

+CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing spir-it In - to ev - ery trou-bled__breast;
3. Come, al-might - y to de - liv-er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a-tion; Pure and spot-less let us__ be;



Fix in us thy hum-ble__dwell-ing, All thy faith-ful mer - cies__ crown;
Let us all in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom-ised__ rest;
Sud-den-ly re - turn and__ nev - er, Nev-er-more thy tem - ples__ leave.
Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per-fect - ly re - stored in__ thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas-sion; Pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of__ sin-ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga__ be;
Thee we would be al - ways blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in-to__ glo-ry, Till in heav'n we take our__ place,



Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem-bling__ heart.
End of faith, as its be - gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib-er - ty.
Pray and praise thee, with - out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in thy pre-cious love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won-der, love, and__praise.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Now in this time as you gave your Son, grant us thy peace.

+BENEDICTION

An Irish Blessing

“May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.” Amen!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Moderato

Matthew Corl



“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!



9 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
Culinares Irish Breakfast
11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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

<i>Lay Reader</i>	Donna Davis
<i>Radio</i>	Brett White
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Dana Rosenzweig and Rick Haar
<i>Ushering Team</i>	Wayne Caughman, Joyce Maurer, Gay Eckert, Sue Hoffman, Carson Hopper
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Fred & Carol Hotz, 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

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: Siblings in Christ, we have been called to manifest God’s righteousness and to be ambassadors of Christ’s love. Our financial offering is one of the ways we are able to carry out God’s purpose for our ministry together. This is the time for us to give generously as God gives generously to us.

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

+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

Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to you. In our seeking and our serving, may we help others to feel the embrace of your and our wide welcome. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your righteousness in the world in all that we do. Amen.

Information about today’s service:

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

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HYMN

Softly and Tenderly

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
 4 O for the won - der - ful love Je - sus prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; See at the por - tals Christ wait - ing and
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not God's
 you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are
 you and for me; Though we have sinned Je - sus of - fers us

Refrain
 watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come
 com - ing, com - ing for you and for me. Come home,
 par - don, par - don for you and for me.

home, come home, All who are wea - ry, come home;

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St. Paul United Church of Christ*Second Sunday of Sunday*

March 17, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** Prelude on *Rockingham* Christopher Tambling**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Be glad in our GOD and rejoice, O righteous ones.
 Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose
 sin is covered. Therefore, we worship our God, and rejoice.**

One: In Christ, we become as a new creation.
 Everything old has passed away.
 See how God makes things new.

**All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose
 lives become new. Through our worship, we praise God who
 makes us new. Amen.**

INVOCATION (unison)

O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in this space today.
 For you are the one who makes all things new.
 You are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul.
 In this holy space, help us, your children,
 to know that you always love us.
 Through our worship today,
 help us to know that if we stray away from you,
 you are always ready to receive us with open arms.
 Prepare our hearts as we worship you
 to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us.
 With gladness and expectation we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the goodness of our God.

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+PRAYER TO RECONCILIATION

One: O God, we know that you have given us the ministry of reconciliation and have called us to be ambassadors for Christ. Yet, we have often examined the sin in others and not embraced them in your love.

All: **We have focused on others' sins instead of examining our own. Instruct us and teach us the way to go in your love. Show us how to regard others not from the limits of a human point of view but to see them through the eyes of Divine Love. May we all embrace reconciliation as a path to grow closer to you, God. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! Hear the promise of God: confess our transgressions to our GOD who forgives. Even when we are still far off from what we are called by God to be, our Parent God sees us and is filled with compassion. God rejoices over each of us: "This child of mine was dead and is alive again, lost and is found!" 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

MISSION MOMENT Community Interfaith Food Pantry

ANTHEM *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Neumark/Winkworth
Chancel Choir arr. Jody Lindh

SCRIPTURE Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-32

CHOIR LENTEN RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE arr. Thomas Birkner

CHOIR LENTEN PSALM, FROM PSALM 121 arr. Thomas Birkner

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE arr. Thomas Birkner



SERMON Prayers of Joyful Reconciliation

For Your Prayers

Bill & Cynthia Cummins
 Bruce Elser
 Marsha McCoy
 Doris Steiner
 Linda Steiner
 Bill Whicher

