



“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> .....	Roger Relfe
<i>Radio</i> .....	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i> .....	Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell, Donna & Jim Young
.....	Lesley, Carly & Megan Dahm, Carol Simon, Tammy & Amber Flach
<i>Welcome Center</i> .....	Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Sandy Kramer, Debbie Lippert
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	St. Paul Chancel Choir
<i>Sunday School Assistant</i> .....	Sandy Ritter
<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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 7, 2018      9:00 am

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

Robert Lind

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In seasons of woe and in seasons of joy,

**Many: We come to the table of Christ.**

One: In our childhood years and as we age,

**Many: We come to the table of Christ.**

One: No matter who we love or where we live,

**Many: We come to the table of Christ.**

One: No matter how we look or the strength we have,

**Many: We come to the table of God.**

### INVOCATION (Unison)

**Providing and Uniting God, we come to the table today not only as a congregation, but as the Body of Christ. Our hearts join together across this planet. May we continue to expand our view to become more inclusive. May this time of celebrating our faith encourages us to welcome new people into this church and into our lives. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*


### +PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: We choose our tables based upon the people we like. We choose our


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conversations based upon the people we know. By making decisions




1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with  
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness



of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -



love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

based on our own comfort levels, we miss opportunities to connect with other children of God.

**God, the tables we visit are familiar. The guests to our banquets are much like us - from the same socioeconomic circles to same ethnicities. We've missed the blessings of dining with unlikely friends. We ask for our hearts to open. May your holy strength for our souls help us to accept your call to welcome neighbor, stranger, friend, and enemy. Amen.**

**+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God, the Divine Creator of the Banquet, will serve us grace for the times in which we left names off of the invite list. As God asks us to host the banquet again, may we open ourselves to new guests and share Christ's radical love. Amen!

**All: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**+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

**MISSION MOMENT** Neighbors in Need Sandy Wagner

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Bread of the World* Ron Klusmeier  
Chancel Choir and Anne von Brecht, flute

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 14:1-24

**SERMON** Dining at God's Diner

**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.**

**RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

One: Having recognized the many gifts we bring and receive from one another, let us share what we have with gratitude.

**OFFERTORY** *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Ron Schmolze

**+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**

For the treasures, talents, and time you have given to us, God, we share our gratitude. May your wisdom inspire us to share these gifts in ways that will build your world. Amen.

**HYMN**

*As We Gather At Your Table*



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your  
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of  
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that



word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
 life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is  
 feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as \_\_\_our  
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you \_\_\_for -  
 least. There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace \_\_\_de -



own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

## COMMUNION

### INVITATION

One: Let us prepare our hearts.

**Many: *We prepare them for our Divine Parent.***

One: Let us open our minds.

**Many: *We open them for the Christ in our midst.***

One: Let us give thanks to the God of Love.

**Many: *We give thanks for the goodness of creation.***

### PRAYER

One: Creator God, in the beginning you put life into the emptiness and brought forth light into our world.

**Many: *We are created in your image as ones who share your light.***

One: You created people to live on the earth, to love and be loved, to care for this creation and be fruitful.

**Many: *We are created in your image to see good in each other.***

One: And when we failed to praise you for a harvest of plenty, to obey your commands and care for the world that you put in our hands, you sent us Jesus to show us the way.

**Many: *We are created in Christ's image to share light in this world.***

One: May this meal nourish us, strengthening us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free.

**Many: *Thank you, God, for inviting us to share in your mission to bring peace and abundant life to your creation. Amen.***

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**On the night before Jesus was arrested, he arranged for a meal with the ones who had journeyed with him. As he took hold of the bread, he blessed it, and sent it around the table. "Whenever you eat bread in this manner, eat in remembrance of me."**

**After the meal shared with the ones who had journeyed with him, Jesus took hold of the cup. He blessed the beverage made from the fruit of the vine and sent it around the table. "Whenever you drink from the cup in this manner, drink in remembrance of me."**

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

Christ is the giver of this feast, and all are welcome, whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey.

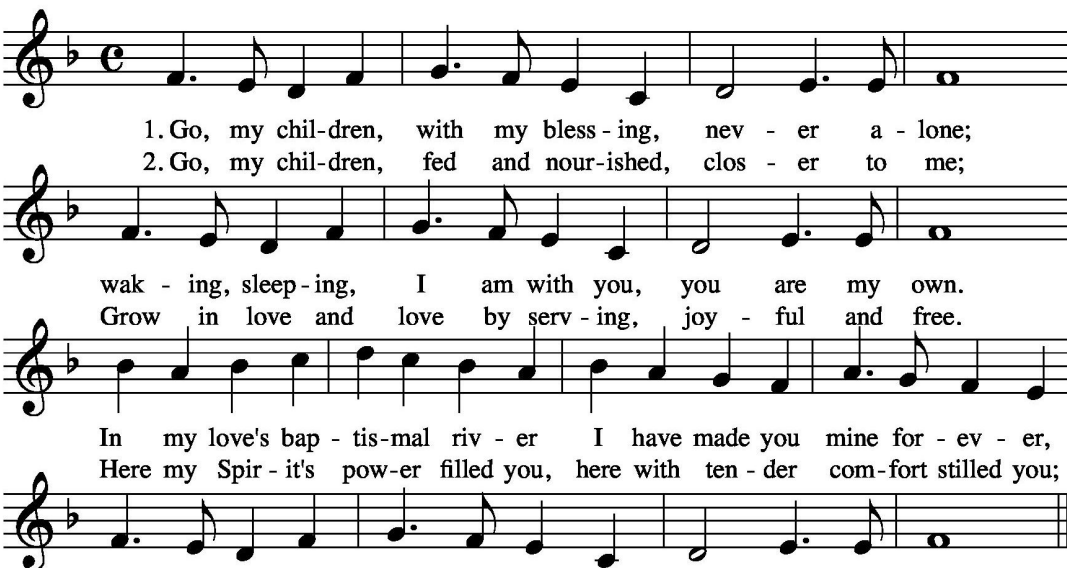
*(Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains grape*

