

Belleville Congregational Church

*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



Mission of Belleville Church

Centered in the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a welcoming, affirming, and healing congregation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to grow and be renewed through our worship, fellowship, scripture study, and the sharing of our gifts. Strengthened by God's love and guidance, we strive to serve with compassion those in need, both near and far.

Led By: Rev. Ross Varney
Ushers: Audrey Clarkson
Scripture Reader: Ben Heersink
Coffee Hour: Sue Heersink
Musician: Joyce Rice

October

4

2026

- (*) where indicated, if able, please stand -

Let's quiet our hearts and minds during the prelude to welcome God's spirit.

Prelude

Partita on "Christus, der ist mein Leben" (Christ is my Life)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Ross Varney

"Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

(NCH #4)

*** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.'*

*** Gloria Patri**

(PH #513)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

*** Passing of Peace**

As a sign of reconciliation with God, and with each other, please greet others, *nearby*, with a blessing such as *"Peace be with you."*

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer

My Times Are in your Hand

Text: William F. Lloyd (1824)

Music: Joyce Rice

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score consists of four staves of music.

My times are in your hand, My God, I wish them there!

My life, my friends, my soul I leave en-tire-ly to your care.

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children...of all ages

Children's Song

I'll try with all my heart and mind
To be to others good and kind.
In all I do at work or play,
To grow more loving ev'ry day.

Joyce Rice

O sing with joy for God is Love,
God sends us showers from above;
And then the sun shines, oh so bright,
Sometimes a rainbow's in my sight.
Tune: Tallis' Canon

Scripture Readings

Ben Heersink

Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymn

“Children of God”

(NCH #533)

Sermon

“Who Will Defend the Powerless”

Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time

Offertory

“Verset”

Joseph Labor (1842-1924)

*** Doxology, Dedication of Offerings**

Pilgrim Hymnal #515

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(NCH #76)

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on the Hymntune “Sicilian Mariners” Alfred Fedak (b.1953)



PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you would like prayers for yourself or others, please place your request in the offering plate during worship service. You could also call/e-mail the office by Thursdays by 11:00 AM.

THANKS

Russel and Marcia P had 65th Wedding anniversary
Ginny L turning 104 years young on October 8
Phil and Vonnie's son Josh, inspired to go to work, by The Lord's Prayer

CONCERNS

Phil's Grandson Bryson needs direction and affirmation of dance skills
Elections coming up, Let's keep asking how Jesus would feel about leaders...

THIS WEEK

Bible Study - Thursdays at 1:00 PM

UPCOMING

Sunday October 4th 7:00 PM – Rev. Dr. Jon Paul Sydnor

Join us for Meditation Mondays - Take time to center and ground yourself weekly with 30 minutes of partially guided meditation beginning Monday Oct. 5th at 5pm in the Chapel with Lynn Varney. No sign-ups, drop in as you are able.

Sunday October 18th - Soup's On coffee hour. See Gail for details Bring a favorite soup!

Lunch and Learn for Leaders (Pastors and Church Leaders)
online monthly each 1st and 3rd Sunday 12-1PM.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you are unable to perform the assigned task, please trade with someone on the list.

OCTOBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Oct 4th	Audrey Clarkson	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
Oct 11th	Liz Neale	Keith Barbera	Mardee Beauparlant
Oct 18th	Mary Lou Tyler	Jim Samuelson	SOUPS ON! See Gail
Oct 25th	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback

NOVEMBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Nov 1 st	Audrey Clarkson	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Sue Wolfendale & Sue Heersink
Nov 8 th	Sue Heersink	Barbara Colten	Lynn Varney
Nov 15 th	Mardee Beauparlant	Rachel Shunamon	Rachel Shunamon
Nov 22 nd	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Ben Heersink	Bill Lincoln Coffee Hour
Nov 29 th	Gail Gandolfi	Sandra Biondo	Gail Gandolfi

MUSIC SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

4th – Joyce Rice
 11th – Joyce Rice
 18th – Phil Cosgrove
 25th – Joyce Rice

NOVEMBER

1st – TBD
 8th – TBD
 15th – TBD
 22nd – TBD
 29th - TBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

7th - Lance Eskelund
 8th - Virginia Lowell
 13th - Denis Ipbuken
 22nd - Keith Conway
 24th - Janet Woodman
 26th - Emily Fay

NOVEMBER

4th - Mike Conaway
 6th - Jamie Beauparlant
 8th - Annika Ellis
 10th - Jon Williamson
 26th - Sue Wolfendale
 28th - Christina Grandoni

*If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail
office@belleville-church.com*