For Your Thoughts

Irish Quotes and Sayings


A kind word never broke anyone's mouth. *Irish Proverb*
 May the Good Lord take a liking to you...
 but not too soon! *Irish Saying*
 Sometimes one day changes everything;
 sometimes years change nothing. *Irish Saying*
 I'm Irish. We think sideways. *Spike Milligan*

This Week

Sun, Mar 17 **9am Traditional Service**
CULINAIRES
 **IRISH BREAKFAST**
11am Celebration Service
 12pm Alz Class
Mon, Mar 18 10am exercise class
 4:30 Girl Scouts
Tues, Mar 19 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 6:30 Women's Guild
Wed, Mar 20 10am Gen Class
11:30 Lenten Service
 3pm Gov French Band / Bells / Choir
Thurs, Mar 21 4pm Masterworks
 6:30 Council
Sat, Mar 23 CraftyMania

For Your Information

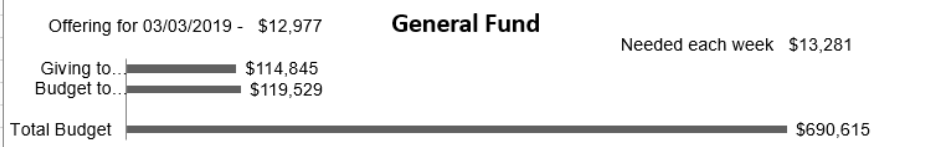

We want to know **YOU** are here!
 Please make sure to sign in the pew pad in your pew.




Alzheimer's Education Programs

TODAY—March 17th 12pm-1:30pm
 St Paul UCC Library
 Topic: Healthy Living For Your Brain and Body

Thank You **Weekly Attendance**
 9am /11am Mar 3, 2019 Mar 4, 2018
 58/19 170/Single Serv


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

Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services
11:30 am Wednesdays
 Musical offerings by St. Paul musicians, as well as readings and hymns
Light lunch following service
Freewill Donation
 Plan to come and be with us as we meditate during Lent mid-week.



RAW PRAYERS
 A Lenten Sermon Series Begins Ash Wednesday
ST. PAUL UCC, BELLEVILLE
 115 West B Street, Belleville, IL
StPaulUCC.org
 Sunday Worship @ 9am and 11am

April 14 Palm Sunday 9am & 11am
April 18 Maundy Thurs 6pm
April 19 Good Friday Noon & 7pm
April 20 Bunny Breakfast 10am - noon
April 21 Easter 9am & 11am



Culinaires Irish Breakfast
Sunday in the AC Eggs
 Sausage
 Fried Potatoes
 Mushrooms
 Grilled Tomatoes
 Irish Baked Beans
 Irish Brown Soda Bread



St. Paul United Church of Christ

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 20th
10am-Noon

St. Paul UCC Activities Center
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL
(park & enter off C Street)
stpaulucc.org

Free event & Everyone is welcome
Breakfast ~ Egg Hunts ~ Games ~ Easter Bunny



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. Reservation deadline is March 31, 2019.



Shirley Fritz Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the Welcome Center, Church Office and on our website, stpaulucc.org.

VBS - Save the Date - VBS

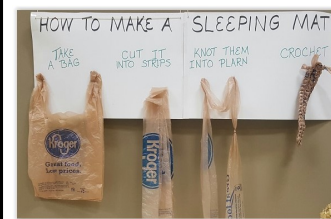
VBS will be on
June 10th-14th this year—
make sure to mark
your calendars!

Keep your evenings
free for VBS!

It's gonna be
a Roaring
good time!



CHRISTIAN ED SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE ST. PAUL CONGREGATION
Christian Ed youth are participating in a service project called *Plarn*. You take plastic bags and recycle them into Bed rolls for the community in need. It takes 500 to 700 bags to make one bed. The bed rolls provide a waterproof, bed bug, lice free bed that also provides warmth. This project will also take the participation of the congregation. So if you are wanting to do something worthwhile, this is your opportunity for a great community project and also support our St. Paul youth in this worthwhile project. To start out we will need you all to collect plastic bags (large blue container in hallway). On March 17 when you go to the breakfast at coffee hour we will be putting on a demonstration how these plastic bags form together for crocheting. Please take



time to participate in collecting bags, & if you wish you can do some of the other steps at home while you are watching TV. Looking forward to all of you participating together to support our youth and community.

