

“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!

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9:00 am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am Celebration Worship Service in Heritage Hall

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## Information for our friends...

### Weekly Sunday morning services ~

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church.

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.

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. 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.

### LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

<i>Lay Reader</i> .....	Judy Seager
<i>Radio</i> .....	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i> .....	Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Terry Kalinowski, Scott Gentry
<i>Welcome Center</i> ....	Janet Heil, Gloria Strohm, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Eric Gentry
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	St. Paul Chancel Choir
<i>Sunday School Assistant</i> .....	Marlene Mueller
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i> .....	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Traditional Music Director</i> .....	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

October 14, 2018 9:00 am

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Richard Proulx

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Amos 5:14-15, 21, 24; Micah 6:8)

One: Seek good and not evil, so that you may live;

**Many: And our God, the Holy One, will live with us.**

One: Hate evil and love good, establish justice in your community,

**Many: God desires to be one with us, to be gracious to us.**

One: God does not want lavish festivals, but desires justice;

**Many: Let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

One: Come, worship God, in this time, and in every moment you breathe:

**Many: May we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Amen.**

### INVOCATION (Unison)

**O God, you sowed the seeds of justice when you created this world. Though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone, it is hardly divided fairly. There are those who struggle to get their daily bread each day and then there are those who have more than they can use in their lifetime. May we remember that all we have comes from you and that you have entrusted to us all that we have. May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as Jesus asks of us. Grant that we, O God, use this hour to work in our ministries to end this disparity. Amen.**

### +OPENING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

115 West "B" Street, Belleville (618) 233-3303

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

**+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

One: Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart.

**All: We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.**

**+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God's love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God's love we are forgiven.

**All: Let us do likewise. 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.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** with Pastor Michelle

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*From Earth to Heaven*  
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Amos 5:6-7 & 10-15


**SERMON**

As Spoken Through the Prophets

**+HYMN**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,  
En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

**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.**

**RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

One: We should not forget that our offering should be the first fruits of our labors which we dedicate to God. Not only do we honor God by this offering, but it also helps us not to keep the best of what we have for ourselves. By giving our first fruits to God, we help to ensure that those who have little will receive something and we who have much do not keep it entirely for ourselves.

**OFFERTORY**

*God is Our Song*  
Women's Ensemble

Roy Ringwald

**+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.

**+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER**

Generous God, we thank you for all that we have – for all of it comes from you. We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you. May our offerings sustain and support the work of this church to close the disparity between those who have much and those who have little in this community. Amen.

**+CLOSING HYMN**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**+BENEDICTION (Based upon Psalm 90:12, 14, 17 adapted)**

One: Let us count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
Let God satisfy us this morning with steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame.  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone.



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Depart in peace and let God's favor be upon us to prosper  
the work of our hands.

**All: Amen!**

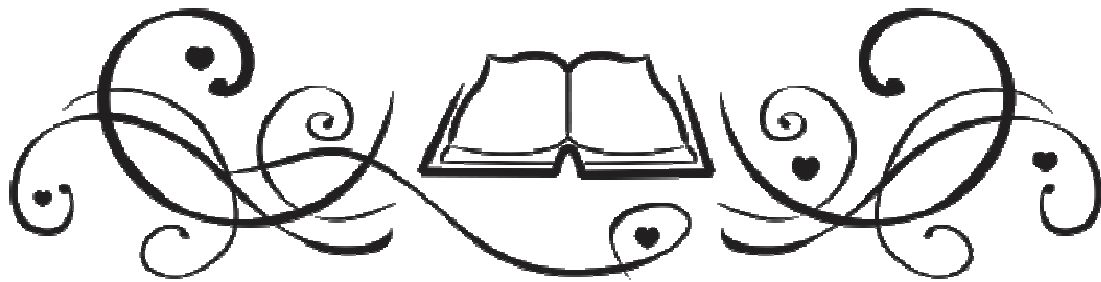
**+POSTLUDE**

*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Wilbur Held

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# NEWS & NOTES

Oct 14, 2018



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!! 10am in the library With Tyler and friends!**



Walgreens will be here with Flu Shots  
on Oct 21st from 9:30-11:30am  
Please pick up your  
pre-registration/pre-payment form in the  
Welcome Center today!

