

Welcome to St. Paul UCC



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Sunday, April 12, 2026 ~ 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Stephenie Bauza

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Tune: Ave Virgo Virginum
arr. Garrett Parker

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

Within our questioning, Christ appears.

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection
who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here.
For we are all participants in the story of God's saving work in the world, a story
still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected
Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have
shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace
the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A life beyond our
doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and
trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the
presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and
our purpose. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 461

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,
4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what - e'er you love, and do what you would do.
un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with your fire di - vine.
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson (1842-1914)

TRENTHAM
S.M.



Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved one. To sign up, you can call or email the church office. 618-233-3303 ~ swilhelm@stpaulucc.org Cost is \$35.00.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that impedes us,
The ignorance that hinders us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
Move to those places where love is needed,
And have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! Alleluia! Amen.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
by Martin Shaw
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Stephenie Bauza

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight
arr. Patti Drennan

*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

DEDICATION PRAYER

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*
by Palestrina
arr. Robert J. Hughes



THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, June 25th - 6:30-9:00PM

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15! **Deadline to sign up is June 12th!** **Families are welcome!**

Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 for ages 6-11)
2-4 people per table

Attendance prizes and a prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.
Bring your own drinks and snacks! Popcorn & lemonade will be provided.

Sponsored by St Paul UCC Mission and Christian Education teams.
All proceeds will be donated to Beacon who provides low income people in need of furniture and household goods for a new beginning.

RSVP by mailing or dropping off a check or cash to the office!
115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

or Scan the Paypal QR Code
(put puzzle race in the memo)

 **618-233-3303 or email swilhelm@stpaulucc.org**



St. Paul UCC Fine Arts
presents . . .

SWIC JAZZ BAND

**APRIL
25
7.30 pm**

 **St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. St
Belleville, IL**

 **A free will offering is happily
accepted and greatly
appreciated!** 

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 293



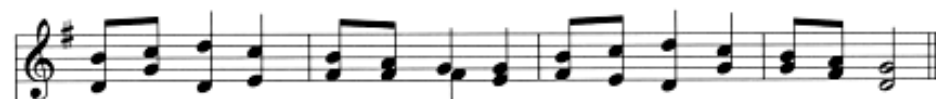
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



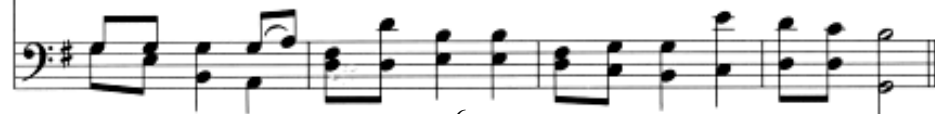
Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!



SEEKERS *Bible Study*



April 7 to May 12, 2026

The Seekers is a diverse group of people each on their own faith journey. It is a consensus driven group that openly discusses and determines the study topics and direction.

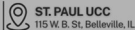
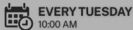
No previous Biblical knowledge is necessary.

Pizza and salad are celebratory meals shared after reaching study milestones.

Who: Members and nonmembers; any person who is open to learning and thinking about the topic in new ways

Where: Genesis Room (downstairs at Sanctuary entrance)

What: Listen Up! Bible Study of the book of ACTS Part 3 of 3 parts



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MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. Street, Belleville
Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
No cost - just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

A free will offering is happily accepted.

Free! All are welcome!

St. Paul Women's Guild

Please join us at our next meeting to see what we're all about! All ladies are welcome!

Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

We help support the community and other missions with proceeds from our Rummage and Bake Sales!



Treat yourself to an afternoon out with old friends & maybe make a new friend. We'd love to have you join us!

SAVE THE DATE

Crafty Mania

Saturday, September 26, 2025 - 9am-8pm

Cost: \$45 for the day - lunch is included.
Dinner will be available for an additional \$10.

St. Paul UCC - 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
(Enter on C. St. through the Activity Center)

Register by sending in a check with your information to St. Paul UCC!

Proceeds to benefit organizations outside our church in the greater Belleville area.

Call for questions or more information: 618-233-3303
Reservations and payment are due by:
September 15th!

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

April 12 - Al Scharf
April 19 - Linda & Carol Speichinger
May 3 - Zoey Davenport
May 10 - Zoey Davenport
May 17 - Al Scharf
May 24 - Linda & Carol Speichinger
May 31 - Mona Scheibel

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A COFFEE HOUR HOST!

It takes about 15-20 min to set up.
Our guests arrive about 10:00.
Better to have their coffee ready at that time. Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner.
Takes about 20-25 min to clean up.
Printed instructions are available.
Assistance is always available.
Contact the office to sign up!



Threads of Hope Quilters

Every Tuesday ~ 9am-2pm!
@ St. Paul UCC!

Join us for the enjoyment
of quilting.

for info: 618-233-3303
(Community Outreach Mission)



Visiting Clergy

APRIL 19 - CRAIG BIELKE

APRIL 26 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

MAY 3 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 Tim Ritter
 Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller
 Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas
 Al Stahl
 Audrey Krummrich
 Laura Sadler
 Alec Zaber
 Jane Bonaldi



Metro East Community Chorale

2026 Spring Concert

Sunday, May 3
 3:00 p.m.



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 115 W B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org

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

Weekly Offerings	4/3/2026
Operating	\$ 21,434.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
	<u>\$ 21,489.00</u>
Giving YTD	\$ 106,620.76
*Large Donation	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 90,662.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

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Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

March 29, 2026	102	+ Online Participants
March 30, 2025	97	+ Online Participants

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