



Sunday, February 4, 2024

“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

February 4, 2024 9:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i>	Donna Davis

WELCOME

PRELUDE

If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee, BWV 647
Johann Sebastian Bach

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

As light expands in these gloom-filled days and frigidity pierces our bodies and souls, the Divine Healer will warm our souls and bodies— bringing us the comfort we need to sustain our journeys. As we begin to reach into this new week, Let us celebrate the Holy Healer, warmer of our hearts.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

Eternal God, Creator of the Universe...and then some. We call on you, the One who greets us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather together and to ponder your eternal mysteries. Make us, creatures of this time and space, ready collaborators with your endless grace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Christ for the World! We Sing

(See next page)

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

God of mercy and grace: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness. Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.

Christ for the World! We Sing 561

F Δm C Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F Dm C F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ Csus C

1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring

C $\frac{E}{F}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ C F $\frac{C7}{E}$ F $\frac{C7}{F}$ F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ Gm

with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer— the way-ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song— the new-born souls whose days, re-claimed from

A $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ Dm F Dm C F B \flat F $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row-worn, for Christ to heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re-deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

MUSIC: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar (1944-)

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ITALIAN HYMN

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***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Have you known? Have you heard? Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings strengthening us so that we won't be weary. The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory. In God's love, all of them are forgiven. Amen!

ANTHEM

God Is My Rock
by John Horman
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

Desperate for Healing

Pastor Michelle

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

Giving takes so many shapes – but, like any spiritual discipline, the key is for that gift to grow. We grow in our knowledge of God, we grow in our faith. If we aren't already, may we not seek to grow in our giving, as well? In the time we give? In the money we give? In the love we give? May this time be one in which we reflect on how we give. May God shine God's light across the threshold so that nothing can hold us back from this growth.

We will not be collecting the offering during worship today. Please place offerings as you exit the sanctuary in the wooden boxes. Thank you!

***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, true, whom we adore. Amen.

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

God of all that is, all we have, all we are – we give. We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns. We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

One: May you know that the God of comfort is with you.

Many: And may you see the God of hope with you.

One: Open wide our anxious hearts!

Many: We open them to God's peace.

One: Let us give thanks and share our joy.

Many: In this space and time, we offer God our love and praise.

Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance

Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome at the Table of Christ! Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew, please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

(See next page)

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*COMMISSIONING

May Holy One, Creator of the End of the earth,
Lift up your spirit, bind up your soul,
And renew your strength.
Go with hope in the steadfast love of God.

*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

Improvisation on "Regent Square"

Hygge Hour
with St. Paul UCC

Grün Bistro & Wine Bar on East Main*
February 6 at 4:30pm

If you plan on attending,
please contact the church
office at 618.233.3303

Greenleaf

Friday, February 9th
7:30 pm 
St. Paul UCC Sanctuary

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with the Greenleaf Singers! Enjoy an evening of Renaissance music on themes of love, presented by a vocal ensemble in full period costume. There will be a champagne and dessert reception following the concert. You won't want to miss this event!

To learn more about the ensemble, visit their website at greenleafsingers.org. You can also follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greenleafsingers.

 **PART OF THE ST. PAUL FINE ARTS CONCERT SERIES**
A FREE WILL OFFERING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM 

