

Worship Leaders

JUNE 28 - CRAIG BIELKE

JULY 5 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 12 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 19 - REV. GARY KNIPEKAMP

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Al Stahl
 Alec Zaber
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel
 Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
 Our Pastor Search Committee
 Carol & Wayne Weidemann
 Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley

Please call the office for prayer requests.
 618-233-3303

Coffee hostesses needed for the first Sunday of the month in July, August & September!

It takes about 15-20 min to set up.
 Our guests arrive about 10:00.
 Better to have their coffee ready
 at that time. Last coffee call no
 later than 11:00, if not sooner.
 Takes about 20-25 min to clean
 up. Printed instructions are
 available. Assistance is always
 available.

Contact the office to sign up!



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Weekly Offerings		6/13/2026
Operating	\$	4,141.00
Building Fund	\$	25.00
	\$	4,166.00
Giving YTD	\$	170,061.76
Weekly Budget	\$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$	160,402.00
Total Budget	\$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
June 7, 2026	83	+ Online Participants
June 8, 2025	87	+ Online Participants

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St. Paul UCC

HAPPY Father's DAY



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Welcome

Sunday, June 21, 2026 ~ 9am
Happy Father's Day!



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor	Rev. Joan H. Mler
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Vater unser im Himmelreich* (Our Father in Heaven)
by J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of the "Heavenly Father" is present with us, this day. The Divine Spirit moves around us and embraces us in a paternal hug.

People: We feel this holy embrace and feel safe in God's care. We lean into the immeasurable love of God and feel comforted.

Leader: Let us pray that God's vision for our lives will be a guiding force, leading us on the right path, now and always.

People: We want to please our God in all that we do and all that we say; we want our Lord to be proud of the children of God.

ALL: Paternal Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, feel our immense love and praise for you in this sacred time that we have been given together. Amen

*INVOCATION

Spirit of the Living God, embrace us now, let us feel your love and care as we open ourselves up in this time of worship. We trust you from the depths of our hearts and souls. We believe the Lord will offer teachings that are right and true, guiding us through the challenges that we face, keeping us strong in our faith. Let it be so. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

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Faith of Our Fathers

G G⁷ G D⁷ G C D G C C^(#) C[#] E G

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our moth - ers, we will love both friend and foe in
3 Faith of the mar - tyrs who, though bound, were still in heart and

A7 D G G⁷ G D⁷ G C D7 G

fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy
all our strife, and preach it, too, as love knows how,
con - science true. How blest would be their chil - dren's fate,

C C^(#) C[#] E G A7 D7 G C G

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious Word! Faith of our fa - thers,
by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life! Faith of our moth - ers,
if they, like them, should live for you! Faith of the mar - tyrs,

D G D⁷ G C Em Dsus D7 G

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863), alt.
MUSIC: Henri F. Hemy (1818-1888); arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905)

ST. CATHERINE
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deems, for the love that makes whole; O come and a - dore him, his
 glo-ries pro-claim, and wor-ship be - fore him—the Lord is his name!

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915-)
 MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915)
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to the Father

(see pages 5 & 6)

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Some of us have been blessed to have parents that we can easily speak to about anything, for other people, maybe not so much, but God is our Holy Parent whom we can talk to about everything—joys and sorrows, even our sins. So, let us enter now into sacred space with the One who loves us beyond measure. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

Our God is a most forgiving God. Like a guiding parent, God can set us on the right path, gently moving us away from sinful ways to more sacred ways. Lean in to the presence of our forgiving Lord, beloved of God, and find renewed and refreshed spirits within you. **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Patriotic Medley
 arr. Christine D. Anderson
 Mary Lu Bretsch, handbells, Janie Bloomer, piano

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 68:1-10
 Romans 6:1-11
 Matthew 10:24-32

Lou Ryseff
 Lou Ryseff
 Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON

“Father in Heaven”

Rev. Joan H. Mier

PASTORAL 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

God has given so much to us. Like a supportive parent, God has supplied us with all we need. Therefore, let our offerings be a gift of love to the One who cares so deeply for us. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
 arr. Mark Hayes

Culinaires Breakfast
 June 28
 immediately following
 worship service
 A free will offering is greatly appreciated!

