



Sunday, March 30, 2025

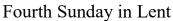
"No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."



# Welcome to Worship

## at St. Paul UCC







TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS			
Pastor	Rev. Michelle Torigian		
Music Director			
Organist	Cynthia Johnson		
Liturgist	Roger Harris		

#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** 

Praise to the Lord Anna Laura Page Glory Ringers

#### SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)



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

Choir: You are with me; You comfort me. Surely all my days, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever. .

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

#### **INVOCATION (Unison)**

Holy One, we come into your presence and the presence of this fellowship. We are seeking a little light, some hope, and healing. Open us to know you, to receive you and to find here your transforming love. Amen.

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

Dear God, your gifts are generous and yet we often fail to appreciate what we have been given. We demand more, but squander what we have received. Forgive us for taking for granted what we receive from you. When we fail to accept what you offer, or fail to steward those gifts, bring us back to awareness of you. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

However far we wander, God is always ready to receive us, to enfold us in love and grace. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**ANTHEM** How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. Gwyneth Walker Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**SERMON** Hey Jealousy 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.

MISSION MOMENT One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Sandy Wagner

#### REFLECTION ON GIVING

Remembering the gifts we have received, let us make our offerings to God's work through this church.

#### **COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

A Medley of Faith arr. Sharon Elery Rogers Glory Ringers

#### \*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)

Loving God, Holy Fountain of Blessings, With gratitude, we celebrate the offerings we share with you and this community today. May they enliven our spirits, building excitement around us, and creating a culture of giving. Open us to new possibilities for using our gifts to build the dignity of all and to strengthen our neighborhoods. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN This Is the Day of New Beginnings (See next page)

#### \*COMMISSIONING

May you trust that God's unfailing love and blessings go with you this day 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**

Solemn Processional by Leon Boëllmann

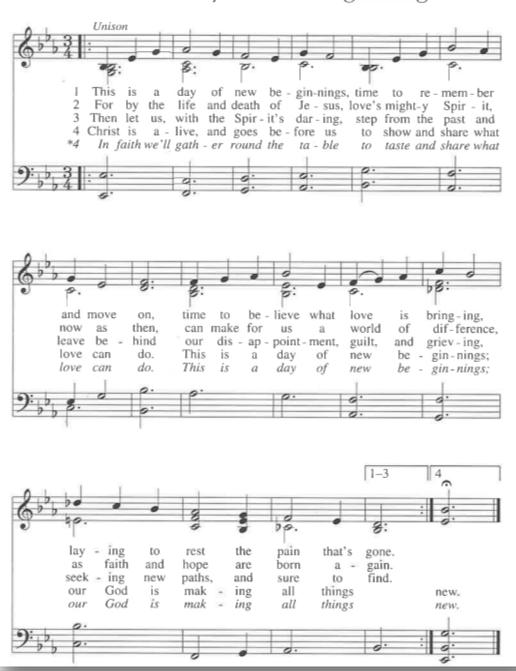


St. Louis Cardinal Bag Raffle
Drawing to today after church
in Heritage Hall!

The Quilters are selling Easter and springtime table runners in the Welcome Center.

March 30th & April 6th

## This Is a Day of New Beginnings





## SPIFF UP ST. PAUL DAY

Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. until noon

A variety of tasks to be completed both inside and out (weather permitting). Donuts provided to give you extra energy!



We hope to see you there!



# **ECUMENICAL**

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE Dinner in Heritage Hall at 5:30pm Worship in the Sanctuary at 7pm

Sign up sheet located in the Welcome Center



Join St. Paul UCC, Trinity UCC Concordia UCC, and All Saints Ecumenical Catholic Church for our annual Maund Thursday Dinner, Worship, and Communion.

ease RSVP to one of these churches, and we ask the you bring a side if you are from Trinity or a dessert if you are from All Saints or Concordia. St. Paul will be providing meatloaf with gluten-free options available

An offering for Belleville's Interfaith Food Pantry will be taken after the service. Call 618-233-3303 for more information about the service

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## Flowers = Fascinators Tea

Please Join Us Sunday, April 27 2 - 4 p.m. in Heritage Hall For Our

Mother, Daughter, Friend:

#### Flowers Fascinators Tea

Reservations are \$10. Children under 12. free! Reservations can be made on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center, or through the church office. Paument is due when the reservation is made

Hats & fascinators are encouraged but not required.

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## Seekers Bible Stud

Tuesdays @ 10am St. Paul UCC Genesis Room 115 W. B. St. Belleville, IL 62220 618-233-3303

The Adult Bible Study group will begin "The Dead Sea Scrolls" presented by Professor Gary A. Rendsburg on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.to 11:15ish in Genesis Rm. We will probably do two lectures each week. Please enter at the Sanctuary entrance. The accompanying Course Guidebook for The Dead Sea Scrolls may be found online at The Great Courses or perhaps on other websites. These 30 minute lectures are part of a 24 part series.

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## MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is April 28, 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!)







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### For Your Prayers

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

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

Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza Venita Jane Rogers Dorothy Maiworm Luci Bradley JoAnn Elmore The loved ones of Sue Kuether

#### Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org



Tim Ritter

Watch videos on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>



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#### ST. PAUL PROGRESS TEAM - A NEW IDEA!

There's a new team in town and its name is St. Paul Progress. How did it come about? Late last fall, the Personnel Team came up with the concept of forming a new group to brainstorm about promoting St. Paul in the greater Belleville community as well as energizing our Congregation to become more involved in our St. Paul Family. The first gathering yielded many positive and creative ideas, such as: sponsoring a float in the Santa Claus parade, providing Christmas yard signs, having a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and many other exciting events and concepts. It was immediately evident that the group needed to grow if these many ideas were to be successful. Since then, folks from the Finance, Stewardship, Christian Ed, Mission, St. Paul Friends, Community Dinner teams and Church Council members have joined forces to "make it all happen!" Many hands will certainly make the tasks easier. Anyone is welcome to become involved and be a part of this group as we look forward toward our St. Paul future. Please let Pastor Michelle, Brett White, Al Scharf or Sandy Wagner know if you'd like to become an active member of this new team. St. Paul is an integral part of the Belleville community and we need to build on that truth!

Weekly Offerings	3/21/2025
Operating	\$ 21,288.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
	\$ 21,313.00
Giving YTD	\$ 93,592.25
*Large donation	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 76,369.17
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 16, 2025 90 + Online Participants
March 17, 2024 104 + Online Participants





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

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Contact the church to learn more: 618.233.3303