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WEDDING OF

Bette Rotert & Jerry Bennett

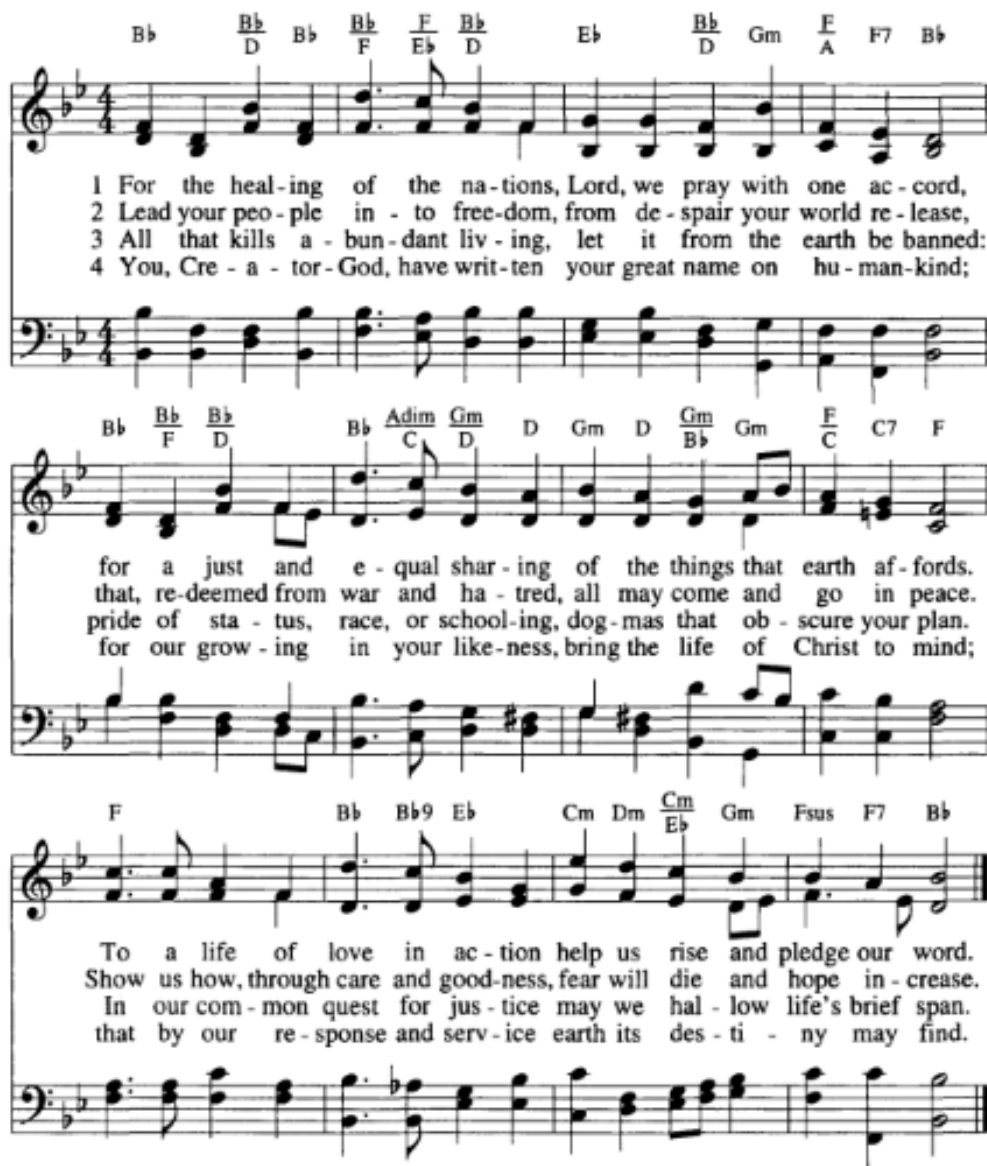
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
AT 1 PM

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SANCTUARY
115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE

A CAKE RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN THE
CHURCH'S ACTIVITY CENTER

For the Healing of the Nations 621

B \flat B \flat D B \flat B \flat F E \flat D E \flat B \flat D Gm F A F7 B \flat



1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac-cord,
 2 Lead your peo-ple in-to free-dom, from de-spair your world re-lease,
 3 All that kills a-bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned:
 4 You, Cre-a-tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;

B \flat B \flat F B \flat D B \flat Adim C Gm D D Gm D Gm B \flat Gm F C C7 F

for a just and e-equal shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords.
 that, re-deemed from war and ha-tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta-tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob-scure your plan.
 for our grow-ing in your like-ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;

F B \flat B \flat 9 E \flat Cm Dm Cm E \flat Gm Fsus F7 B \flat

To a life of love in ac-tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how, through care and good-ness, fear will die and hope in-crease.
 In our com-mon quest for jus-tice may we hal-low life's brief span.
 that by our re-sponse and serv-ice earth its des-ti-ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)
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REGENT SQUARE
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Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

In 2000, six congregation members from Mingles & Singles, Fireside Club, Elders Society, Child Study Guild, St. Paul Youth, the Chicken Dinner Committee and Scout Troop attended a two-day seminar. Why?

Upcoming Events

Church Council meeting-3rd Thursday @ 6pm
Community Dinner-every Tuesday @ 5pm
Culinaires Breakfast-every 3rd Sunday
Mats for Community-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm
Mission Meeting-2nd Sunday after service
Personnel Meeting-2nd Thursday @ 7pm
Quilters-every Tuesday @ 9am
Seekers Adult Bible Study –Tuesdays @ 10am
Shufflers-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm
Wednesdays-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)
With You group-1st Wednesday @ 1pm
Women's Guild-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre, daughter
of Arline Worms
Tim Ritter
Laura Howie, daughter of
Elgee Phillips
Alec Zaber
Hector Rivera
Dawson Anderson
Betty Rieso
Linda Minton

Scott Martin, son of
Shirley Martin
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of
Sandy & Tim Ritter
Jerry Hough
Denise Caughman
The loved ones of Peggy
Mejas, friend of Mimi
Llamas
Lou Ann Niemann

Please call the church for prayer requests:
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<https://www.youtube.com/>



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St Paul UCC, Belleville, IL

ANSWER: To certify training pertaining to the safety of food preparations for
occasional church activities.

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

January 14, 2024 45 + Online Participants
January 16, 2023 101 + Online Participants

Offering 1/20/2024 \$6,158

General Fund

Needed each week \$7,638

Giving to... \$13,768

Budget... \$22,915

Total... \$397,200