MONDAY FUN-DAY!
 4th Monday of every month!
 Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm
 Yoga 6:30-7pm
 Pickleball 6-8pm
 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
 A free will offering is happily accepted.
Free! All are welcome!

***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

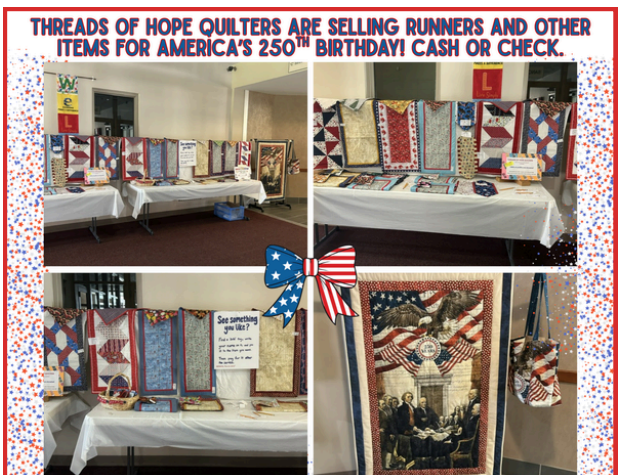
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)
 We dedicate this offering to the "Heavenly Father" of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the great works that are to be done in the Holy Son's name. We pray that these gifts will be divinely blessed and rightly used for the Spirit of Christian love to be expressed to all the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** *Faith of Our Fathers* (see page 7)

***COMMISSIONING**
 Go forth, beloved of God, feel the divine embrace offered to you, this day, and be willing to go out into the world and offer that divine embrace to others, especially to those who do not feel they are worthy of God's love. Let it be so. Amen

***BENEDICTION**
 May the Love of God and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and among you, helping you to be strengthened as you face the complexities of life that can rise up and attempt to shift you off the sacred path to God. I pray that you feel the amazing embrace of the "Heavenly Father," today and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D Major*
 by Johann Diebold



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Musical notation for the first system of 'Sing Praise to the Father' in 3/4 time, G major. The lyrics are:

1 Sing praise to the Fa-ther, Cre - a - tor and King, whose mer - cy has
 2 Sing praise to the Sav - ior, Re - deem - er and Friend, for grace past all
 3 Sing praise to the Spir - it, the gift of God's love, who quick - ens our
 4 Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the

Musical notation for the second system of 'Sing Praise to the Father'. The lyrics are:

taught us a new song to sing; who made us, and loved us tho'
 tell - ing, for love with - out end; who stripped off his glo - ry, put
 hearts with new life from a - bove, who woos us, sub - dues us, and
 Spir - it, great God Three in One; the God of sal - va - tion, of

Musical notation for the third system of 'Sing Praise to the Father'. The lyrics are:

reb - els and lost, and planned our re - demp - tion at in - fi - nite cost.
 on mor - tal sin, and died in our stead, full a - tone - ment to win.
 seals us his own, and fault - less pre - sents us be - fore the White Throne.
 glo - ry, of grace, who wrought our re - demp - tion—my soul, sing his praise!

Musical notation for the Refrain of 'Sing Praise to the Father'. The lyrics are:

Refrain
 Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that re-

Father's Day

Honor Roll

In honor of

Our son, Daniel Friedrich, by Gary & Janice Friedrich

Scott Wilson, by his son, Jack Willson

Stephen Schmidt and son in law, Ryan Hunt, by Teresa Schmidt

In memory of

Edward L. Pelc, by The Shelton Family and The Gentry Family.

Merlin "Bud" Erdmann & Vernon Wissehr, by Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann

Vernon Kurrus, by Judy Koch

Rev. Edwin Beier, by Gloria Strohm

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