



**Sunday, March 16, 2025**



"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 16, 2025 9:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Fred Hotz

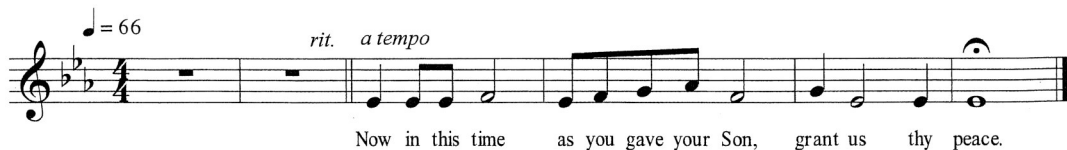
## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Air*

by Eric H. Thiman

## SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 121)



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

Choir: From this time forth, and ever more, the Lord will guard your soul.

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

## INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, prepare us to receive you. May our eyes behold you in those around us. May our ears receive your word. May our hearts be open to your teaching and leading. In this precious moment, may we know you in new ways. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 91

D G C#m E D A Bm A C# D G A D

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the dawn till your glo - ries shine on me;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

D A D G B A7 C# D Bm F# G C#m7 E F# Bm

Sun of right-eous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o - ver shades of night:  
 joy - less is the day's re - turn till your mer-cy's beams I see:  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief:

G A Bm Em7 A7 E F# Bm D Bm A C# D G6 A D

Day-spring from on high, be near, Day-star, in my heart ap - pear!  
 as they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
 more and more your - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. William H. Havergal (1793-1870)

RATISBON

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

Loving Protector, in times of chaos, we can startled by sudden declarations, distracted by claims of solutions to problems. Forgive us, God, for our wandering from you. Forgive us, when our own fears draw other people's attention away from you. Help us to act, not from anxiety, but from faith in your certain presence. Help us to slow down and recognize you within and around us. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

No matter how far from God our resistance takes us, God wishes to draw us back, as deliberately as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Receive God's embrace and this good news: you are forgiven.

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:  
You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before  
each one the ways of life and death.  
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.  
You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and  
apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus  
Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to  
join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*God Is My Rock*  
by John Horman  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 13:31-35

**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**

In gratitude for what we have received, and for the joy of giving and sharing, let us offer our gifts to God's work through this church.

**COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*What the Lord Has Done In Me*

by Reuben Morgan; Arr. by Yohan Kim

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

**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)**

**Dear God, use our offerings of our resources and of our lives. Bless them, multiply them for your purposes in the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* (See next page)

**\*COMMISSIONING**

Friends, nourished by your presence here, go boldly in the way of Jesus. Receive the blessings of God, and be sustained by the Holy Spirit, today and always.

**\*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**

*Spirit of Praise*

by Edward Broughton

# 111 . When Morning Gilds the Skies

B $\flat$  Cm7 B $\flat$  D E $\flat$  Cm7 F7 E $\flat$  G F7 A Gm B $\flat$  F A Gm7 C7 Dm7

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2 Does sad-ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find,  
 3 The night be-comes as day, when from the heart we say,  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

C7 E F B $\flat$  C7sus C7 F F E $\flat$  B $\flat$  D F7 C E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F7 E $\flat$  Dm A G F

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark-ness fear  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song

F E $\flat$  B $\flat$  D B $\flat$  Am C C7 F Dm F7 C B $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  G F7sus F7 B $\flat$

to Je - sus I re - pair, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 My com - fort still is this, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 when this sweet chant they hear, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long, may Je - sus Christ be praised!



# St. Paul UCC Fine Arts

series presents



**EQUINOX**  
Chamber Players

**Sunday, March 16 @ 3pm**

**Heritage Hall**

**St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL**

**A free will offering is greatly appreciated!**



## St. Louis Cardinal Bag Raffle

Clear vinyl STADIUM BAG with 6 inside pockets  
& zipper closure handmade by Sonja.

Just in time for opening day!

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

**Ticket sales on March 16th, 23rd & 30th!**

Drawing to be held after church in

Heritage Hall on March 30th!



The Quilters will be selling of Easter and springtime  
table runners in the Welcome Center.

**March 30th & April 6th**

**St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B. St., Belleville**

**618-233-3303**



## Dine to Donate

1128 Merchant's Way, O'Fallon, IL

Thursday, March 27

4-7pm

Join us at Chicken Salad Chick for the  
restaurant's Dine to Donate. Proceeds  
will benefit St. Paul UCC.

This is an excellent way to join up with  
St. Paul friends and bring others along  
for some fellowship and good food!

When you purchase food, please let  
the cashier know that you are with St.  
Paul UCC's Dine to Donate.

## ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

**8 Bake Sale!** 115 W. B Street - Belleville, IL *Activity Center (Gym)* (Across from Franklin School)

INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



**Please join us today for a**  
**Culinares' Breakfast in Heritage Hall**  
**immediately following worship service.**



## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Marilyn Dinkelman  
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of  
Arline Worms  
Tim Ritter  
Wayne Caughman  
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &  
Tim Ritter  
Hector Rivera

Lou Ann Niemann  
Cheryl Cooper  
Debbie Price  
Christopher Mitchell  
Sue Sutherland  
Audrey Krummrich  
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of  
Marlene Mueller  
Mike Llamas, brother in law of  
Mimi Llamas

Norma Franke  
Jennifer Wick, daughter of  
Stephenie Bauza  
Venita Jane Rogers  
Dorothy Maiworm  
Sue Kuether  
Luci Bradley

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



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



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### MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-day is March 24th from 6-8pm!  
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!  
Building a better community!



Chair Yoga 6-6:30, Yoga 6:30-7pm - \$10



Pickleball - \$5 (bring your own paddle & ball)

Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)



BRING YOUR  
FRIENDS!!!



115 W. B. St., Belleville

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### Weekly Offerings 3/8/2025

Operating \$ 9,497.00

Building Fund \$ 75.00

\$ 9,572.00

**Giving YTD \$ 65,207.25**

Weekly Budget \$ 6,942.65

Budget to Date \$ 62,483.87

**Total Budget \$ 361,017.89**

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 2, 2025 85 + Online Participants

March 3, 2024 92 + Online Participants

Interested in knowing the various ways you  
can give to St. Paul UCC?

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

Contact the church to learn more:  
618.233.3303