



**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

“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 14, 2024 9:00 am

Third Sunday after Easter

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Stephenie Bauza
<i>Guest Preacher</i> .....	J. Frederick Accola

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*  
Christa Rakich

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

**All:** “Peace be with you.”

**One:** When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**All:** “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”

**One:** Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

**All:** Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

**One:** Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love.

### INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# Amazing Grace!

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G G/D D7 Em C G G/D D/C G/B

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se- cures;  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

G G/B C G Em G/D D7 G

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous  
MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN  
C.M.



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

Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Loving God, thank you for the assurance of your grace. You grant us all your peace. Help us to trust in your peace, especially in times of conflict. Believing you will bring peace in our hearts, and to all the earth. Guiding us, so that all may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace. In his name, we pray. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Let the People Praise*, by Allen Pote  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 103:1-12 & Ephesians 2:4-10

**SERMON**

J. Frederick Accola

**HYMN**

*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* (See page 7)

**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.**







## \*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

*Prelude in C*  
J.S. Bach



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T-Shirts**

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April 21**

**Highlighting St. Paul UCC  
stained glass**

Heritage Hall Rose Window  
on the front  
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**Choice of shirt color:  
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## Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;  
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

*John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

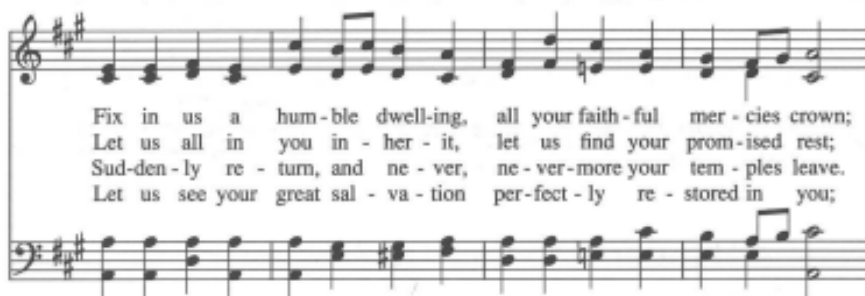
## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

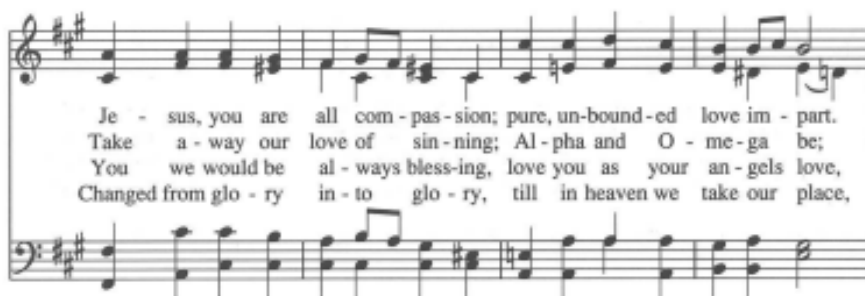
Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.



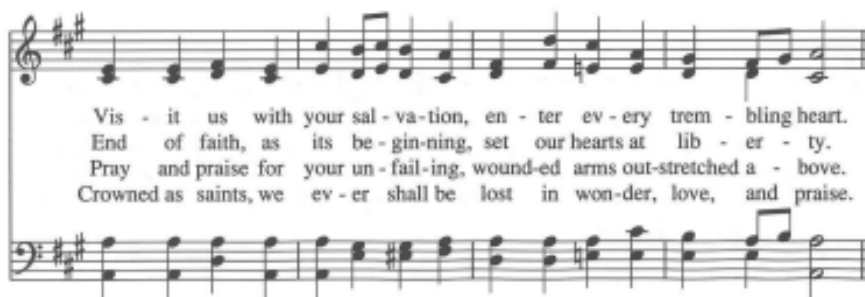
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

*This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Drvlen's Kinz Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.&.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855





# COFFEE TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

## HOT MESS EXPRESS AND ST. PAUL UCC



APRIL 3 AND APRIL 17  
FROM 7-10AM

ST. PAUL UCC

IN THE PARKING LOT ON THE CORNER  
OF 2ND STREET AND WEST C STREET

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# FRIDAYS WITH THE FRIAR

*Meet with Pastor Tim discuss theology & current events and enjoy a cup of coffee!*

Every Friday from 10am to Noon!

@ Pour 322 in Belleville, Illinois!



## Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are available!

Our sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory or achievement of your loved one. You can call the church office, or there is a sign up sheet outside the office hanging on the bulletin board. The sponsorship cost is \$35.00.



## Senior Pickle Ball

Mondays & Wednesdays

@ 9-11am,

Fridays 9:15-11:15

**Beginners Wednesdays**

**@ 11:30**

**St Paul UCC**

**ACTIVITY CENTER**

St. Clair County  
Office on Aging:  
618-234-4410 ext. 7034



# Youth

## JOY RALLY

April 28th, 2024

2 TO 3PM: PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN  
1ST-5TH GRADES  
PLUS PARENT FELLOWSHIP TIME

4 TO 5:30PM:  
6TH - 12TH GRADES

Hosted by St. Paul UCC Belleville

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**Equinox Chamber Players  
presents “A Walk in Springtime”  
free concert**

Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm in  
St. Paul UCC Heritage Hall  
115 West B Street, Belleville.

The concert is a part of the  
St. Paul Fine Arts Series.

Light refreshments will  
follow the program.

**A free-will offering is appreciated.**



**MATS  
FOR  
COMMUNITY  
COMFORT**

**Please join us  
on the 3rd Tuesday of  
every month from 1-3pm  
in the craft room.  
Please join us!**



## Archives Artifacts - St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

In 1867, the church pastor was permitted to use church lot for a specific purpose. What was it?

### Upcoming Events

**Church Council meeting**-3rd Thursday @ 6pm  
**Community Dinner**-every Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Culinaires Breakfast**-every 3rd Sunday  
**Finance Meeting**-every 2nd Tuesday @ 5pm  
**Mats for Community**-3rd Tuesday @ 1pm  
**Mission Meeting**-2nd Sunday after service  
**Personnel Meeting**-2nd Thursday @ 7pm  
**Quilters**-every Tuesday @ 9am  
**Seekers Adult Bible Study** –Tuesdays @ 10am  
**Shufflers**-2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12pm  
**Wednesdays**-Bells (6pm) & Choir (7:15pm)  
**With You group**-1st Wednesday @ 1pm  
**Women's Guild**-3rd Wednesday @ 1pm

### For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Linda Minton
Carol Hotz	Larry Walton
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Wayne Caughman
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Tim Ritter	Jerry Hough
Laura (Phillips) Howie	Lou Ann Niemann
Alec Zaber	Cheryl Cooper
Hector Rivera	Debbie Price
Betty Rieso	Gaye Bettis
	Christopher Mitchell

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

**ANSWER: A vegetable garden.**

### Remember St. Paul UCC as you prepare your will or trust!



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#### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 24, 2024	96	+ Online Participants
March 25, 2023	126	+ Online Participants



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Weekly Offerings	3/30/2024
Operating	\$ 3,580.00
Building Fund	\$ 250.00
	\$ 3,830.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 96,530.49</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 99,300.11
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 397,200.29</b>