Questions—Tina at [tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

Good morning,

I have been attending meetings representing Mission Board and St.. Paul UCC with the Homeless Backbone Committee. This committee consists of city officials and local churches getting involved with our less fortunate citizens of Belleville.

Wanted to update the congregation that Beacon, which we partner with, is partnering with Salvation Army beginning November 1st to create a partnership called the Center of Hope. Their objective is to give people a place to go for services varying on their degree of circumstances in life. A social worker will be available for assistance. There will be shower facilities, washers & dryers, computers to fill the needs that are so great. The computers will aid in job searches. Like the Food Pantry, the need is great & I am offering all of you and opportunity to volunteer if you are able.

The hours are 9-2 Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Captain TJ Daniels will be assisting with some training to be a volunteer. I am going to volunteer once a month and ask you to please consider giving a helping hand for this worthwhile project. Please call Carol Haffner Meyer at 314-583-1279 to volunteer.

Let's show the city and community that St. Paul UCC cares about this project by helping the less fortunate.

Thank You  
Sandy Ritter

MINGLES & SINGLES

# Ghosts & GOBLINS PARTY



Our Ghosts & Goblins Party will be FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 **DATE CHANGE!**

6:30 pm at the home of Rusty & Sandy Wagner

5747 Briars Landing, Millstadt.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your adult beverage of choice.

Costumes are optional but we usually have widespread participation!



St. Paul Halloween



## SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 27th

10:30am - 12:00 noon



**Kids Come in Costume!**

Trunk or Treat outside, then join us inside for lunch,  
games and fun Halloween activities!

*Crafts! Face painting! Photo booth!*

*Costume Parade!*

**Trunks are needed!!**



Arrive by 10:15 to set up your trunk

Please let us know if you are going to be a TRUNK! [Tkohrs@stpaulucc.org](mailto:Tkohrs@stpaulucc.org)

**Now accepting donations of CANDY!**



# FROM THE HEAVENS TO EARTH

**Saturday, Oct. 20  
7 p.m.**

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
115 W. B Street • Belleville

This concert, co-presented by the Southwestern Illinois College Music Department and St. Paul Fine Arts Series, features performances by the SWIC Concert Choir, SWIC Chamber Singers and St. Paul UCC Chancel Choir with guest singers and string orchestra.

Free and  
open to the  
public



[swic.edu/music](http://swic.edu/music)



## For Our Prayers

Family of Geneva Rehg - Carla Lake - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher

## For Our Thoughts

The world is round so that friendship may encircle it. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*  
 Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
 Every story I create, creates me. I write to create myself. *Octavia E. Butler*


— This week at — St. Paul UCC  
 Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Oct 14 9am Traditional Service  
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Oct 15 10am exercise  
12noon prayer gp  
1:30 Staff Mtg  
3pm Gov French  
4:30 girl scouts  
6pm Basketball –AC
- Tues, Oct 16 OSP Deadline  
9am Quilters  
3pm Gov French  
5pm Comm Dinner  
6pm Finance Mtg  
7pm Women’s Guild
- Wed, Oct 17 10am Gen Mtg  
3pm Gov French  
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Oct 18 MDO Donuts with Dads  
9am CASA / United Way—Gen Rm  
10am Christian Ed Class  
3pm Gov French  
4pm Masterworks  
6pm Gov French Basketball Game –AC  
6:30 Council
- Fri, Oct 19 MDO Donuts With Dads  
3pm Gov French
- Sat, Oct 20 SWIC / St. Paul Concert

**Weekly Attendance**  
 9am / Celebration Sept 30, 2018 Sept 29, 2017  
 130/Single serv    154/Single Serv

### How YOU can help!

#### The Community Interfaith Food Pantry NEEDS Reusable Shopping / Grocery Bags

 Bags like this are needed for our friends who may be struggling with homelessness, maybe traveling on bike, or walking a long distance.



**Cereal**  
(Kids/Sweet)  
and

#### Hamburger Helper



Cereals are good for breakfast, but can be a good afterschool snack—can be eaten with milk or without! And Hamburger Helper is easy to prepare and share with family.

If you would like to help, you can bring these items directly to the food pantry or place them in the red cart in our hallway.

**Thank YOU!**

Offering for 09/30/2018 -	\$4,080	<b>General Fund</b>	
Giving to..			Needed each week \$12,912
Budget to..			\$494,474
			\$503,568
Total Budget			\$671,441