

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC



July 20, 2025

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Sunday, July 20, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor..... The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Lopez
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist/Pianist Lisa Cleveland
Liturgist Karen Keuss

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Great Is the Lord
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is in our midst, inviting us to sit and listen.

All: We come to be still in God's presence.

One: In a world of many distractions, Jesus calls us to what is needed most.

All: We turn our hearts to God, ready to receive.

One: Let us worship the One who speaks truth and offers life.

All: With open hearts and willing spirits, we come to worship.

INVOCATION

Holy God, you call us to sit at your feet and listen, yet we are often restless and distracted. In this time of worship, quiet our hearts. Help us to hear your voice above the noise of our worries and tasks. May your Spirit draw us close, that we may be fully present with you. Amen.

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*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

*OPENING HYMN

486 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

E_b E_b^{\sharp} E_b A^b E_b B^b E_b B^b7 $Gm6$ B^b7
 E_b

1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wound-ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my

Gm B^b7 E^b B^b E_b E_b^{\sharp} E_b A^b E_b E_b7
 B^b

Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me aft - er thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er— all pow - er— sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

A^b $A^b(^{\sharp})$ A^b E^b B^b7 E^b B^b7 E_b
 B^b

will, while I am wait - ing yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1914)
MUSIC: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)

ADELAIDE
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Parents: if you have a child with you this morning, we have activity bags with coloring pages in the Narthex along with fidget toys (for all ages). There is also a Family Room just off of the Welcome Center if you need a quiet place at any time during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance. They will be happy to assist.

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

Merciful God, we confess that we are often like Martha—worried and distracted by many things. We strive and labor, yet forget to rest in your presence. We fail to choose what is truly needed: time with you. Forgive us when we are too busy to listen, too anxious to trust, too focused on doing that we neglect simply being with you. Teach us to rest in your love and follow you with whole hearts. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Hear the good news: Christ does not condemn us in our distractions but calls us back to his presence. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to sit once more at his feet. Receive this grace and walk in God’s peace. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation
by Frank Bridge
Lauren Shepard, clarinet

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

Karen Keuss

SERMON

Distracted by Service The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Lopez

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

Martha welcomed Jesus into her home with hospitality, while Mary welcomed him with her presence. Both were gifts of love. As we give today, may our gifts—whether of resources, time, or attention—be an act of devotion, choosing what truly matters: the work of Christ in the world.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Bind Us Together
by Bob Gilman
arr. By Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

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

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

We give you thanks, gracious God, for the many gifts you have given us.
We ask now that you would receive these offerings and bless them that
they would further your mission of love and justice in our world. Guide us
in our life of faith, and help us to see the world as you see it, with
compassion and grace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Christ, You Call Us all to Service* (See next page)

***COMMISSIONING**

Go now, choosing what is needed most. In a world of distractions, may you
listen for Christ's voice. In the busyness of life, may you find rest in God's
presence. And as you go, may you carry the peace of Christ into all that you do.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
William M. Runyan
Arr. Mark Hayes



Rev. Lopez is a native of Phoenix, AZ, and holds a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Chicago Theological Seminary. From 2011 to 2024, he served as Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ in Tonawanda, New York. Currently, he serves as an active duty chaplain in the United States Air Force. Rev. Lopez has been married to Debbie for 19 years, and they have a 17-year-old son, Charley. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, working out at the gym, reading theology, and has recently taken up running with the Belleville Running Club. He and Charley plan to run the Belleville Half Marathon in September!

571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;
2 Teach us how to work to - geth-er, broth-ers, sis - ters, side by side,
3 Let us be a ser - vant peo-ple, re - con-cil - ing, end - ing strife,

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

plant in us a deep com-mit-ment all your work and will to do.
e - qual part-ners in the strug-gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.

Em Dm C $\frac{Bdim}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{E}$ E Am D $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G A7 D

Fire a pas-sion for your jus-tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo-man, young or old;
Fill us with a glow-ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ Em C6 $\frac{C}{D}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$ Am7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ D7 G

help us heal the bro - ken-heart-ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
help us use each skill and tal - ent your great pur - pose to un - fold.
send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**WE NEED CARING ADULTS TO STAFF
OUR NURSERY DURING WORSHIP SERVICES!
TWO VOLUNTEERS (NOT FROM THE SAME
HOUSEHOLD) ARE NEEDED EACH SUNDAY.
A BACKGROUND CHECK AND ONLINE COURSE
TRAINING ARE REQUIRED. YOU WILL NEED TO READ
AND SIGN OFF ON THE "SAFE CHURCH POLICY".
THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE WELCOME
CENTER OR YOU CAN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO
SIGN UP. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE SEE BRETT WHITE OR
CALL SHERRY AT THE CHURCH MON. - THUR.**



618-233-3303



LAST DAY TO ORDER St. Paul shirts! THIS SUNDAY - JULY 20TH!



**Order form located in
the Welcome Center!
If you haven't paid for
your shirt, please pre-
pay with cash or check
to the office!**

**Flowers, Music and Bulletin
sponsorships are a lovely way
to honor the memory, birthday
or achievement of your loved
one. To sign up, call the
church office.
Cost is \$35.00.**



St. Paul Friends Fundraiser at Scharf Farm!

Saturday, August 9th from 6-10pm

\$20 per person for all who attend!
(all to benefit mission projects of St. Paul UCC)

WHAT TO BRING:

**Your friends - the more the merrier!
Your favorite hors d'oeuvre/snack to share!
Your lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite beverage!**

**Music by:
Jillian & Chris
Ritter**

**Contact Sandy Ritter if you
have an questions!
618-222-1123**



ANNOUNCEMENT

For all the volunteers
who are required to
have background
checks and complete
on-line training . . .

**We are now able to
offer group classes!**

Stay tuned for
upcoming dates
and times!



For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Tim Ritter
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
Tim Ritter
Lou Ann Niemann
Debbie Price

Christopher Mitchell
Audrey Krummrich
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
Marlene Mueller
Mike Llamas, brother in law of
Mimi Llamas
Jennifer Wick, daughter of
Stephenie Bauza

Venita Jane Rogers
Fred Hotz
Cynthia Johnson
Jim Young
Syndy Kalinowski
Larry Walton
Betty Eckert
Laura Sadler



Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		7/12/2025
Operating	\$	7,371.00
Building Fund	\$	335.00
	\$	7,706.00
Giving YTD	\$	204,336.35
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	187,451.60
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

July 6, 2025	81 + Online Participants
July 7, 2024	83 + Online Participants



Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville>



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Griefworks

An LGBTQIA+
Grief Support Group

Announcing a new Grief Support Group For anyone (18+)
in the LGBTQIA+ Community
Who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief



Monday, May 19, 2025
6:30-8:00 pm
St. Paul UCC
115 West 8 Street
Belleville, IL 62220

(Use entrance under portico)



Meetings will be held monthly
on the 4th Monday of each month
Upcoming meetings: 6/23, 7/28, 8/25

(May meeting will be held on the 5th Monday of the month
because of holiday weekend)

Contact griefworks2025@gmail.com for more information

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MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is July 28, from 6-8pm!
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!
Building a better community!



Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7 - \$10!

Pickleball - \$5 (bring your own paddle & ball)



Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)



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