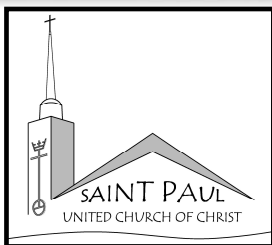


*Jesus Wept*



“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!*

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9 am Worship ~ online

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## Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 233-3303.
- We want to know you that you are listening / watching online!  
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828> for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS	
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Faith Formation &amp; Care</i> .....	Craig Bielke
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i> .....	John Posth

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

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

March 29, 2020 9:00 am

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## **PRELUDE**

*With Joy and Thanksgiving*

by permission from Paul Vasile

## **WELCOME**

## **ENTRY INTO WORSHIP**

Some enter worship with bubbles of joy in their souls,  
and some come to this time with dread-painted spirits.  
Some enter worship with pitchers full of hope,  
and others only bring bowls of despair.

You may be carrying a myriad of emotions  
or feel like your emotions have run dry.  
This is the space to bring your fullest selves-  
whether withered or flourishing.

No matter where you are spiritually or physically,  
Your tears and laughter are welcome here.

## **INVOCATION**

Cradling God, as emotions swell in our minds and our souls feel a  
disconcerting ache, be our source of comfort. In this boundless night  
of our existence, be our light. In a wilderness that has no end, be our  
guide. May we encounter your fountains of hope in this exile.  
Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      (BEECHER)

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

We are overflowing with emotions right now, God.  
Some we understand. Others we do not.  
And with this overabundance of feelings comes an overabundance of  
reactions. Some are healthy. Others hurt.  
Forgive us for acting out of our grief.  
Assist us in understanding our emotions in new ways so that we don't  
hurt our neighbors again. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Jesus got angry. Jesus wept. Jesus grieved.  
Like Jesus, our full humanity will shine in this world-  
from our lamenting to our laughter.  
Like Jesus, the Divine Image will be seen in us through  
our tears and our grins. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Craig Bielke

### SONG

*In Deepest Night*

(ROSE MARY)

E<sup>b</sup> Fm7 E<sup>b</sup>

1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are hung,  
2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus wept,  
3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us pain,

(Em7) (Bm) (D) (G)  
Fm7 Cm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

no songs we raise, when si - lence must suf - fice as praise,  
God was be - reaved; so with us in our grief God grieves,  
a - round us death, deep calls to deep, a sav - ing breath,

(D) (Dmaj7)(E) (Em7) (G) (A7)(Dsus) (D)  
E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>maj7 F Fm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup>

yet sound - ing in us qui - et - ly there is the song of God.  
and round a - bout us mourn - ful - ly there are the tears of God.  
and found be - side us faith - ful - ly there is the love of God.

### SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-45

### SERMON

A Time to Weep

## SONG

*Neighbor Song*  
John Posth

Tracy Howe

Neighbor, I am your neighbor  
We are in this world together  
I don't know all that you're going through  
But I hope it will go well

Neighbor, I am your neighbor  
We are in this world together  
Let's care for one another  
Uncertain as it is.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE and 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.**

## **REFLECTION ON GIVING**

In our individual spaces, we recognize the privileges and gifts we bear - the time that we give, our special talents, and our financial treasures.

While the world may seem like it's slowed quite a bit, our building still stands, some programs have become virtual, and our staff still sustains the work of the church.

With the gifts you give,  
the endeavors of the congregation progresses in transformed ways.

*So we pray together...*

May God bless the gifts we've been given as they will be used to continue our mission - whether within or outside of the church's walls.

We thank you for technology that we use each day to promote the mission of the church - bringing good news and hope to the children of God. Amen.



## **BENEDICTION**

Cradling God-

May our tears bless the ground on which we walk.

May our breath sustain our bodies which houses our souls.

May our beating hearts remind us of your love for us all.

Through our hearts, our breathing, and our tears, let us care for  
your children in this Lenten wilderness.

Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

*Information about today's service:* All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded .  
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Worship service liturgy written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian



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### April Birthdates

Herb Schafale	2
Cheryl Cooper	4
Connor Martin	6
Peggy Burke	7
Glenna Krick	7
Dennis Luehder	8
Pastor Michelle Torigian	9
Donald Murphy	10
Betty Deutschman	11
Michael Wagner	11
Milie West	12
Nicholas Martin	13
Patrick Kinney	14
Claire Kneeland	15
Colin Dunlap	16
Lisa Smith	17
Davis Steen	17
Michael West	18
Sue Hoffmann	19
Diana Trickey	19
Jacob Florek	20
Rachel Dziaba	21
Bill Wagner	22
Mackenzie Meyer	25
Sue Joellenbeck	27
John Posth	28
Richard Erdmann	29

### April Anniversaries

Lonnie & Cindy Kettler	3
Tom & Kathy Birkner	4
Kevin & Shelly Shipp	14
Darwin & MaryLu Bretsch	14
Wayne & Carol Weidemann	15
Keith & Jeana Smith	26

With so many changes happening at this time, we will not be publishing an OSP for the month of April.

However, we wanted you to be able to celebrate (send cards, give a call, send a note on Facebook) to our friends on their special days during April -- and if you feel it -- send a note, give a call to someone special...just because.



Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

## REMEMBER ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE with your weekly offering!

What better time than now to utilize our Online Giving. You can access Online Giving from the [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) website and click on Online Giving

OR

Just type in <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828>

OR

Call your bank and ask them to send a check automatically to the church.

This will enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even when services are cancelled.

If you have any question feel free to email Stephenie Bauza in the Church office at [bauzas@stpaulucc.org](mailto:bauzas@stpaulucc.org).

WASH YOUR  
HANDS AND  
SAY YOUR  
PRAYERS  
— 'CAUSE —  
JESUS & GERMS  
ARE EVERYWHERE!

The Community Interfaith Food Pantry is taking applications for the following VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

**\* Assistant Treasurer**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Participate in Board meetings
- Serve on Committees as appointed
- Report regularly to their church member
- Promote and recruit volunteers to work at CIFP
- Notify their church of CIFP's financial status
- Actively participate in CIFP governance

Qualifications

- Appointment by their church member
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals
- Willingness to support the mission of CIFP

**\* Procurement Director**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Assist the Treasurer by performing those duties in writing
- In absence of Treasurer, assume Treasurer duties
- Report to the President as necessary

Qualifications

- Member of the Board of Governors
- Excellent math and interpersonal skills
- Ability to execute tasks and plans independently
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals

**\* Board of Governors member**

Functions and Duties of the Job

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**\* Board Representative**

Each Church requires 2 church representatives

- Jim Young is one St. Paul representative
- Only one rep need to attend meetings on the 4th Thurs of month at 6:15pm

**Interested parties should contact Dan or Mike at the CIFP at 355-9199.**

St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program will begin enrolling children for the 2020-2021 school year. Openings are available for children two through five years of age. Classes meet various days/week Monday through Friday from 9:40-1:00.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please call Rachel Budko at 618-355-1058 or [rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org](mailto:rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org) for more information.



## History with Henke

*April 1, 1857* - The Church school was officially closed. The public school system was introduced in Belleville in 1856. The St. Paul Board arranged to rent the church (school) building to the public school board for one year. This action eliminated the need of Rev. Lepique who was the school teacher.

*April 14, 1860* - It was definitely decided by the congregation to build the second church which would be constructed of brick and would be larger. This is the site of the Heritage Hall and the chapel. The chapel was to cost \$4,271.21.

*April 16, 1918* - A hailstorm caused thousands of dollars worth of damage in the Belleville area. The large stained glass window (St. Paul Window) in the front of the church and several smaller stained glass windows were punctured with hundreds of small holes. The cost of repairing these windows was \$300.

## This Week

Sun, Mar 30 9am Worship - online

Here is how to stay in touch  
with St. Paul!!

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK** - Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**  
- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**  
9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Call the church office 233-3303**  
We are happy to talk with you!

Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

Pam Elser  
Rosemary Henke  
Lynn Koehler  
Marsha McCoy  
Sandy and Tim Ritter  
Kenneth Oesterle  
Billy Ruth Pelc  
Joan Sackmann  
Dian Thom  
Patricia Valerius  
Nancy Vieman

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Cards are now in the church pews.  
Please write your request and place slip on the center pew arm before service or give to usher.

## Weekly Attendance

	Mar 15, 2020	Mar 16, 2019
9am / 11am	69/Single	129/18

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

Offering for 3/15/2020 - \$5,433		General Fund	Needed each week \$8,386
Giving to...	\$90,017		
Budget to...	\$92,246		
Total Budget			\$436,074