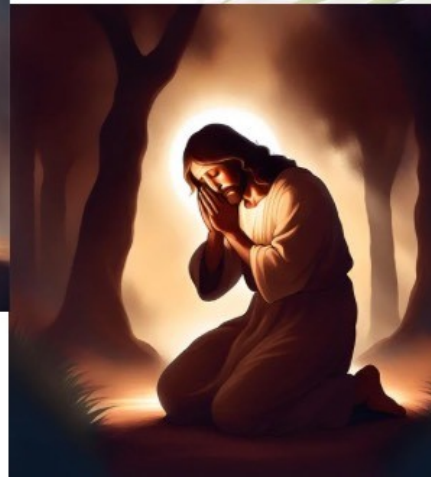


*Holy Week...*

# **PALMS & PASSION SUNDAY**



**Sunday, March 24, 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

March 24, 2024 9:00 am

Palm & Passion Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Lent

## 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> .....	Roger Harris

## WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

## PRELUDE

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
Christa Rakich

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,  
**Many: riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.**  
One: Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.  
**Many: Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!**  
One: Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.  
**Many: Hosanna, come and save us!**

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

N.C.       $\text{A}\flat$  C      Fm      E $\flat$       A $\flat$       D $\flat$        $\text{A}\flat$  C      D $\flat$       E $\flat$       A $\flat$

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

N.C.       $\text{A}\flat$  C      Fm      E $\flat$       A $\flat$       D $\flat$       Fm      E $\flat$  sus      E $\flat$       A $\flat$

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang:  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

A $\flat$        $\text{E}\flat$  G      A $\flat$       D $\flat$       E $\flat$       Fm       $\text{E}\flat$  G      A $\flat$        $\text{E}\flat$  G      A $\flat$       D $\flat$       E $\flat$

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

N.C.       $\text{A}\flat$  C      Fm      E $\flat$       A $\flat$       D $\flat$       Fm      E $\flat$  sus      E $\flat$       A $\flat$

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

### **\*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

**God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and reigning with unhealthy power. And yet, that is not your way. You embrace humility and a world in which we have “power with” one another. We misuse our power out of our fears. We confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Dear ones, embrace this word with courage. Leave your fear behind, for it does not have the last word and does not have to be the donkey you ride in on. God offers you the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that you are forgiven and embraced in God’s tender arms of love. Amen.

**ANTHEM**                      *Hosanna! Hosanna!, from Love Victorious*  
by John Carter  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*SCRIPTURE**                      Mark 14:32-42

**SERMON**                      Fear                      Rev. Michelle Torigian

### **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**

The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God’s act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips.

## COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

### **\*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)**

**God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *All Glory Laud and Honor*                      (See next page)

### **\*COMMISSIONING**

People of God, raise your branches high. Sing with shouts of joy instead of winces of fear. For Jesus has not only entered the city of Jerusalem, but into the hearts of those who are willing to walk in his ways. Go forth not in fear, but in the courage and hope of God our Creator, Jesus our Brother, and the Holy Spirit our Liberator. 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**                      *Improvisation on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*



# 265 All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Refrain* B♭  $\frac{F}{A}$  B♭ E♭  $\frac{F7}{C}$  B♭sus B♭ F Gm  $\frac{Cm7}{E♭}$  F B♭

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,

B♭  $\frac{F}{A}$  B♭ E♭  $\frac{F7}{C}$  B♭sus B♭ F Gm  $\frac{Cm7}{E♭}$  F B♭

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

B♭ Gm  $\frac{C}{E}$  C7 F C7 F Dm Gm  $\frac{F}{A}$  B♭6 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*  
 $\frac{F}{A}$  B♭  $\frac{B♭}{D}$  E♭ B♭  $\frac{F}{A}$  F7 B♭  $\frac{B♭}{D}$  E♭ B♭ Fsus F7 B♭

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent:  
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:  
 for you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH  
28

## AT TRINITY UCC

47 N DOUGLAS AVE, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

Potluck will start at 5:45 pm and service starts at 7 pm! The menu is Catered sandwiches with attendees encouraged to bring soup, salad or a side dish!

Concordia, Trinity, the ECC, and St. Paul are participating!

The service will have Rev. Joan from Concordia bring the message and also have a hand washing ceremony and communion!



ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BELLEVILLE

invites you to our

# Easter

## SUNDAY SERVICE

March 31, 2024 - 9 am

In-Person: 115 West B Street, Belleville

Online: [StPaulUCC.org](http://StPaulUCC.org)



# St. Paul T-Shirts

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stained glass

Heritage Hall Rose Window  
on the front  
Main Chancel Window  
on the back



Choice of shirt color:  
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Choice of style:  
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618.233.3303  
[StPaulUCC.org](http://StPaulUCC.org)

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Please make check to St. Paul United Church of Christ with "T-shirt" in memo line

*Deadline to order:  
April 21*

# GOOD FRIDAY

Service  
March 29th  
7pm



St. Paul  
United Church of  
Christ

115 W. B. Street,  
Belleville, IL 62220

online:

[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)  
618-233-3303

## Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

In July of 2009, our church took an offering to help the Illinois South Conference Hunger Project. We helped purchase a cow and vegetable seeds to two hundred and fifty families to help their farms and food supply. They lived in the northern part of an impoverished country. What was the name of this country?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinaires Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Finance Meeting**-every 2nd Tuesday @ 5pm  
**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	Linda Minton
Carol Hotz	Larry Walton
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Wayne Caughman
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Tim Ritter	Jerry Hough
Laura (Phillips) Howie	Lou Ann Niemann
Alec Zaber	Cheryl Cooper
Hector Rivera	The loved ones Richard Cannady
Betty Rieso	

Please call the church for prayer requests:  
 618-233-3303 [stpaulucc.org](mailto:stpaulucc.org)

ANSWER: Cambodia.



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 can give to St. Paul UCC?**

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 618.233.3303



### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

February 25, 2024 92 + Online Participants  
 February 26, 2023 90 + Online Participants



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



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### Weekly Offerings

3/2/2024

Operating	\$ 2,986.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
	<b>\$ 3,016.00</b>
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 52,200.49</b>

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 68,746.23
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>