

# **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC**



## **September 7, 2025**

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# St. Paul UCC

Sunday, September 7, 2025 ~ 9:00 am  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Guest Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
<i>Director of Music</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Donna Davis

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Andante in A*  
By Adolf Hesse

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Jeremiah 18: 1-11)

One: God, we are reminded of Your grace-filled and creative hands on us—and how Your hands work through our hands in our world.

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe,  
God's hands on us, molding, creating

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe,  
God's hands on us, sheltering, healing, holding, blessing

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: our hands molding, creating, playing, and still

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: our hands keyboarding, drawing, writing, painting, and still

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: our hands, praying, blessing, healing, receiving, and still

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay**

One: Hands on: God's hands on the universe, working with our hands on a day-to-day basis in our world. And always...

**All: You are the potter; we are the clay. Amen.**

## **INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**Creator God, all creation is your handiwork; your touch gives life to all that is. You who shape and form us by the breathe of your Spirit and the touch of your grace, you alone are able to call forth from the depths of our being the beauty of your Spirit in us.**

**May we in this celebration, surrender more deeply to your loving touch, as you fashion and form you heart's desire in us.**

**This we pray in your Spirit. Amen**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN**      *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*      *See page 7)*

## **\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn-back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be. Amen**

## **\*WORDS OF GRACE**

**Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. These treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.**

## **ANTHEM**

*With a Voice of Singing*  
by Martin Shaw  
Sanctuary Choir

## **SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Donna Davis

## **MESSAGE**

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made  
Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

## **PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER AND 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**

## **REFLECTION ON GIVING**

Having received the gifts of God, let us seek the kingdom and return a portion of our abundance to the ministry of this faith community so that our collective offering will bless God and God's people.

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

*Aria*

by Johann Ludwig Krebs

## **\*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**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kingdom forever and ever. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION:**

ONE: In Luke's Gospel we read that Jesus, at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of the believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

**ALL: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

ONE: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

ONE: We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life.

**ALL: With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

ONE: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

ONE: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

## **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Be Still My Soul*

*(See page 8 & 9)*

## **\*COMMISSIONING**

Go forth with the joy of the Lord in your hearts. Take time to share that joy with others; bring a smile to someone else's face this day, and let someone know that they are divinely loved. For the joy and the love of the Lord are not to be held but to be shared! Let it be so. Amen.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

One: As we leave this place, we know

**All: God will be with us wherever we go.**

One: At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know

**All: God will be with us wherever we go.**

One: Whether we're happy or sad, on our own, or with our friends, we know

**All: God will be with us wherever we go.**

One: So, let's go with joy, because God goes with us!

And all God's people said:

**All: AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

*The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19)*

by Benedetto Marcello

**Our music today is dedicated  
to the memory of Wayne  
Caughman and Jim Young.  
May they rest in peace!**

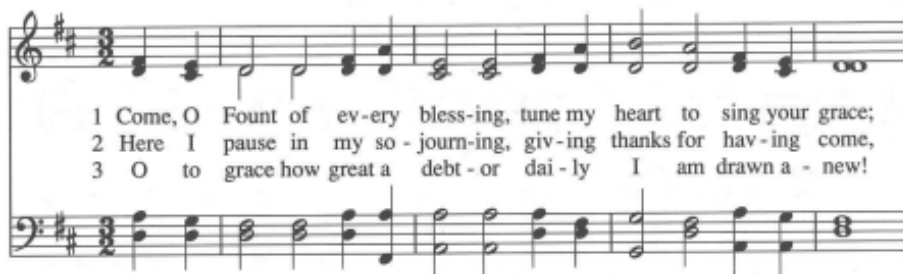
**~ The Choir**



## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

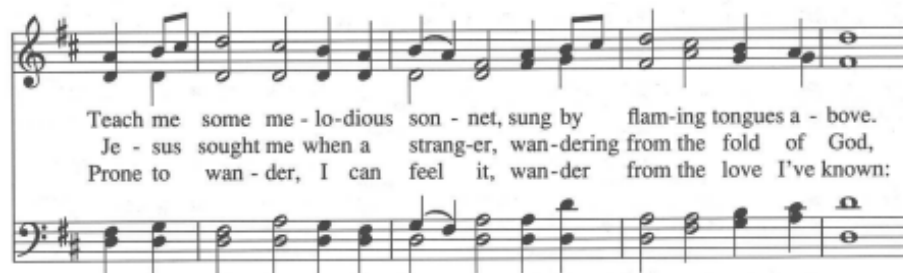
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



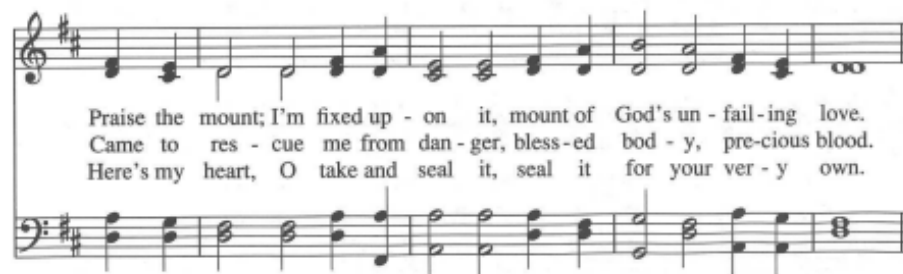
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.  
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

## Be Still, My Soul

Ps. 37:7; Ps. 46:10; 1 Tim. 4:10

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752  
Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take to guide in  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to  
 fu-ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con-fi-  
 be with God whom we a-dore, with dis-ap-point-ment

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-ery change God  
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious  
 gone, no grief nor fear, sor-row re-placed with

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal  
 shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
 joy for-ev-er-more. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are





# 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!**

**SUSANRELF@OUTLOOK.COM**



Donations are accepted **starting on September 29.**  
**Drop off hours: Monday & Wednesday from 10-4pm!**  
 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**

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# FALL FESTIVAL DuBois Center

October 5th, 2025

11 am to 5 pm.

