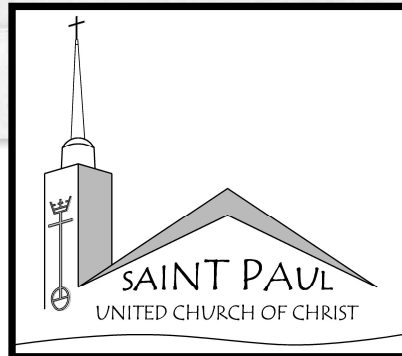


JOSEPH GOT UP,
TOOK THE CHILD
AND HIS MOTHER
BY NIGHT, AND
WENT TO EGYPT...

MATTHEW 2



Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary

10 am Sunday School

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

Lay Reader.....Dick Erdmann
Radio.....Sherri Stepp
Sound / Control RoomTina LakeHopper and Rick Haar
Ushers.....Wayne Caughman, Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell,
.....Leslie, Carly & Mrgan Dahm, Tammy & Amber Flach, Judy Seager, Carol Simon
Welcome Center.....Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Debbie Lippert, Sandy Kramer
Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher.....Tyler Kohrs
Music Ministry.....Braden Neighbors, Jordyn Struense, and Avery White
Organist / PianistJanet Spencer
Senior Pastor.....Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

St. Paul
United Church of Christ
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *This is the Day the Lord has Made* Karg-Elert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Under our warm, daytime sun, we celebrate God's care.

All: Even in our lament, we know God is present.

One: In the glowing skies of sunset, God's peace is felt.

All: Through our daily rituals of love, God attends to us.

One: In this space today, we proclaim God's love.

All: In this time of worship, we offer God our praise.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Divine Companion, may we embrace this world in the spirit of the Christ: laughing with neighbors, dining with strangers, and reaching across chasms to our foes. Ultimately, we are all pilgrims on your roads. Yet some find themselves in the sands of exile. As we come across our neighbors in need, may our hearts expand to care for our fellow travelers. Here and now, God, we reach into our souls to discover how we can make this world more compassionate and just. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;

the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly

their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line.

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: This is the time and place for us to reflect, Forgiving God. This is the place for us to admit that we have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We forget that you are their Divine Parent, too. You see them as fully human - just like you see us. Our image and their image reflects you. We neglect to consider them our siblings in faith.

All: Are we compassionate enough, God? Do we spend too much of our energy supporting systems that hurt our neighbors? Do we turn our heads and make excuses when our neighbors have found themselves in the wilderness? In this next week, may we attempt to understand our neighbors who are struggling. May we read the news with hearts of mercy and work to find ways to ensure our neighbors are treated compassionately. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: There will be times when we lack compassion. Through the God of Love, we will not only find grace but hearts of mercy. God is spinning us around to hear the winds of grace!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Edelweiss* from Sound of Music Rodgers & Hammerstein
Braden Neighbors, Jordyn Struense, and Avery White

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 Leviticus 19:3-34

SERMON Holy Escapes: The Sound of Music

SPECIAL MUSIC *Do-Re-Mi* from Sound of Music Rodgers & Hammerstein
 Braden Neighbors, Jordyn Struense, and Avery White

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: Loving God, Divine Companion, you have bestowed upon each of us gifts of treasures, time, and talent. As you encircle us with your wisdom, may our hearts be filled with mercy. May our souls be inspired to expand our care for this congregation. May our minds be overflowing with ideas on how we can spread love to our neighbors struggling the most.

OFFERTORY *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is* Milford

+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

All: As we journey with you, Divine Companion, inspire us to use these gifts that will build this church and your Kin-dom. May these gifts bless each corner of this congregation. May our treasures and talents make their way to the neighbors in our community who need the most. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation

One: God be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Open wide your hearts!

All: We open them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for this time and space,

All: Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.

Prayer

One: We are surrounded by a world of hunger and hurt. We are surrounded by injustices, loneliness, illnesses, and hate. Yet through you, God, we know a different story.

Our sacred story tells us of many times when our ancestors dined with the Divine. When the Israelites left Egypt, they escaped with little resources. As refugees, they moved into the wilderness. In their exile, God rained sacred sustaining bread from heaven.

Our sacred story tells us of times when our ancestors dined with those who hungered. When Abraham was approached by three strangers, he offered them bread to refresh their bodies and souls.

Our sacred story tells us that when sojourners listening to the teachings of Jesus became hungry, Jesus gathered loaves and fish, ultimately providing enough for all in attendance with twelve additional baskets to share.

Our sacred story tells us that on the night before Jesus died, as he and his friends gathered in a room, Jesus clenched a loaf of bread. He broke the loaf and said “do this in remembrance of me.”

And our sacred story tells us that two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus and came upon a stranger on the journey. In a spirit of hospitality, they invited him to stay. As their new friend broke the bread, they were able to see the Christ.

Our table extends beyond this time and space: to food pantries, to community meals, to dinners shared with homebound friends and coffee shared with friends who grieve. When two or three are gathered, the Christ is present. As scriptures detail, in showing hospitality to strangers, we entertain the angels in our midst. As we have experienced, while sharing bread and cup, we have entertained angels in our midst.

