

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Second Sunday in Easter

April 8, 2018 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament + Please stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lived* Wilbur Held

+CALL TO WORSHIP

The Tomb was found empty!

What does this mean?

Jesus has risen!

What does this mean?

Jesus come to us, saying "Peace be with you!"

What does this mean?

O ye of little faith, do not doubt, but believe!

What does this mean?

Come, let us walk the journey of faith,
acknowledging our doubts but holding on to hope,
For Christ is Risen!

+HYMN

The Risen Christ



1. O, Breath of God, come fill this place, ___ re - vive our hearts to know Your
2. O, Word of God, so clear and true, ___ re - new our minds to trust in
3. O, love of God, so un - re - strained, ___ re - fresh our souls, in Je - sus'
4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son, ___ and God the Spir - it, make us



grace; _____ And from our slum - ber _____ make us
You; _____ And give to us the _____ Bread of
name; _____ Let us re - flect Your _____ sac - ri -
one; _____ In ho - li - ness let _____ us u -



rise; That we may know the _____ ris - en Christ.
Life; That we may know the _____ ris - en Christ.
-fice; That we may know the _____ ris - en Christ.
-nite; That we may know the _____ ris - en Christ.

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to

Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

SCRIPTURE READING - John 20:19-31

SERMON

Easter 2.0

SOLO

An Offering
Bill Guthrie, soloist

arr. Dan Forrest

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

OFFERTORY

Up from the Grave
Bill Guthrie, soloist

John W. Peterson

+DOXOLOGY 357, verse 1 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

+DEDICATION PRAYER

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives as your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

+HYMN # 142

Rejoice the Lord is King

+ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing J. Wayne Kerr

Information for friends...new and old.

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

9am Traditional Service with hymns and Children's Church, when your children can go for a lesson after our Children's time & can be picked up after service in the Welcome Center. We also have our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** with our B Street Band, who play contemporary Christian music. Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.

The Nursery is open during 9 am services. 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.

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

Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul UCC, 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 telephone the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastors will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current. **Your telephone call is crucial to our ministry!**

*"No matter who you are,
No matter where you
are on life's journey,
You are welcome here."*

For Our Prayers

Marilee Black - Linda Mentzer - Marsha McCoy -Jim Young

For Our Pastoral Search

Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pray for your church to grow in love toward one another.

For Our Thoughts

There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter.

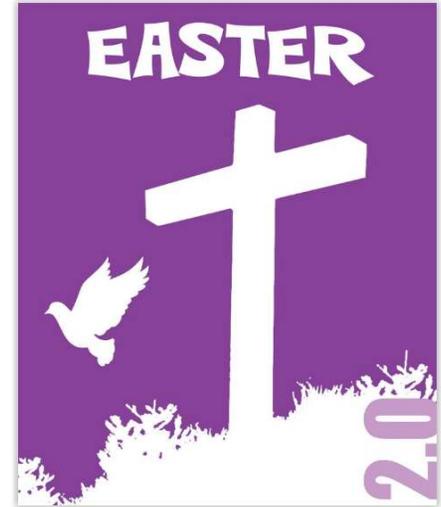
Gordon B. Hinckley

I really do believe that God is love, one of deep affection and grace and forgiveness and inspiration.

William P. Young

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

Saint Augustine



Welcome

We are glad you're here!

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April 8, 2018

9 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15 Adult Christian Education—Library

11am

Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

115 West B Street, Belleville (618) 233-3303

www.stpaulucc.org

Our Special Guests today:

Craig Bielke & Greg Seaman



— This week at — St. Paul UCC

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Apr 8 9am Traditional Service
10:15 Adult Christ Ed—library
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Apr 9 10am Exercise Class
3pm Gov French
4:30 Ecuador Mtg— Theatre
5:30 Safety Mtg— HH
6pm Youth Group-Gen Rm
6pm Mission—Library
- Tues, Apr 10 9am Quilters
10am Website Mtg
10am Christian Ed—Library
3pm Gov French
5pm Comm Dinner
6pm NAMI-Great Rm
6pm Cub Scouts
7pm Shufflers
- Wed, Apr 11 9:30 Baby Class
10:30 Staff Mtg
3pm Gov French
5pm Finance Mtg—Library
5pm Volleyball
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Apr 12 3pm Gov French
4pm Masterworks
6pm Board Mtgs
- Fri, Apr 13 9am S&N Mtg
3pm Gov French
- Sat, Apr 14 9am Recycling event
10am Ctr Prayer
Improv Night—AC

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.



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thank
you



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE LENTEN & EASTER SEASON A JOYFUL & UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

The blue barrel for books will disappear after this Sunday!!

When barrel is gone - No more books will be collected at St. Paul for the sale this year. Thank you!



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 8 9am - Craig Bielke 11am - Greg Seaman
- April 15 9am Rev. Michelle Torigian w/ Craig Bielke
- April 22 9am Pastor Herb Schafale 11am Greg Seaman
- April 29 9am-Craig Bielke 11am-Greg Seaman



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

Sat, April 14 9am to Noon

St. Paul UCC, Parking Lot

FOR COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT IS ACCEPTED— PLEASE SEE WWW.STPAULUCC.ORG

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

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.

2018 Adult Mission Trip

Our 2018 trip is planned for the week of May 14 – 18at Camp DuBois. Please contact Roger Harris 277-3805 or roger.harris@bankofamerica to volunteer or for more info.



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Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration	Mar 25, 2018	Mar 26, 2017
	168/30	149/77

Offering for 03/25/2018 - \$11,210	General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to: _____	\$154,438	
Budget to: _____	\$154,944	
Total Budget _____		\$671,441

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Returns 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 DRIVE, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62221
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



Uni-Pres Kindercottage
Night at the Improv
Laughter, Frivolity & Jocularly
Featuring Ed Reggi and
The Paper Slips Theater

Saturday, April 14
Doors open for silent auction at 5pm
Dinner & Show at 6pm
At St. Paul UCC
115 West "B" Street, Belleville

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

NEW TIMES!!