



# *Welcome to Worship*

*Welcome to St. Paul Church! We are glad you are here!*

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9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
Congregational Meeting following service

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## Information for our friends...

### **Weekly Sunday morning services ~**

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church. Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

Come back next week for our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** in our Heritage Hall. The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along.

*Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

**The Nursery is open during 9 am services**, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Please feel free to visit whenever needed.

Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

**Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.**

**We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today.** If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week– let us know you are here!! Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

**When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital**, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please notify the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

*Your telephone call is crucial to our ministry!*

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**[www.stpaulucc.org](http://www.stpaulucc.org)**

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

April 15, 2018 - 9:00 am

**OT** = Old Testament      **NT** = New Testament      † Please stand if able

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord*  
Scott Wilson, saxophone

arr. Brant Adams

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Shout for joy! The resurrected Christ is in our midst!

**Many: Shout Alleluia! Resurrection abides around us.**

One: Declare your excitement –

Our deserted paths are no longer empty.

**Many: Affirm your bliss –**

**We walk with the Christ on our journey.**

One: Sing songs of gratitude, for the wilderness is over.

**Many: Sing songs of praise, for death isn't the last word.**

## INVOCATION

Holy God, Creator of Marvels, we often endure seasons in which we travel alone on long and arid roads. These streets recall both times of joy and grief. Yet, as we continue on this path, we sense your presence – even through clouds and dust and as rains fall and temperatures surge. When our minds are distracted, you draw our attention back to your presence. May we see you everywhere, and may we see the presence of Christ in the souls we meet on the journey. Amen.

+HYMN

*Christ is Alive*



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3. In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4. Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with just - ice, love, and praise.

**+CALL TO AND PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

*One: God, we know there are times which require us to focus inward during seasons of healing. Yet other times, we focus on ourselves out of self-preservation and vanity. As we extensively focus on our own selves, neighbors in pain are neglected.*

***All: Turn our souls towards our neighbors. May we see the Christ in people of all nationalities, races, religions, economic statuses, orientations, genders and ages. May we especially see the spirit of Christ in the people who are least like us. Amen.***

**+WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: The Spirit of God continues to open us, continues to connect us and continues to shower us with grace. May our days be filled with mercy, accepting and sharing forgiveness with one another. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE*

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

*See What Love Hath The Father*  
St. Paul Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 24:13-49

SERMON

Communing with Strangers

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with 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**

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS and OFFERINGS

One: Our hearts are called open to the stranger, to the neighbor, to the friend.  
May our gifts lead our world to hospitality knowing that we may be  
entertaining angels in our midst.

OFFERTORY

*It Is Well*  
Scott Wilson, piano, Mac McCoy, guitar, Rick Drake, guitar,  
Tyler Kohrs, Judi Keplar, Logan Anderson, vocals

Bethel Music

+DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**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**

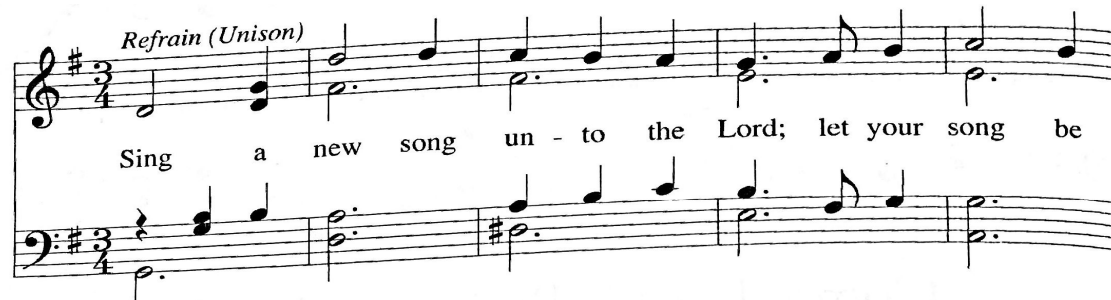
+DEDICATION PRAYER

**Holy God, Creator of Gifts, with gratitude we lift our voices to you today.**  
**Bless the contributions of our hearts – treasures, time and talents. May**  
**your ever-present wisdom guide us as we use these gifts to build a caring**  
**world, community and church. Amen.**

