

St. Paul UCC

5th Sunday of the season of

Lent

March 22, 2026



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Sunday, March 22, 2026 ~ 9:00 am
Fifth Sunday in Lent

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Mimi Llamas

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu
(Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word)
arr. Roger C. Wilson

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

We gather to travel God's redemption road together.

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

355 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Unison

E♭ *Fm* *Gm7* *Abmaj7 Ab6* *E♭/B♭* *Fm/Ab*

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

Cm *B♭* *B♭/Ab* *E♭/G* *Fm/Ab* *Gm7(b5)*

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;

C7(b9) *C7* *Fm* *E♭/G* *Abm6* *Abm*

1-3
<i>B♭</i>

4
<i>E♭</i>

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.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

*Alternate text for Holy Communion

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 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young (1926-)
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BEGINNINGS
 9.8.9.8.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept
by William Billings
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 37:1-14 & John 11:1-45

Mimi Llamas

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.**

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Gethsemane Prayer
by Brian Gibson

***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

DEDICATION PRAYER

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

*CLOSING HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (see below)

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Andante in F minor*
by Johann Ludwig Krebs

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

N.C. $\frac{G}{B}$ G D G D7 Em D G $\frac{D7}{F\sharp}$ G D

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

D G $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

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HOLY WEEK

Schedule

29 PALM SUNDAY-9AM
MAR

2 MAUNDY THURSDAY
APR AT TRINITY UCC-7PM

3 GOOD FRIDAY-7PM
APR

5 EASTER SUNDAY-9AM
APR



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THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, June 25th - 6:30-9:00PM

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15!

Deadline to sign up is June 12th!

Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 for ages 6-11)

2-4 people per table

Families are welcome!

Attendance prizes and a prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.

Bring your own drinks and snacks! Popcorn & lemonade will be provided.

Sponsored by St Paul UCC Mission and Christian Education teams.

All proceeds will be donated to Beacon who provides low income people in need of furniture and household goods for a new beginning.

RSVP by mailing or dropping off a check or cash to the office!

115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

or Scan the Paypal QR Code

(put puzzle race in the memo)

618-233-3303 or email swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

**115 W. B Street
Belleville, IL**

Activity Center (Gym)

(Across from Franklin School)

INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



Bake Sale!

**Donations of
baked goods accepted!**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM

**SALE
DATES**

Fri., Apr. 10th

4-7pm &

Sat., Apr. 11th

9am-12pm



Donations are accepted **starting on March 23.**

Drop off hours: Monday-Thursday. You can place your items in the garage by the activity center door. **If you need help unloading ***PLEASE CALL before you come!*****

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VISITING CLERGY HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY

REV. JOAN MIER

APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

REV. DR. CHANCE BEELER

APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

REV. JOAN MIER



Weekly Offerings	3/13/2026	
Operating	\$	8,345.00
Building Fund	\$	130.00
	\$	8,475.00
Giving YTD	\$	73,640.76
Weekly Budget	\$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$	69,740.00
Total Budget	\$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 8, 2026	86	+ Online Participants
March 9, 2025	84	+ Online Participants

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 Tim Ritter
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 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
 Marlene Mueller
 Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas
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 Audrey Krummrich
 Rosie Keller
 Laura Sadler
 Mike Foppe
 Alec Zaber
 Lindsay Eversmeyer, niece of Pam Nicholson
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel
 Gerald Hough

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 prayer requests:
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MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



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 Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
 No cost - just a free will offering!
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A free will offering is happily accepted.

Free! All are welcome!

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