



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

March 30, 2025 9:00 am

Fourth 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>	Roger Harris

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord
Anna Laura Page
Glory Ringers

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)

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

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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*OPENING HYMN

Softly and Tenderly

G G B D7 A G C C G G

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

A7 E D G G B D7 A G C C G G

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

G B C G D D7 G *Refrain* N.C. D7 G D G

watch - ing for you and for me, Come home, come home,
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home,

D A D F# E7 A7 D A7 D7 F# G G B D7 A G

ye who are wea - ry, come home; car - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

C C G G B C G D D7 G

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

***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

<p>ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE</p> <p>115 W. B Street Belleville, IL Activity Center (Gym) <small>(Across from Franklin School)</small> INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!</p> <p>Bake Sale! Donations of baked goods accepted!</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</p> <p>CONTACT SUSAN RELFE IF YOU CAN HELP! SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM</p>  <p>SALE DATES Fri., Apr. 4th 4-7pm & Sat., Apr. 5th 9am-12pm</p> <p>Donations are accepted starting on March 17th. Drop off hours: Monday & Wednesday from 12-4pm! or if you do not need help unloading, you can place your items in the garage by the activity center door Mon-Thurs. ***PLEASE CALL before you come!*** 618-233-3303</p>	<p>St. Louis Cardinal Bag Raffle Drawing to today after church in Heritage Hall!</p> <hr/> <p>The Quilters are selling Easter and springtime table runners in the Welcome Center.</p> <p>March 30th & April 6th</p>
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This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what
*4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,
leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;
love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.
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SAVE THE DATE

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 MAUNDY THURSDAY

**APRIL
17**

**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 Maundy Thursday Dinner, Worship, and Communion.

Please RSVP to one of these churches, and we ask that 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 *and* Fascinators Tea

Please Join Us

Sunday, April 27

2 - 4 p.m. in Heritage Hall

For Our

Mother, Daughter, Friend:

Flowers *and* 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.

Payment is due when the reservation is made.

Hats & Fascinators are encouraged

but not required.



St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
618-233-3303

Seekers Bible Study

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 11:15-ish 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.

St. Paul UCC

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!)



**BRING YOUR
FRIENDS!!!**



115 W. B. St., Belleville

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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

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



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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?

StPaulUCC.org

Contact the church to learn more:
 618.233.3303