+HYMN

*Sing a New Song*

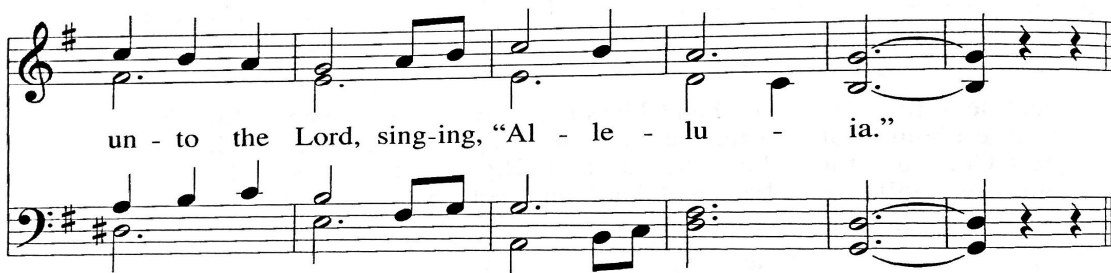
*Refrain (Unison)*



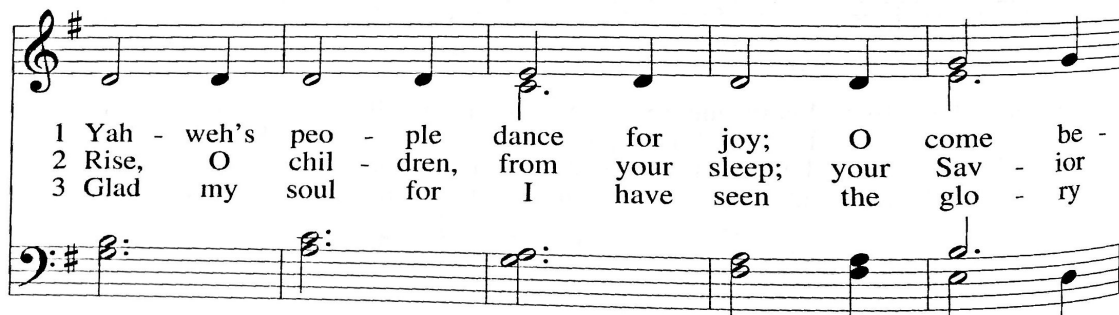
Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be



sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song



un - to the Lord, sing-ing, "Al - le - lu - ia."



1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; O come be -  
2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

(continued)

*Sing a New Song*

fore the Lord. And play for him on  
now has come. & He has turned your  
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

to Refrain

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system covers the lyrics from 'fore the Lord' to 'the'. The second system covers the lyrics from 'glad tam-bou-rines' to 'lives.' and ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

Congregational Meeting to follow service in sanctuary

Call to Worship, Invocation, Call and Prayer of Reconciliation,  
Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction  
written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.



# NEWS & NOTES

April 15, 2018



## Special Guests at St. Paul

We are blessed to have special guests in our pulpit in coming weeks.

Make sure to join us & welcome our guests!

April 15 9am Rev. Michelle Torigian w/

Craig Bielke

April 22 9am Pastor Herb Schafale 11am Greg Seaman

### St. Paul United Church of Christ

### FINE ARTS SERIES

-2018-



***Paul Johnston, piano and Tom Birkner, voice***

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
115 W. B Street, Belleville, IL  
Friday, April 20 at 7:00p.m.

Tom Birkner, Belleville and Paul Johnston, Eastern Illinois University will perform music from the American songbook. Inspired by the collaborations of Tony Bennett and Bill Evans, the program will include music by celebrated composers and lyricists including Harold Arlen, Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Henry Mancini, Johnny Mercer, and Cole Porter.

A free-will offering will be taken.



## 2018 Adult Mission Trip

Our 2018 trip is planned for the week of May 14 – 18 at Camp DuBois.

Please contact Roger Harris 277-3805 or [roger.harris@bankofamerica](mailto:roger.harris@bankofamerica) to volunteer or for more info.



Are you interested in your Family History or in building a Family Tree? *Join Us!* The Genealogy Group will meet on Wed, April 18 at 10am in Genesis Rm.



## GO GREEN with your weekly offering!

Did you know we can automatically debit your checking account for your weekly offering? This would enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even if you miss a Sunday offering and it simplifies our accounting.

Go green and eliminate your envelopes! Interested? Contact Stephenie Bauza in the Church office.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study Returned April 10 10am in the Genesis Room facilitated by "Committee"

Join your church friends for the UCC produced "LISTEN UP" bible study series

Participants will share questions and responses as we study the Gospel of Luke. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we believe that in that mix of biblical text, personal & honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN  
THE ST. PAUL MINGLES AND SINGLES ORGANIZATION IS PROUD TO  
ANNOUNCE OUR  
NINTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF:



## DERBY DAY "THE RUN FOR THE ROSES"

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018 START TIME 3:30 P.M.

WHERE: AT THE HOME OF LYN AND KRIS MUELLER, 429 WEATHERSTONE DR BELLEVILLE

PLEASE BRING: HORS D'OEUVRES AND BEVERAGES TO SHARE

If you haven't attended a Mingles and Singles event lately, this one is not to be missed! PLEASE COME!

Remember our non-fund-raiser pledge: \$10.00 per person for "the good of the cause."

RSVP: KRIS MUELLER 234-9447 or [muellerkm75@hotmail.com](mailto:muellerkm75@hotmail.com)

Special thank you to Bill Guthrie for making the beautiful cross that is now displayed in the choir room, in memory of our dear friend Jim Means.



