

PALM SUNDAY



H O S A N N A !

Sunday, April 13, 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
April 13, 2025 9:00 am
Palm Sunday

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>	Stephenie Bauza

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Hymn Tune: Joyful Song
arr. By Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 118)

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: This is the day that God has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Many: God has given us light.

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, let us trust in your presence with us in all times, the sad and scary times as well as the joyous celebrations. Open us to receive you anew today. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

N.C. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Db Eb Ab

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. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Eb sus Eb Ab

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.

Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb Fm $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ Ab Db Eb

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. $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Eb sus Eb Ab

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)**

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, There are challenging chapters ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in the Passion Story, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

ANTHEM

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

by Gilbert M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON

Silence and Fear

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

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

In Christ Alone

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Arr. by Mark Hayes

***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)**

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn Tune: Hamburg

Arr. by Paul Bunjes

Today's altar flowers are in honor of

Gay Eckert's 90th birthday!

by, her family

Happy
BIRTHDAY



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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday
April 17th @ 7pm
Dinner @ 5:30pm

Good Friday
April 18th @ 7pm

Easter Sunday
April 20th @ 9am

Please join us in person, live on facebook or on youtube!

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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!!!



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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.



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WEBMASTER VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Our current webmaster is ready to turn the responsibility over to someone new. If you have web skills or are willing to learn, please contact Roger Harris @ 618-631-4502

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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

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 &
 Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann
 Debbie Price
 Christopher Mitchell
 Sue Sutherland
 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



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Weekly Offerings	4/5/2025	
Operating	\$	4,038.00
Building Fund	\$	160.00
	\$	4,198.00
Giving YTD	\$	99,445.25
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	90,254.47
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 30, 2025	97 + Online Participants
March 31, 2024	96 + Online Participants



Flowers, music and bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved one. To sign up, you can call the church office. Cost is \$35.00.