

“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

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary) If the small person 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>	Donna Davis
<i>Radio</i>	Brett White
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Tina LakeHopper and Dana Rosenzweig
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Sue Hoffmann, Carson Hopper, Joyce Maurer, Gay Eckert
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Fred & Carol Hotz, Sandy Ritter
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Organist / Pianist</i>	Janet Spencer
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

*St. Paul
United Church of Christ*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing to the God of Hosts,

All: who provides for us and who we worship in this space.

One: How awesome is our God,

All: who created all that is beautiful in this world;

One: who anticipates our every need;

All: who loves us beyond measure.

O God, our God give heed to our presence.

Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise. Amen.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Most Gracious God, we greet you once again in this sacred space. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need, want and desire your presence in our lives. So we come in prayer and listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ___ ser - vice, called to min - is -
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der



tries of ___ grace, We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment
 work and ___ worth, Let us fol - low, nev - er ___ fal - tering,
 glob - al ___ sense, Help us bear each oth - er's ___ bur - dens,
 hu - man ___ life That sur - round each per - son's ___ sor - row



fresh new lines of faith to ___ trace. May we learn the
 rec - on - cil - ing folk on ___ earth. Men and wom - en,
 break - ing down each wall or ___ fence. Words of com - fort,
 with a calm that con - quers ___ strife. Make us part - ners



art of ___ shar - ing, side by side and friend with ___ friend,
 rich - er, ___ poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and ___ old,
 words of ___ vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with ___ care,
 in our ___ liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our ___ car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ___ ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: O God of all good gifts: how generous are your provisions for us! Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we require. You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love: nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety.

All: **You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life. But so often, O God, we fail to live being mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your realm. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: My friends, be assured that God hears our petitions! God continues to expect of us a life in which justice prevails. This is God's desire for us. We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire. God loves us still. Amen.

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

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All:** **And also with you.**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND RENAMING RITUAL FOR SHERRY STEPP

Words of Reception

All: **We affirm our continued walk with you in the common life of this church. We promise you our renewed friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Interlude

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29


Luke 12:49-56

SERMON


Bursts of Fire from the Prince of Peace

+HYMN

God of the Prophets




1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph-et's heirs,
2 A - noint them proph - ets! Make their ears at - tend
3 A - noint them priests! Strong in - ter - ces - sors they
4 Make them a - pos - tles! Her - alds of your cross,



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
to your di - vin - est speech; their hearts a - wake
for par - don, and for char - i - ty and peace!
forth may they go to tell all realms your grace.



Each age for its own sol - emn tasks pre - pares:
To hu - man need; their lips make el - o - quent
O might with them the world, though gone a - stray,
In - spired of you, may they count all but loss,



make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
for righ - teous - ness that shall all e - vil break.
pass in - to Christ's pure life of sac - ri - fice.
and stand at last with joy be - fore your face.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with the 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: People of God, we have come to that part of our worship when we are invited to respond with thanksgiving to God's provisions for us. We have an opportunity to participate with God in the care of God's people. Let our love of God lead us to generosity for the sake of those who need our help.

OFFERTORY *Lord God, We All Give Praise* J. G. Walther

+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

Bless, O God, these our gifts, and bless our desire to participate with you in the building of your realm among us. Accept these gifts as a sign of our love for you and for our neighbors. Amen.

Information about today's service:

All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

Pieces of this service are often video recorded for our website, social media and over can be heard over the radio.

Worship Service from Justice and Righteousness: What God Expects, Service Prayers for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, a retired UCC Pastor who served as Associate Conference Minister in Michigan. Rev. Andrews is a certified Spiritual Director.

Adapted from the following: <http://www.mccsudbury.org/worship/renaming-ceremony/?fbclid=IwAR3geycROgdtUXrcnu9JMhfGvQEMcxnqv2jTbp6yh9tOSqmHE3hxII8GbDc>

Affirmation of Baptism for One Who Has a New Name with adaptations from similar liturgies from GLAAD, House for All Sinners and Saints, and the UCC Book of Worship <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2012/01/liturgical-naming-rite-for-a-transgendered-church-member/>

+CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your child - ren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry,
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us,
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore. Let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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+BENEDICTION

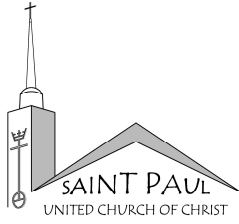
One: Be encouraged by your faith in God and in your desire to live into God's expectations for your lives. Receive God's blessing as beloved children of God. Look to Jesus this week as the inspiration of our faith and allow him to be an example for our living. Have faith in the work and power of the Holy Spirit through whom God's work in us is accomplished.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and Glory.