Operation Shimmer

Have you ever marveled at the sun across the lake at DuBois Center? You're not the only one. Whether from a canoe, pontoon, bridge or beach, you can't help but appreciate the shimmer that comes across the lake from sunrise to sunset. In many ways, the lake is the heart of our camp. It supports camp activities, as well as wildlife and plants. Stand still and listen to the water lap, and feel the pulse of the camp. Just as human hearts sometimes need a little extra care, our lake needs some extra care right now, with some pressing improvements. The spillway pipe has outlived its lifespan. Temporary repairs bought time, but some Muskrat Love (for those of you old enough to remember the song) has hastened the need to make a major repair before summer camp this year. This means cutting the dam, replacing the pipe, rebuilding the dirt, and resurfacing the road. The only week out of the year when this is logically feasible is Holy Week, when there are no groups in camp. There's one other improvement needing to happen before summer, and that's air conditioning in Oak Lodge. Can we get an Amen? The shimmer of the lake in late July would look so much prettier if we all were shimmering a little less in the summer heat. It also will make the camp more attractive and accessible for campers and guests. Some dedicated AC funds are waiting to be used, and they will cover a portion of the cost. So welcome to Operation Shimmer. These expenses are larger than our typical improvement, and they need to happen over the course of the next four months. Based on estimates for both projects, our goal is \$60,000, with \$10,000 already received. The first money in goes to repair the spillway so the work can happen in April. Air conditioning will go in second, but still before camp fills in June. It's a tall order in a short time, but these projects require immediate attention. DuBois Center has tackled sudden expenses in the past with support from across the Conference. This time is no different. We need your donations, your Lenten fundraisers, your popup yard sales and trivia nights to meet the \$60,000 goal by the end of May. These repairs just can't wait. Help us keep our aquatic heart healthy and keep the shimmer on the lake. Donations can be sent to either address on the back, designated for Operation Shimmer. Thank you for your unwavering support of DuBois Center.



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 18th

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 4th

(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 - dmhaar@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

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!!!



Our Easter Celebration

There are two special ways in which you can share in the Easter celebration.

We will be decorating the altar area with assorted spring flowers.

You may purchase a spring flower and/or make a memorial gift. Please use the form below.

EASTER MEMORIAL GIFT

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

ASSORTED SPRING FLOWERS

The price is \$10.00.

Gift is given:

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

Please have this form and the appropriate check in the church office by Sunday, April 14.

You may take your flowers home after the 9:00 am service of worship on Easter Sunday, April 21 or pick them up on Tuesday, April 23. Thank You.



St. Paul Mother's Day Out




St. Paul Mother's Day Out in Belleville is searching for a new Program Director to lead the educational program for children from two to five years of age. The program strives to provide a caring and enriching environment for children to develop and grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the position to help lead this mission please submit your cover letter and resume to mdodirectorsearch@stpaulucc.org by April 5th, 2019.

St. Paul Women's Guild
SPRING Rummage
& BAKE Sale

**It's that time of year again for the St. Paul Women's Guild Rummage Sale!!!
 And it's that time of year again -- for YOU to bring unwanted items to the church.**

All items such as clothing, children's things, household knick-knacks, linens, books, dishes, small appliances (no furniture or tv's)
 -- anything that you think would be of some use to someone in our community.
 Please come to parking lot by garage door and then call office on buzzer - we will come help.

Your items are needed **BEFORE** April 5th at Noon, so that they may be set up for sale on Friday evening, 5:30 until 8:00 pm

Friday, April 5 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 6 9:00 am- Noon
 (\$1.00 Brown Bag Special)

St. Paul UCC
Mission Fair
Sunday, March 31
10am - 11:30am
 115 West B Street (enter on C Street)
 Belleville, IL
stpaulucc.org

Come & find out more about the groups of St. Paul church and organizations in our community.



Information on events and groups
 Free to the Public
 Prizes!
 Fellowship and Fun!