

# *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:** Reverend Chip Robinson

**Usher:** Bill Silsby

**Scripture Reader:** Martha Kelleher

**Coffee Hour:** Bill Silsby and Martha Kelleher

**Music:** Phil Cosgrove

March

**22**

2026

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

*Belleville Congregational Church*  
*March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

**Prelude Music**

**Greeting and Welcome**

Rev. Chip Robinson

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

**Call to Worship**

**\* Opening Hymn**

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

(PH #234)

*\* 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**

Minister: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Minister: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Minister: In this Lenten time of reflection and penitence, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Minister: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Response following each petition is*

Minister: God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*Time for silent prayers and reflection follows. The Minister concludes the time of silent prayer with the Prayer of the Day:*

God of mercy and power, we bring before you the places where life feels fragile or lost. We pray for your church, that it may bear witness to hope even in seasons of grief. We pray for those who mourn, for those who feel trapped in despair, and for those who long for renewal. We pray for the people of Iran and the Middle East, and all communities marked by violence, illness, or loss, that your life-giving presence may bring healing and peace. Call us from death into life, and make us people who trust your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### **Music Moment**

#### **Scripture Readings**

Martha Kelleher

#### **Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **John 11:1,18-44**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the



# SERVICE SCHEDULE

MARCH			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Mar 1	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi	Gail Gandolfi
Mar 8	Peggy Utterback	Rachel Shunamon	Sue Heersink
Mar 15	Dorothy Williamson	Sue Wolfendale	Dorothy & Sue
Mar 22	Bill Silsby	Martha Kelleher	Bill Silsby & Martha Kelleher
Mar 29	Mardee Beauparlant	Keith Karbera	Mardee Beauparlant

APRIL			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
April 5 <i>(Easter)</i>	Jim Samuelson Lix Neale, Gail Gandolfi Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Jim Samuelson	Lynn Varney Peggy Utterback Dorothy Williamson
April 12	Gail Gandolfi	Sandra Biondo	Gail Gandolfi
April 19	Ben Heersink	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
April 26	Mary Lou Tyler	Babhekile Ssemwogerere	Mary Lou Tyler

# MUSIC SCHEDULE

MARCH	APRIL
March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Joyce Rice	April 5 <sup>th</sup> – Joyce Rice with the violinists of the Grassi Family
March 8 <sup>th</sup> - Phil Cosgrove	April 12 <sup>th</sup> – Joyce Rice
March 15 <sup>th</sup> - Joyce Rice	April 19 <sup>th</sup> - Phil Cosgrove
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Phil Cosgrove	April 26 <sup>th</sup> - Phil Cosgrove
March 29 <sup>th</sup> - Nancy Day	

# BIRTHDAYS

## MARCH

Mar 13 Gail Gandolfi  
 Mar 17 Carter Jay  
 Mar 19 Barbara Colten  
 Mar 21 Diana Bondar  
 Mar 23 Steven Locke  
 Mar 28 Diane Crofts

## APRIL

April 2 Lynn Varney  
 April 9 Wyatt Allard  
 April 12 Lynne Hangen  
 April 15 Sue Heersink  
 April 15 Petey Conway  
 April 18 Nancy Canali  
 April 23 Nancy Tsakirgis  
 April 26 Tim Conway

*If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail [office@belleville-church.com](mailto:office@belleville-church.com)*