

# Church Vocations Sunday

“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 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary w/ Rev. Malcolm Himshoot  
11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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## Information for our friends ~

•Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon.  
Our **11am Celebration Service** has contemporary Christian music with an uplifting message.

*Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

- 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

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| <i>Lay Reader</i> .....  | Dick Erdmann  |
| <i>Radio</i> .....   | Renee Seaman  |
| <i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....                                    | Greg Seaman and Dana Rosenzweig                                       |
| <i>Ushering Team</i> .....   | Larry Walton, Eric Gentry, Sherri Gericki, Bette Rotert, Margot Uhrig |
| <i>Welcome Center</i> .....  | Bob & Judy Harms, Sandra Loeffler                                     |
| <i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i> ..... | Tyler Kohrs   |
| <i>Music Ministry</i> .....  | Chancel Choir   |
| <i>Director of Music Ministry</i> .....                              | Dan Fry   |
| <i>Senior Pastor</i> .....   | Rev. Michelle Torigian  |

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

## *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

February 24, 2019      9:00 am

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

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      arr. Kevin McChesney  
Glory Ringers

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us here – no matter who we are.

**All: Knowing we are messy and magnificent, God calls us here.**

One: God summons us to boldly serve our world.

**All: God cultivates our gifts to nurture creation.**

One: God sanctifies our voices as we uphold justice.

**All: God warms our souls as we foster kindness.**

One: May strength be the foundation of our growing souls.

**All: May courage be the base of our strengthening hearts.**

One: For such a time is this, we are here.

**All: For such a time as this, we worship and serve our Creator.**

### INVOCATION (unison)

**Divine Nourisher of Gifts, you paint a photo of the ideal world. In our messiness and our magnificence, you call us to co-create your realm. May we see ourselves as you see us. May we respond to your call in our lives with a joyous “Amen!” May we encourage our neighbors in their pursuits to embrace their most authentic lives. 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-pond 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-quests 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.

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**+CALL OF RECONCILIATION**

One: Have we nurtured the call of our neighbors? Have we encouraged their gifts? Have there been times when we've crushed dreams rather than lifted spirits?

**+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

One: Gracious Nurturer, Holy Spirit, in the highlights of our lives, we've seen your presence. In the shadow-filled valleys, we've neglected your call. Self-fulfilling prophecy has melted our hopes. Negative remarks have washed away others' dreams.

**All: May collaboration become our road and encouragement our compass. Let us work together to nudge our neighbors to live into your call. Let us shed negativity from our own voices and the voices of others to create room for fulfilled visions. Amen.**

**+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Loving God, our Gracious Nurturer, will continue to hope with us throughout our entire lives - - and beyond! God will infuse joy in our journeys and mercy in our discernment. Let us tap into God's grace, and let us extend this grace to others.

**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**

**MISSION MOMENT**

Mother's Day Out

**ANTHEM**

*Hymn of Promise*  
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 6:24-38

**SERMON**

Vows in Jesus' Name  
Rev. Malcolm Himshoot

# LITANY OF BLESSINGS FOR PEOPLE IN CHURCH VOCATIONS

Response: "Spirit of God, we delight in their gifts."

## HYMN

### *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped  
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made  
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -  
4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of  
flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering  
yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of  
vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love; Give to  
ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride; In your  
mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you  
fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing  
tend - ing may all pas - tors\* learn and live a  
know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the  
in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

of your grace; Send them forth as bold a -  
shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and com -  
church ex - alts O - ver - see its life stead -  
to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries u -

pos - sibles to your church in ev - ery place.  
pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer,  
fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

**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: Spirit of God, Gracious Nurturer, throughout our lives, you have tended to our talents. You have celebrated the times they have flourished and showered your mercy when we needed to attend to our gifts. In this time and space, let us reflect on the ways we have cultivated our talents together, God. In this space and time, let us give as we can with the hope that our contributions will expand our world.

