



Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”





Welcome to Worship



at St. Paul UCC

March 31 ~ 9:00 am

Easter Sunday

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Chunko
<i>Liturgist</i>	Roger Relfe

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Intrade, by Johann Pezel
Patiencia, by Anthony Holborne
 Easter Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE

Fanfare
 Tony Hewitt-Jones

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Divine Dawn of Redemption, as the tomb has opened, we peer into the future. Like in the garden long ago, so much around is still unknown. Yet you have refilled our souls with hope. Even when fear lingers, your peace-filled spirit surrounds us, bringing us the confidence to continue to move forward. May we embrace this new era of resurrection with steadfast faith, even when anxiety and amazement disorient us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(see next page)

THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER BRASS ENSEMBLE:



Rob Endicott, trumpet
 Tom Birkner, trumpet
 Amy Hettenhausen, horn
 Jon Siddle, trombone
 Troy Marble, tuba

*Please make sure to sign the
 Pew Pads found on the end of
 each pew. And please let us know
 if your address, phone number,
 and email have changed!*

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C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

$\frac{F}{A}$ C F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{C}{G}$ G C $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm7 C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

G $\frac{D7}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D7}{A}$ G $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

G $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ Dm $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

***PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

O God, we are alarmed that you would choose to appear to us. We can understand that you might appear to disciples -- those that went with Jesus to do good and heal the oppressed. Surely, there are more talented people, more prayerful people, more intelligent people, more faithful people than we are. But today, O God, we remember that you come to us all. You come to the strong and the ill, the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble. You appear to us again and again to remind us what we have forgotten. Forgive us, O God, for our alarm. Forgive us, O God, for not believing in ourselves. Forgive us for not believing in your presence. Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God appeared long ago to the faithful. God appears now to doubters. God will appear to seekers. God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality because God so loves this world and God so loves you. Amen.
Alleluia!

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus, by Georg Frideric Handel
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

SERMON

The Good News

Pastor Michelle

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

When you're not sure what to believe, when you cannot fully believe what you have seen, God appears. Let us reach out to our God. Let us open our hearts. Let us give our gifts.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

*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)

God of seekers and doubters, bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are always appearing. Bless our hands so that your love might appear in the work we share. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Tune: CRUCIFER

(See page 6)

*COMMISSIONING

As we enter a world where resurrection is possible, may God nudge us forward when the unknown is overwhelming. May God empower us when anxiety and amazement seize our spirits. May God allow our trembling voices to share Alleluias with a hurting world. May God open our hearts to our neighbors yearning for rebirth and allow us to see the empty tomb in each season of our lives. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor, by Melchior Taschner

Lead On, O King Eternal, by Henry T. Smart

Easter Brass Ensemble



Youth
JOY RALLY
SUNDAY, APRIL 21
2 TO 3PM: PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
1ST-5TH GRADES
PLUS PARENT FELLOWSHIP TIME
4 TO 5:30PM:
6TH - 12TH GRADES
Hosted by St. Paul UCC Belleville
115 West B Street, Belleville
618.233.3303
stpaulucc.org

Check out the new information on our website!

Stpaulucc.org

Your St. Paul website now features a segment on the windows of our current Sanctuary. Created by the Website Committee and Archives, all the beautiful panes are shown in color as well as black & white!

The message conveyed by their abstract design explains why we worship the Trinity. Read the artist's own words about his approach and discover the unique nature of his work.

The website storehouse of window information is extensive. Take your time, use the navigation tools, and enjoy the trip.

May this help expand your knowledge of the priceless artifacts of our third church.

If you are unable to go online, contact Archives for a copy.