## Mother's Day Honor Roll

Mission Board invites you to honor your Mother (or any special woman in your life) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th! Give a donation in her name and she will be placed on the Mother's Day Honor Roll in News & Notes on Mother's Day! Donations should be placed in the offering basket along with the form, or mailed/dropped off to the church. All donations will go to the Camp DuBois Scholarship Foundation allowing our church children, and neighborhood children, to attend summer camp. Your donation supports our youth and assists in creating lifetime experiences and memories of summer camp! Please place your donations in the offering basket along w/ the form or mail to the church office.

**Circle One:**                      In memory of                      In honor of

Mother/Loved One's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Masterworks Children's Choir

#### Voices of Spring: Cantamos!

*Metro-East's finest young ensemble in concert  
- a delightful surprise!*

Tickets – Eventbrite, (618) 304-9094, or at door

*Sunday, April 22, 2018, 3:00 pm*



**USED  
BOOK  
SALE**



### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK FAIR

Wed, May 2    9 am-7 pm

Thurs, May 3    9 am-7 pm

Fri, May 4    9 am-7 pm



### Experience DuBois Center this Summer

Explore God's creation on acres and acres of beautiful terrain. Swim and boat in the lake. Ride a horse. Go for a hike. Sing around the bonfire and experience the wonders of the night. Play wacky games and make new friends. Be yourself, try new things and grow your faith. Be part of a Christian community. See how amazing serving God is! Days at DuBois are filled with a variety of activities which are adapted for different age groups and provide a progression of experiences.

There is an exciting line-up of great summer camps for all ages at DuBois Center.

**Camp brochures are available in our church office! [www.duboiscenter.org](http://www.duboiscenter.org)**

**A full week at Camp costs \$400 +/-.** If you'd like to provide scholarship assistance, write your check to St. Paul UCC. and designate it

**"DuBois Scholarship." You'll help provide a wonderful opportunity for one of our young people.**

Offering for 04/01/2018 - \$15,177

**General Fund**

Needed each week \$12,912

Giving to... \$169,614  
Budget to... \$167,856

Total Budget \$671,441

**St. Paul Community Collection Corner**

Located in the hallway,  
by long pew on way to Heritage Hall.  
This is where you can bring the items  
listed below, to help the groups and others  
listed.

- Community Interfaith Food Pantry  
New non-perishable foods,  
school supplies,  
diapers and wipes.
- Waterman Shoe Project  
Used, good condition shoes,  
wrapped in pairs with rubber  
band, no boxes please.  
If you have large amount,  
please call ahead. Thank you.
- Newspaper Blue Sleeves  
Clean and Dry, place in red cart  
to be reused by paper deliver  
people in area.
- Recycle Ink Cartridges for Baby Class  
Baby Fun Stories and more will  
happily recycle your cartridges as  
a fundraiser for their class.

**Babies Fun Stories & More  
with Ms. Syndy  
Babies & Toddlers  
with Caregivers**

(Older siblings are welcome  
to join us also!)

Join us at 9:30am on any 2nd and 4th Wed  
of the month as we use finger plays,  
songs, books, and  
rhymes to educate, socialize  
and support each other  
and our children.



**St. Paul UCC**

— *This week at* —

Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!

**Weekly Attendance**

9am / Celebration	Apr 1, 2018	Apr 2, 2017
	288/39	376/51

- Sun, Apr 15     **9am Traditional Service**  
**11am Celebration Service**
- Mon, Apr 16     10am Exercise Class  
12pm Prayer Group-Gen Rm  
3pm Gov French  
6pm Volleyball
- Tues, Apr 17     **OSP Deadline**  
9am Quilters  
10am Website Mtg  
10am Christian Ed—Gen Rm  
3pm Gov French  
5pm Comm Dinner  
6pm NAMI-Great Rm  
6pm Cub Scouts  
6pm Finance Mtg –office  
7pm Women’s Guild  
7pm Confirmation –library
- Wed, Apr 18     10am Genealogy Class  
10:30 Staff Mtg  
3pm Gov French  
5pm Basketball  
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Apr 19     3pm Gov French  
4pm Masterworks  
6pm Board Mtgs
- Fri, Apr 20     12:30 MDO Bareda Dedication  
3pm Gov French  
7pm Fine Arts Concert



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

The flowers on the altar today are  
in memory of  
Search Committee Members  
Steve Suess and Jim Means.  
They will forever be our inspiration.



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### ***For Our Prayers***

Marilee Black - Jo Ann Elmore - Linda Mentzer - Marsha McCoy  
Jeanette Phillips - Giny Weber - Jim Young

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### ***For Our Thoughts***

A smile is a universal welcome.

*Max Eastman*

Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with it is your gift back to God.

*Leo Buscaglia*

Accept the challenges so that you can feel the  
exhilaration of victory.

*George S. Patton*