Free Entry

Free Parking

We have crafters, live music, delicious food, and more. This is a family-friendly event, so all ages are welcome. Younger guests can enjoy our Kids Korner with many crafts & games, and activities around the grounds. Ride a horse, view the scenic lake, or take a seat and tour our grounds via hay wagon. We host a Sweet Treat Shop bake sale each year. Help send a child to summer camp! All proceeds from this sale are added to the DuBois Center Scholarship Fund, allowing us to provide summer camp scholarships to children and youth from families with financial challenges.

Activities and food are available for an affordable price. This event is great for families, church groups, and friends to get outside and enjoy a beautiful fall day at DuBois!

## Please consider Donating and/or Volunteering

Our Fall Festival is only possible because of the efforts of countless volunteers. They bake, promote, stitch, recruit, decorate, set up/take down, drive boats, lead tours, greet, direct traffic, clean, serve, and dedicate hours and hours to make it all happen. If you're interested in volunteering for Fall Festival, please email [FallFestival@duboiscenter.org](mailto:FallFestival@duboiscenter.org).

Calling ALL BAKERS: Our Sweet Treat Shop accepts donations of baked goods. We accept all kinds of baked goods – cookies, cakes, pies, candies, all of the good stuff! All money raised is used for scholarships to attend camp.

## Sign up to be a Crafter or Maker

We are always looking for new makers and crafters to feature at this event! If you are interested in applying and have questions, email our Fall Festival Coordinator at [FallFestival@duboiscenter.org](mailto:FallFestival@duboiscenter.org).

**Registration for the 2025 Festival is OPEN!**

Apply online at <https://duboiscenter.org/news-events/dubois-center-fall-festival/registration/>.

## SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY, [at] 10 A.M.

LOCATION: THE GENESIS ROOM

SUBJECT: THE OLD TESTAMENT

IT IS A 24 PART DVD PRESENTATION

BY AMY-JILL LEVINE.

SEPTEMBER 2

1—IN THE BEGINNING

2—ADAM AND EVE

SEPTEMBER 9

3—MURDER, FLOOD, DISPERSION

4—ABRAHAM, SARAH, AND HAGAR

SEPTEMBER 16

5—ISAAC

6—THE JACOB SAGA

SEPTEMBER 23

7—FORKLORE ANALYSIS AND TYPE SCENES

8—MOSES AND EXODUS

SEPTEMBER 30

9—THE GOD OF ISRAEL

10—COVENANT AND LAW, PART I

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# MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is September 29th, from 6-8pm!

We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!

Building a better community!



**Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7**



**Pickleball (bring your own paddle & ball)**

**Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)**

**FREE WILL OFFERING!**



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!**



115 W. B. St., Belleville

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## Fine Arts Concert Agape Ringers



September 21st  
@ 4pm!

Free will offering

# VENDOR FAIR AT ST. PAUL UCC

SEPTEMBER 27 - 12-5 PM

## Our vendors include:

- THREADS OF HOPE QUILTERS
- LILLA ROSE
- CARDS BY DEBBY
- SO SEW FUN CREATIONS
- SUGAR RUSH EXPRESS
- SCENTSY
- WASTE NOT, WANT NOT
- KIM'S CREATIONS
- PAMPERED CHEF
- STAMPIN' UP
- AND MORE!



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**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.**

## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz Tim Ritter Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter Lou Ann Niemann	Christopher Mitchell 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 Gay Eckert Gene Buxton John Hoehn
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**Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

Weekly Offerings		8/30/2025
Operating	\$	1,484.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
	\$	1,504.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>230,043.09</b>
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	236,050.16
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

August 24, 2025	92 + Online Participants
August 18, 2024	78 + Online Participants



Watch videos on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville>



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**GRIEFWORKS**  
 An LGBTQIA+  
 Grief Support Group

A peer support group for anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community  
 who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief.

**MEETINGS HELD**  
**4TH MONDAY**  
**EVERY MONTH**

6:30-8:00 pm  
 St. Paul UCC  
 115 W. B Street  
 Belleville, IL 62220  
[griefworks2025@gmail.com](mailto:griefworks2025@gmail.com)



## 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's

**September 27, 2025**

**Registration: 8:30am,**  
**Opening ceremony: 10:00am**  
**Walk: 10:30a.m.**

**Location: Eckert's Belleville Farm**  
**951 S. Green Mt. Rd. Belleville, IL 62220**

Join our team: "St. Paul UCC  
 Belleville" and/or Donate!  
 Contact Susan Relfe!