**OFFERTORY**

*Beautiful Savior*  
Glory Ringers

arr. Vicki Smith

**+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.**

**SONG**

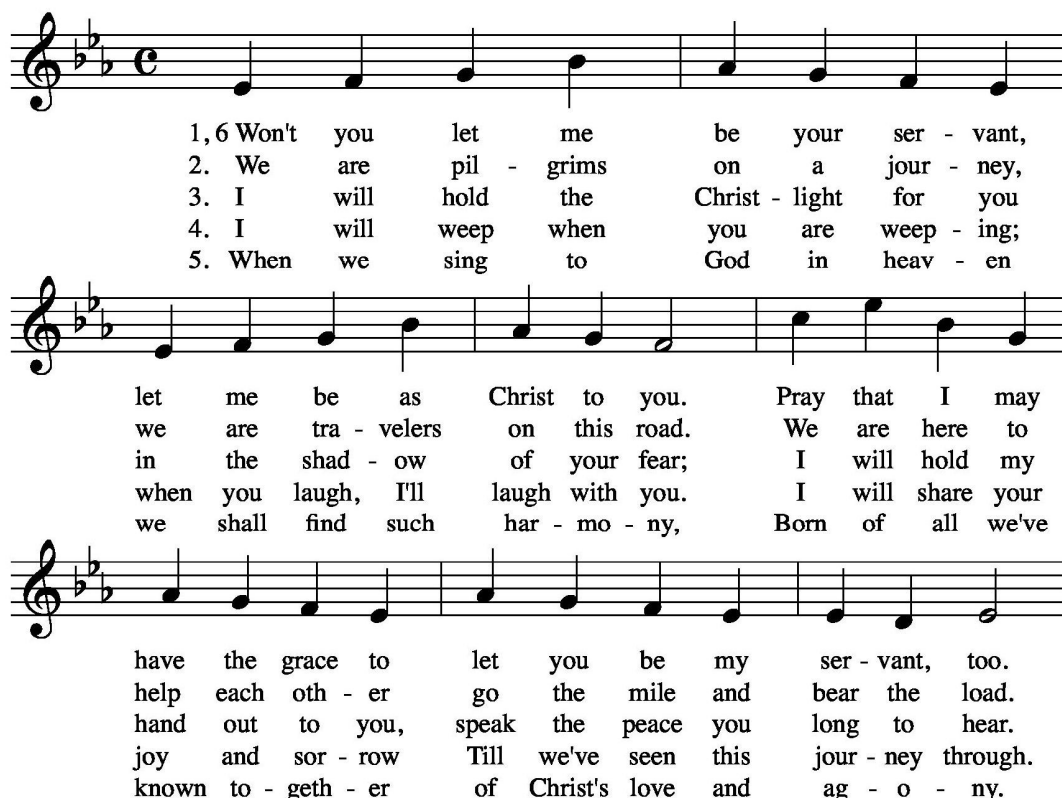
*A Psalm of Praise*  
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

Kenneth Kosche

**+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER**

**Gracious Nurturer, for the gifts in our hands, we give our gratitude. For the gifts in our hearts, we sing with joy. For the gifts in our souls, we share with our world. Loving God, may our co-nurturing strengthen our communities and encourage our neighbors to share their talents with the world. Amen.**

**+CLOSING HYMN**    *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1, 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant,  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en

let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I may  
we are tra - velers on this road. We are here to  
in the shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
we shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

**BENEDICTION**

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One: Let us exit this space with hope.  
Let us move into the world with joy.  
May the God who shares visions, the Christ who dreams,  
and the Spirit who sustains our souls  
nurture our sense of call today and always. Amen!

All: **Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**    *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*    arr. Kevin Hildebrand

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

Worship Service Liturgy and Litany of Blessings for People in Church Vocations written  
by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.



The music today  
is sponsored  
in honor of:  
Our 35th  
Wedding Anniversary  
Lynn & Lucy Bradley



# Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday mornings ~  
9am worship  
in sanctuary  
10am Sunday School  
on 1, 2 & 4 Sundays  
11am worship  
in Heritage Hall  
[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)



St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program will begin enrolling children for the 2019-2020 school year throughout the month of February. Openings are available for children 2-5 years old. Classes meet various days/week Monday through Friday from 9:40-1:00.

**Open House  
& open registration  
will be held TODAY  
from 12-2:00 in the  
Activity Center.**

If you are interested in enrolling your child



**The Reverend Malcolm Himschoot** serves the United Church of Christ as the Minister for Ministerial Calls and Transitions on the MESA Team for Ministerial Excellence, Support, and Authorization. As of 2019 he has seven years of continuity in this position: designing infra-structure for Search and Call, and supporting UCC conference staff in their work with pastoral transitions in local churches. Web portals within his responsibility include *UCC Ministry Opportunities* and the Profiles and Snapshot Database. His research and writings promote system transparency, geographic mobility, and overcoming bias, and feature the 2018-produced short film series: "Stretching Beyond." With the MESA Team, Himschoot has co-lead events including Authorizing Ministry for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He serves as Vice President of the Board for the ecumenical Interim Ministry Network.

Himschoot has been a nationally-recognized speaker on the trans/gender education circuit since 2004, when the United Church of Christ produced *Call Me Malcolm*, a documentary feature film. His essays and articles have appeared in *Prism: A Theological Forum for the United Church of Christ*, in *Sacred Spaces: E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors*, and in several anthologies by Wilgefortis Press. By training an urban pastor with Spanish as a second language, Himschoot's current volunteer work includes activism toward public health and economic justice, re-investing in Cleveland and organizing with Showing Up for Racial Justice - Northeast Ohio.

