested? Contact Stephenie Bauza in the Church office.

Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration July 15, 2018 July 16, 2017
 184/24 108/Single Serv

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Offering for 07/15/2018 - \$5,506	General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to..	\$328,892	
Budget to..	\$361,536	
Total Budget	\$671,441	