juice. The two inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**We thank you O God, for refreshing us at your holy table. We thank you for our siblings in this community and around the world. May we always be reminded to see the world through Christ's eyes and to work for a time when all may share together at your table. Amen.**

**+CLOSING HYMN**      *Go My Children With My Blessing*



1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone;  
2. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me;  
wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

+ In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-ev-er,  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here with ten-der com-fort stilled you;  
go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing; you are my own.  
Go, my chil-dren fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.

**BENEDICTION**

**We came to the table as many different faces today.  
We came to worship as many different voices today.  
May the Spirit of Love, the Christ of Strength,  
and the God of Hope nudge us to new tables with friends.  
All: Amen!**

**+POSTLUDE**      *Sing Out Earth and Skies*      Mary Beth Bennett  
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# NEWS & NOTES

Oct 7, 2018



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

*St. Paul Women's Guild*  
**FALL**  
**Rummage**  
**& BAKE Sale**

**Friday, Oct 12**

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct 13**

9:00 a.m.- Noon

*(\$1.00 Brown Bag Special)*

**St. Paul  
United Church of Christ  
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It's that time of year when we clean out the closets and rid ourselves of all kinds of "treasures" to be sold at the Women's Guild Semi-Annual Rummage Sale! And we mustn't forget all those home-made baked goods!

If you have rummage ready to bring to the church - that's ok - you can bring it anytime - just let the office know.

For the Guild members (and willing friends), set up for the sale will begin at Noon, on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Lunch for the workers will be on Thursday, and the sale will begin on Friday evening. Saturday we will have the real bargain of \$1 for as much as you can get into a brown grocery bag!

So mark your calendar and get ready for the best buys in town!!  
See you there!

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  
***Now accepting donations of CANDY!***





*Do you know a member who would like a visit?*

*May be homebound or has difficulty getting out. Let the church office know. 233-3303. Thank you.*

# FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday Oct 7 from 11-5

## DuBois Center

Family Friendly Community Event • FREE Parking • FREE Admission

**Live Music**      **Pony & Hay Rides**  
**Quilt Drawing**      **Creation Crawls**  
**Upscale Resale**      **Silent Auction**  
**Kidz Korner**      **Pontoon Boat Tours**

### Crafters & Artisans!

and, of course,

### Great Food

Indoor & outdoor dining  
Pulled Pork, Pocket Tacos, Fannel Cakes,  
Kettle Corn, Sweet Treats and much more!

For everyone's safety —  
Sorry, No Pets.

For more info:  
[DuBoisCenter.org](http://DuBoisCenter.org)



DuBoisCenter  
2651 Quarry Rd. DuBois, IL



Are you interested in being a member of St. Paul UCC? Please contact Pastor Michelle or the church office.



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)

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## For Our Prayers

Family of Cleo Baldwin - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher

## For Our Thoughts

Hope is patience with the lamp lit. *Tertullian*  
 Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions. *Dalai Lama*  
 Each day, I come in with a positive attitude, trying to get better. *Stefon Diggs*  
 Nobody can hurt me without my permission. *Mahatma Gandhi*

— This week at — St. Paul UCC


Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!

<u>Sun, Oct 7</u>	Communion Sunday <b>9am Traditional Service</b> <b>11am Celebration Service</b>
<u>Mon, Oct 8</u>	CLOSED for Columbus Day
<u>Tues, Oct 9</u>	9am Quilters 4:30 Ecuador Mtg—Gen Rm 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm Masterworks Practice 7pm Shufflers
<u>Wed, Oct 10</u>	9:30 Baby Class Band / Bells / Choir
<u>Thurs, Oct 11</u>	10am Christian Ed Class 4pm Masterworks 6pm Boards 6:30 Youth Group
<u>Fri, Oct 12</u>	9:30 S&N Mtg 5:30 Rummage Sale—AC
<u>Sat, Oct 13</u>	9am Rummage Sale—AC

Weekly Attendance		
9am / Celebration	Sept 23, 2018	Sept 24, 2017
	139/23	138/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 09/23/2018 -	\$12,913	<b>General Fund</b>	Needed each week	\$12,912
Giving to...	_____			\$490,394
Budget to...	_____			\$490,656
Total Budget	_____			\$671,441