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Lift High the Cross

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Refrain (Unison)

C C E Dm7 G7 F A G B C C G D7 F# Gsus G G7 B

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

C G7 D C E Dm7 G7 Em G F A B F A Em G Dm F Dm7 G7 Csus C

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

Verse (parts)

Em F#dim A Am D G B Bm C B Em Am C B

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,
 2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

to Refrain

Em Am Bm D G Bm C Dsus D G F Dm Em G G G

our King vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
 praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

WORDS: George W. Kitchin (1827-1912); rev. Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956), alt.
 MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)

CRUCIFER
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Easter Memorials



IN HONOR OF :

My family; Linda, Dean & Wes Juenger; Laura, Mike & Austin Schobert; Carson Saverio Kaminski; Tyler Thompson; Krista & Lisa Eckert and Jenna & Bane Hoernis, by Gay Eckert

My grandsons Matt (Meghan), Bennett, & John Atwood; great grandson, Memphis Ray Bennett, born 6/12/23; son Scott (Margaret) Saeger and daughter Staci Atwood, by Judy Saeger

Our granddaughter Avery Elser, by Bruce & Pam Elser
Pastor Michelle's ministry at St. Paul U.C.C., by Laureen

IN MEMORY OF :

Our parents, Bernice & Floyd Sperino and Marie & Byron Elser, by Pam & Bruce Elser
Vincent Torigian, Lawrence & Queenie Emmons and Fred & Margaret Torigian,
by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori and family

Mary Anne Walton, Lucretia Walton and Zora Hobson Hoff, by Larry Walton
Marylin Hoelscher, by Jerry Pierce
Rick Drake, by Diane Drake

Dave Sherland and Ken & June Dove, by Deanna, Matt, Wayne & Larry
Edward L. and Billy Ruth Pelc, by The Shelton Family and The Gentry Family
Elmer & Genevieve Friedrich and Frederick & Esther Koch,
by Gary & Janice Friedrich and Lee-Alison & Danielle

Helen & Art Bergotte; Lillian & Jacob Ryseff and Kurt Jacob Mueller,
by Louis, Carolyn, James & Dr. Julia Ryseff

My parents, Walter & Marcella Peter, by Eileen Peter
David Sutherland, by Paul & Sue Sutherland

Kenneth & Michael Nettleton, by Vi Nettleton & family

Mary McCreight and Kay Schaible, by Mary Biernot, Karen McCreight and Edie Elliott
My parents, A. Lloyd & Martha M. Culley and my brother and his wife,
Wayne L. & Pat Culley, by Jane Bonaldi

Lt. Col (ret.) William J. & Goldie Thomas, Guy D. Thomas, August (Bud) & Linda Licourt,
by James W. Thomas, Marilae' Thomas Perkins and Kiplin Perkins II

John & Beulah Komeshak and Wayne & Rene Wagner, by the Wagner & Florek families
My husband, Russ Scheibel, by Mona Scheibel

Our parents, Marvin & Rosemary Henke, by Mona, Roger & Mark

Our Papa, Russ Scheibel, by Izzy, Amia & Abraham Scheibel and Stili Teodosiev
Steve Suess, by Barb Suess, Andy, Megan,

Kate, Drew, Chip, Ceely and Brooks

Elmer & Sue Bretsch; and Lowell & Lucille Belcher,
by Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch

Kurt Mueller, by Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch

William W. Lindauer, by Marlene & Family



Archives Artifacts - St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

In 1842, a donation of three dollars and twenty-five centers was given to the church. It was ear-marked for a specific purchase. What was bought with the money?

Today's altar flowers are by Wayne & Janet Kniepkamp in honor of their new grandson!



For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Linda Minton
Carol Hotz	Larry Walton
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Wayne Caughman
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms	Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Tim Ritter	Jerry Hough
Laura (Phillips) Howie	Lou Ann Niemann
Alec Zaber	Cheryl Cooper
Hector Rivera	Debbie Price
Betty Rieso	Roger Relfe

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

ANSWER: School books.

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 3, 2024	104 + Online Participants
March 5, 2023	92 + Online Participants

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 10, 2024	82 + Online Participants
March 12, 2023	83 + Online Participants

Weekly Offerings 3/9/2024

Operating	\$ 14,431.00
Building Fund	\$ 212.00
	<u>\$ 14,643.00</u>
Giving YTD	\$ 66,843.49
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 76,384.70
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29

Weekly Offerings 3/16/2024

Operating	\$ 20,546.00
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
	<u>\$ 20,641.00</u>
Giving YTD	\$ 87,484.49
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,638.47
Budget to Date	\$ 84,023.17
Total Budget	\$ 397,200.29



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