Paul Manz



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We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday
mornings ~

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
stpaulucc.org

The flowers are sponsored today:

*In memory of
Alan Maurer,
Dad & Grandfather
by Leslie, Ken,
Carlisle & Megan Dahm*



ST. PAUL NOW HAS ONLINE GIVING!!!!

St Paul UCC Belleville has joined the world of Technology by bringing Online Giving to our church. Effective immediately you may now give to St Paul Church electronically and pay by credit card, debit card or use your bank account information. Simply log on to *stpaulucc.org* and click the "Online Giving" button and follow the instructions. You can use this form of donating towards the Operating Fund, Heritage Hall, Building, Radio, a Memorial and more.

Your church has decided that the "old canoe" that worked so well when you were floating down the river, doesn't bring your church success when the world is navigating a new terrain of "mountain climbing." What to do? What to do? At this year's Annual Meeting, we will look at churches who are navigating new terrain...have gone from surviving to thriving...have their feet on the ground and are marching with the blessed assurance of transformative changes. They have listened to God's call and have adapted with repurposed buildings, the priesthood of lay leaders, interactive worship services and embracing the demographics of their communities. Witness fearlessness and hope. Adapt your paradigm to the reality of now. Transform your church. Find out what makes your church's heart sing.



Would you like to be a delegate for St. Paul UCC at this year's Annual Meeting? If so, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Heritage Hall



Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the restoration of Heritage Hall. At this time, we will be moving to the stage of working primarily with contractors. Dave Hoffmann would like to talk with you if you have knowledge of faux painting. \

Special Speaker
 Sunday, August 18th
 11am in the library
Jason Frazier, Director of Minds Eye
Minds Eye Virtual Newsstand



Minds Eye Radio, a virtual newsstand, is the reading impaired radio station located at the Shrine of the Snows. Join us for a great presentation about a group that helps anyone having difficulty reading, including those who cannot hold a newspaper or book, i.e. someone with Parkinson's or sight issues. Reading for the visually impaired is also a meaningful volunteer opportunity. Minds Eye is connecting people with vision loss to the news and entertainment to lead full lives.

Part of the With You Ministry of St. Paul



ST. PAUL FIESTA AT SCHARF FARM

Scharf Farm is hosting the Mingles & Singles Fundraiser event at Scharf Farm, Aug 24th at 6pm. Due to some of the food provided, we ask for an RSVP by AUG 16. It's \$10 per person and all of the proceeds go back into St. Paul UCC. Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks, appetizers/side dish/ dessert. This will be a fun night in a beautiful setting, music and karaoke by Chris Ritter. So come one and all!! Please RSVP-Sandy Ritter 222-1123 or sandyritter@ymail.com. Let's make this a joyous time to end the summer and provide funds for St. Paul UCC. See



Community Interfaith Food Pantry needs LOTS of reusable grocery bags!! The bags help get food to the homeless in our area. Please bring any to the food pantry or to the bin in our hallway. Thank you.

TICKETS ON SALE SUNDAYS & OFFICE !

ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

CARDINAL BASEBALL!!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
CARDINALS vs. BREWERS
7:15 pm game



\$20 per person (no children's ticket price)

Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion

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

The give away that evening is a

Cardinal Hockey Sweater 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 Brewers!

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"

For questions about what you can bring to the stadium, see mlb.com/cardinals/ballpark/security.

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

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
 Dian Thom
 Bill Whicher
 Alec Zaber

Like to Help?

Do you have pictures of events here at St. Paul?

We are gathering pictures for a new pictorial directory.
 Send pictures to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org

This Week

- Sun, Aug 18 **9am Worship**
11am-Minds Eye Speaker
- Mon, Aug 19 9am MDO Teachers Mtg
 10am exercise
- Tues, Aug 20 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 5pm Ecuador Mtg
 6pm MDO Advisory
- Thurs, Aug 22 6pm Food Pantry
 6:30 Shufflers
- Sat, Aug 24 10am Ctr Prayer
 6pm Scharf Farm Fiesta

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours
this week: Tuesday 8/20 9am-11am
Wednesday 8/21 1pm-4pm
Thursday 8/22 9am-noon

Please call Tina at 233-3303 for any scheduling questions.
 Thank you!

For Your Information

**FLOWERS
 MUSIC
 & BULLETIN
 SPONSORSHIPS**

Sign up now to sponsor flowers, music or the bulletin each week. Many dates are available. Cost is \$30. Your sponsorship dedication is printed in the News & Notes and is a lovely way to honor the memory or achievement of your loved one. Sponsorship forms and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board currently located at the office doors in the hallway. Please consider sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for Sunday worship.

Thank You

Weekly Attendance

9am /11 am Aug 4, 2019 Aug 5, 2018
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