Originally from Colorado, Himschoot earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College, a Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology, and is presently working on a Doctorate of Ministry from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. In addition to keynote lectures on spirituality and vocation, Himschoot has taught graduate courses in UCC History, Polity, and Theology.



Shirley Fritz Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the Welcome Center, Church Office and on our website, [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org).



**Pot Holders Please!**  
The kitchen is need of new or gently used pot holders. (No oven mitts, thanks)  
Bring to the kitchen or the office.  
Thank you!

### St. Paul Women's Guild

**RESCHEDULED**  
*Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*6:30 pm*  
"Installation of Officers"  
and Potluck Dinner



Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month in Heritage Hall. JOIN US!

### 2019 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission team has chosen to help with recovery efforts in Hattiesburg, MS the week of June 2 - 8. The city was devastated by a 2016 flood and a 2017 tornado. The recovery effort will build 400 new homes and rehab 1500 existing homes. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact Roger Harris 277.3805 / [roger.harris@bankofamerica.com](mailto:roger.harris@bankofamerica.com) Reservation deadline is March 31, 2019.



## St. Paul Community Collection Corner

Located in the hallway, by long pew on the way to Heritage Hall. This is where you can bring the items listed below - to help the groups and others listed.

- Community Interfaith Food Pantry  
New non-perishable foods, school supplies, diapers, wipes.
- Blessing Box  
Items given out on Tuesdays to those who come to the Comm Dinner and need a little assistance in life (blankets, toiletries, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, etc.)
- Waterman Shoe Project  
Used, good condition shoes, wrapped in pairs with rubber band, no boxes please. If you have large amount, please call before drop off.
- Newspaper Blue Sleeves  
Clean and Dry, place in marked bin to be reused by paper deliver people in area.
- Recycle Ink Cartridges for Baby Class  
Baby Fun Stories and more will happily recycle your cartridges as a fundraiser for their class.

# CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: The Summer Youth Musical (SYM)

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!!

## What: All Day Crafting

Bring your crafts & friends – have a 'crafty' day

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019

9am – 4pm

Reservation Deadline: March 18<sup>th</sup>

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 4<sup>th</sup>

(Early Birds are entered in special drawing)

**MANY RAFFLES AVAILABLE including CRICUT ACCESSORIES**

Raffle tickets available for purchase at Crafty event!

Where: St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street (entrance on C Street) Belleville, IL

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

Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes

Extended Hours Available! 9am-10pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30.00

*Please note:* IF the minimum number registered is not met by the deadline, the event will be CANCELLED. NO Refunds given after March 21, unless cancelled by St. Paul.

Contact Person: Diana Haar - [dmlhaar@charter.net](mailto:dmlhaar@charter.net)

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC

Mail payment & reservation to: St. Paul UCC  
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220  
Attn: Crafty Mania

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit by:

My craft is:

Enclosed is my payment of : (please circle ONE below)

- 1) \$30.00 with lunch 9am-4pm      2) \$25.00 no lunch 9am-4pm  
3) \$35.00 w/lunch & dinner 9am-10pm    4) \$30.00 no meals 9am-10pm

*Thank you!!!*

**For Your Prayers**

**Bruce Elser  
Marsha McCoy  
Bill Whicher**

**For Your Thoughts**

Never let the odds keep you from doing what you know in your heart you were meant to do. *H. Jackson Brown Jr*

Every next level of your life will demand a different you. *Unknown*

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. *Unknown*

**This Week**

*Guest: Rev. Malcolm Himschoot*

Sun, Feb 24 **9am Traditional Serv**  
**11am Celebration Serv**  
12pm MDO Open House

Mon, Feb 25 10am exercise class  
3pm Gov French  
4:30 Girl Scouts  
6pm Volleyball

Tues, Feb 26 9am Quilters  
5pm Comm Dinner  
6pm Basketball  
6pm NAMI –Gen Rm  
6:30 Women’s Guild

Wed, Feb 27 9:30 Baby Class  
3pm Gov French  
Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Feb 28 4pm Masterworks  
6pm Basketball  
6:15 Food Pantry Mtg  
6:30 Shufflers

Friday, Mar 1 3pm Gov French

**For Your Information**

**Shufflers**

NEW Start Time:  
6:30pm for all gatherings



We want to know  
**YOU** are here!  
Please make sure  
to sign in the pew pad  
in your pew.



*Congregational Meeting*  
**(rescheduled)**  
**Sunday, March 10th**  
**following 9am service**

**Thank You**

**Weekly Attendance**

9am /11am Feb 10, 2019 Feb 11, 2018  
No Service/Weather 65/19

**General Fund**

|                |  |           |
|----------------|--|-----------|
| Giving to Date |  | \$73,488  |
| Budget to Date |  | \$79,686  |
| Total Budget   |  | \$690,615 |