May the Spirit of God encircle these gifts with love. May the Spirit of God bless these gifts and, in doing so, bless the connections between all here and all in our hearts. May the Spirit of God bless the widows and spouseless ones, children without parents and children from foreign lands, the last and first, the poor in spirit and the ones who hunger and thirst for righteousness. May all of your children in each space on our earth feel your love and experience the winds of your righteousness. Amen.

Distribution of Elements

Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. The inner circle of bread holds gluten free bread. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. 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.

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+BENEDICTION

One: In the quiet reflective moments,
know that God is silently loving you.
In the moments of service,
know that the Christ is working through you.
In the loud moments of joy and in the minutes of amazement,
know that the Holy Spirit is rejoicing with you.
May God's peace reassure us that
we are all loved on our journeys. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Stanley



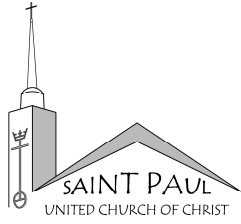
Information about today's service:

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.

Communion Liturgy and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Call to Worship, Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday
mornings ~

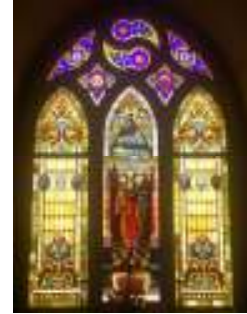
9am Worship

10am Sunday School

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Heritage Hall

Can you help us get to the goal of
\$25,000
to complete construction
in Heritage Hall?



We are blessed with a wonderfully generous donor, and along with the HH funds, we are just \$25,000 shy for completing the jobs that we cannot do ourselves (electrical, HVAC, etc). Try our new online giving, or you can make a check payable to St. Paul UCC-Heritage Hall.

If you would like to volunteer your time and energy, the next opportunity is Saturday, Aug 10th at 9am to help clean out the Heritage Hall bell tower.

Join us for St. Paul UCC's

5 Week Summer Musical Series

Sunday, July 14 ~ Sunday, Aug 11

Each week, songs will be performed from each musical during our 9am service and connected to the sermon.

July 14 ~ Mary Poppins/Mary Poppins Returns

July 21 ~ Wicked

July 28 ~ Footloose

Aug 4 ~ Sound of Music

Aug 11 ~ Greatest Showman

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 Tina. Thanks!



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 you there!



Help Spread Mulch on the MDO Playground!!
Saturday, August 3 at 9am
Bring your rake and meet at the MDO playground
More hands make lighter work!

PLARN - Crocheting with plastic bags that have been cut into strips.

Ladies and Gentlemen, all are welcome to participate. Aug 6th at 10am in the Craft room (downstairs). We will be folding, cutting, flattening plastic bags to create plarn. Please bring a pair of scissors and be ready to have fun chatting as a social group. Susan Relfe and Bette Rotert will assist in teaching anyone how to crochet if interested. If you have a Q crochet needle bring that with you. Let's be environmentally friendly to one another. See you there. Sandy Ritter



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



Tickets go on sale in a few weeks!
Save the date and get a group together!
\$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

CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: A Mission of the Church

**Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or like to Sew?
What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

What: All Day Crafting
When: Saturday –September 21, 2018
8:30am – 4:00pm
Where: St. Paul UCC
115 West B St (enter on C St)
Belleville, IL



Adults: \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch

Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes

Extended Hours Available! 9am–10:00pm \$35 per person (meals served) /\$30pp NO meals

Contact: Diana Haar @ dmhaar@charter.net

Raffle tickets available for purchase for a variety of items!

Early bird registration due Sept 1 (to be entered in special drawing)

Reservation Deadline is September 13th

Please remember IF the minimum attendance is not met by the deadline, the event will be CANCELLED! If the event is a GO- Refunds will only be given up to Sept 19th.

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC

Mail payment & reservation to: St. Paul UCC

115 West B St, Belleville, Il 62220 **Attn: Crafty Mania**

Name: _____

Phone _____ E-mail(print clearly) _____

I would like to sit by _____

My craft is _____

Enclosed is my payment of (please circle ONE below)

Option 1 \$30.00 with lunch 9am – 4pm

Option 2 \$25.00 no lunch 9am – 4pm

Option 3 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner 9am-10pm

Option 4 \$30.00 no meals 9am – 10pm

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
Dian Thom
Bill Whicher

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 4 **9am Worship**
 10am Sunday School
 10am-11am HH Tour
Mon, Aug 5 10am exercise
Tues, Aug 6 9am Quilters
 1pm Food Prep
 5pm Comm Dinner
 5:30 NAMI
Thurs, Aug 8 4pm Christian Ed Mtg
 4pm Masterworks
 Tutoring
 6pm Board Mtgs
Sat, Aug 9 10am Ctr Prayer

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours
this week: Monday 8/5 9am-Noon
Tuesday 8/6 9am-Noon
Thursday 8/8 1pm-4pm

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

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 July 21, 2019 July 22, 2018
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Offering for 07/21/2019 -	\$6,503	General Fund	Needed each week	\$13,281
Giving to...	\$374,137			
Budget to...	\$385,149			
Total Budget	\$690,615			