

Welcome to
ST. PAUL UCC

November 16, 2025



All are welcome here!



St. Paul UCC



Sunday, November 16, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Rev. Joan Mier
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Peggy Burke

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising
by Gustav Holst. Arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this hour to come before the Lord our God whose providential care sustains us and strengthens us.

People: We are people who seek divine guidance, yearning to receive God's wisdom for our lives, helping us to know which path to choose on this earthly journey.

Leader: God cares so deeply for each person gathered here to worship; our Creator knows every hair that is on our heads, because what happens to us matters to God.

People: How grateful we are to such a loving God, who divinely watches over us. We are blessed people. Let this time of worship and praise offer great thanksgiving to God for such unconditional love and care.

ALL: We celebrate being together, feeling the divine presence of God with us! Amen.

*INVOCATION (Unison)

How blessed we feel, O' Lord our God, when we feel your holy presence among us. You whisper words of love, care, kindness, and mercy that journeys to the depths of our souls. We feel wrapped in sacred arms that move us away, even for a while, from the hurt and the pain of the world. Thank you for being here; we need you beloved Savior. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

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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.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

One: Let us bring our whole selves fully before our precious Lord, focusing on the ways that we can seek forgiveness and reconciliation with the Divine One who offers providential care for you and I. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I welcome you into a time of silent confession and reconciliation, and then I will offer the Words of Assurance:

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God sees us. God hears us. God welcomes us into sacred relationship. By divine grace we are healed and set free from the sins that want to bind us and control us. Thanks be to a most merciful God. **Amen**

ANTHEM

A New Song
by Diane Bish
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Peggy Burke
Peggy Burke
Rev. Joan Mier

SERMON

Not a Hair Will Perish

Rev. Joan Mier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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**

MISSION MOMENT

Faith of a Mustard Seed

Stephenie Bauza

REFLECTION ON GIVING

God is so merciful to us, let us then show great mercy to others in the care we offer and through the gifts that we give. Let it be so. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Gather, We Praise
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*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

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (Unison)

We are humbled Lord God as we offer these love gifts to you this day.
Help us to use them wisely, to truly be the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, listening to his word, and walking on the path he chooses for us.
May these gifts help to keep our ministry strong here so that others may know of the providential care of God. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go (See next page)

*COMMISSIONING

The providential care of God is present with you—protection, guidance, mercy and unconditional love. Rest assured that God will not let a “hair on your head perish,” because you are most precious to God. Go forth in faith trusting in the One who loves you beyond measure. Amen

*BENEDICTION

I share these words with you from Rheinhold Niebuhr (1943): May the Lord our God send you forth with “the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.” Amen

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Arr. Thomas Chesterton



O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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George Matheson, 1882; alt.

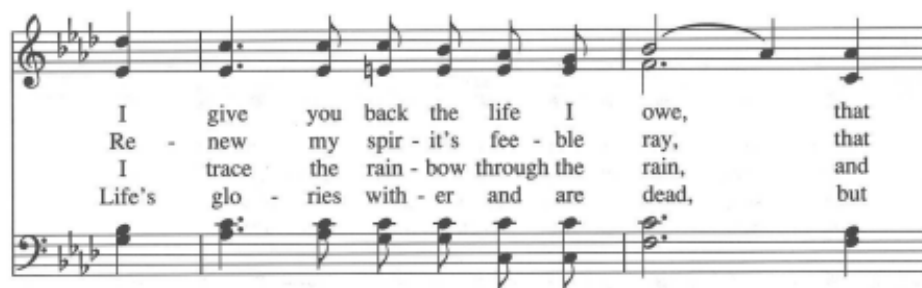
Rom. 8:38-39; John 8:12



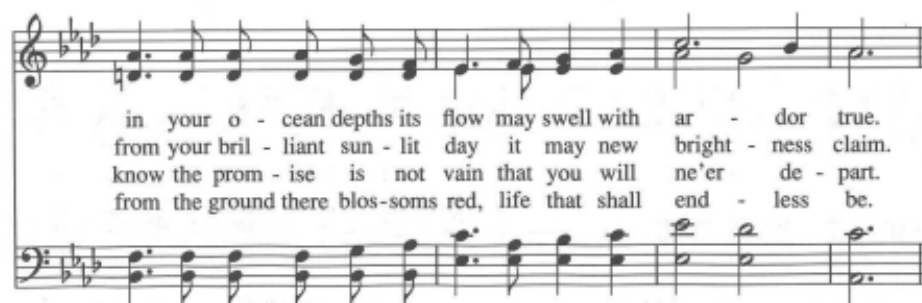
1 O Love that will not let me go,
2 O Light that fol - lows all my way,
3 O Joy that seeks me through my pain,
4 O Cross that rais - es up my head,



I rest my wea - ry soul in you;
to you I yield my flick - ering flame;
to you I can - not close my heart;
from you I dare not seek to flee;



I give you back the life I owe, that
Re - new my spir - it's fee - ble ray, that
I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
Life's glo - ries with - er and are dead, but



in your o - cean depths its flow may swell with ar - dor true.
from your bril - liant sun - lit day it may new bright - ness claim.
know the prom - ise is not vain that you will ne'er de - part.
from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

Tune: ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6.
Albert L. Peace, 1885



MUSIC Trivia

@ ST. PAUL UCC

FRIDAY, NOV. 21 @ 6 PM

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS!!!

\$30 PER PERSON OR
A PREPAID TABLE OF 8 FOR \$200

GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT!
RAFFLE BASKETS!!



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USE THE LINK OR QR CODE TO PAY!

BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS & DRINKS!!

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ST. PAUL FINE ARTS

presents...

An Afternoon Organ Program
with Dr. Stephen Mager

Sunday, November 23 @ 3:00 pm

A free will offering is much appreciated!



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PLEASE JOIN US!
NOVEMBER 23RD
DURING COFFEE HOUR

CHRISTMAS Card Making

Homemade Christmas cards
to hand out to our shut-ins
during with you visits and
Christmas caroling!
Contact Sandy Ritter with
questions!

MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



IF PICKLEBALL AND
YOGA ISN'T FOR YOU
- WE HAVE PUZZLES
OR YOU CAN BRING
YOUR OWN BOARD
GAME!

St. Paul UCC

115 W. B. Street, Belleville
Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
No cost - just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

Bring your
friends!

All are welcome!



GRIEFWORKS

An LGBTQIA+

Grief SupportGroup

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



STAR TREE

COMING SOON!

For Your Prayers

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law
of Marlene Mueller
Mike Llamas, brother in law
of Mimi Llamas
Jennifer Wick, daughter of
Stephenie Bauza

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
Tim Ritter
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy
& Tim Ritter
Lou Ann Niemann
Gene Buxton
Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich
Luci Bradley
Rosie Keller
John Mier
Laura Sadler
Clarence Wolf
Vera Juenger



Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		11/8/2025
Operating	\$	5,438.00
Building Fund	\$	27.00
	\$	5,465.00
Giving YTD	\$	302,736.09
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	305,476.68
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

UPCOMING VISITING CLERGY

November 23 – Rev. Joan Mier

November 30 – Rev. Carole Barner

December 7 – Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

December 14 – Rev. Joan Mier

December 21 – Rev. Joan Mier

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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

November 2, 2025 107 + Online Participants

November 3, 2024 85 + Online Participants

Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, Nov. 30 after worship service.

Jobs for all ages . . . we will decorate
the Sanctuary & Heritage Hall!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 7TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE.

AGENDA:

- ELECTION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ISC DELEGATES
- REVIEW OF 2026 BUDGET

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