

St. Paul UCC

HE IS RISEN



Welcome to St. Paul UCC

Sunday, April 5, 2026 ~ 9:00 am



EASTER SUNDAY



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Visiting Clergy</i>	Rev. Joan H. Mier
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Sandy Wagner

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brass Quintet

Intrade
by Johann Pezel

Lead On, O King Eternal
by Henry T. Smart/Larry Moore

***EASTER PROCESSIONAL** (all rise, in body or spirit, and sing)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(see page 6)

PROCLAIMING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP—APOSTLES' CREED, Contemporary Version (in unison)**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the [universal Christian Church], the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Hear our “Alleluias” this day O’ God of amazing grace! We celebrate together the resurrection of our Savior, and your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. By your miraculous love, you raised him from death in the tomb, to new life with you. He is the One who shows all people that there is victory over death, and the gift of eternal life with you. We praise you this day and forever more, celebrating your Spirit among us! Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Let your hearts feel the presence of the Risen Christ with you as you enter this personal time with God. This is that moment when we are completely honest with God, expressing the ways that we have kept ourselves from complete communion with our Savior. Let us open ourselves, now, to divine forgiveness. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

In spite of our tendency to pull apart, in spite of our tenacity to our old ways, our loving God continues to call us back together again, showing us the true nature of forgiveness. God does not keep score of our wrongs or measures how far we have wandered. God welcomes us, like a parent embracing a lost child in loving arms. As we are welcomed home, we are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and to others again and again as God offers it to us in Jesus Christ, our hope and our home. **Amen**

ANTHEM

Coronation
by Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir and Easter Brass

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 108:1-5
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

Sandy Wagner
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Rev. Joan H. Mier

CHILDREN'S EASTER MOMENT

Synthia Kalinowski

HYMN

Hymn of Promise

(see page 7)

SERMON

"DAILY ALLELUIAS"

Rev. Joan H. Mier

PASTORAL AND 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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

Let our "Alleluias" be part of the love gifts that we present to the Lord this day. Let this time be celebratory, knowing that we are being called to extend the ministry of our Risen Savior through the gifts we offer. Let it be so. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

Tune: Crusaders' Hymn
arr. Mark Hayes

*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**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

We dedicate this offering, O' Lord our God, to our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless these love gifts and show us how to use them wisely, according to your holy will. Let the unconditional love of Christ shine forth from this church home and go forth into the world with your disciples. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

(page 8)

***COMMISSIONING**

May Christ, our only Savior, dwell within you that you may go forth with the light of hope in your eyes and the fire of inspiration on your lips, the word of God on your tongues, and divine love in your hearts. Let it be so. Alleluia! **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide you and sustain you today and in all your tomorrows. Alleluia! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah

by G.F. Handel

arr. Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Choir and Easter Brass

Thank you to our Easter Brass Quintet:

Rob Endicott, trumpet

Tom Birkner, trumpet

Paul Johnston, horn

Jon Siddle, trombone

Troy Marble, tuba



288 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C G C E F E C C E Dm7 C F C 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!

F C F C Dm7 C C G C C E Dm7 C F C 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 D7 G C G7 C G G D7 G C E G 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 C C F F E C C E F C Dm C 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!

Hymn of Promise

Unison F Gm7
F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7 C7 F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7 G E A Dm Gm6 A7

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7 G F A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain (Unison)

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

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

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

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

Verse (parts)

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

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,
2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied,
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
D C B 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.

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MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947)

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CRUCIFER
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Easter Memorials

In honor of :

Our granddaughter, Avery Elser, by Bruce & Pam Elser
Our family, by Allen & Nancy Scharf

In memory of :

My parents, Walter & Marcella Peter, by Eileen Peter
Our parents, Marvin & Rosemary Henke,
by Roger and Mark Henke and Mona Scheibel
My husband, Russ Scheibel, by Mona Scheibel
Steve Suess, by Barb, Andy, Megan, Drew, Kate, Chip, Ceely, Brooks and Lucy
John & Beulah Komeshak and Wayne & Rene Wagner,
by The Wagner & Florek families
Patricia Buckrod, Joseph & Lourene Buckrod and Clarence & Edna Georg,
by Gary Buckrod & family
Leroy Kirsch, by his wife Dolly and family
William W. Lindauer, by Marlene Lindauer & family
David Sutherland, by Paul & Sue Sutherland
Edward L. & Billy Ruth Pelc, by The Shelton family and The Gentry family
Art & Helen Burgott, by Louis & Carolyn Ryseff and James & Dr. Julia Ryseff
Lillian & Jacob Ryseff and Kurt Jacob Mueller,
by Louis & Carolyn Ryseff and James & Dr. Julia Ryseff
Ken & Mike Nettleton, by Vi Nettleton
Linda Mentzer, by her family
Mary McCreight and Schaible, by Edie Elliott
Our parents, Byron & Marie Elser and Floyd & Bernice Sperino, by Brue & Pam Elser
John & Emma Eiff, by Jolene Braden family
Les & Peggy Mueller, Jack & Lillian Ryseff and Kurt Mueller,
by Lynwood & Kristine Mueller
Our parents, Arthur & Flora Lehman and Albert & Frieda Keuss,
by Alan & Karen Keuss
Doris & Kenneth Sindel, by Terry & Synthia Kalinowski

Upcoming EVENTS

at St. Paul UCC

- April 10(4-7PM) & 11(9AM - Noon) Rummage Sale
- April 25 (7:30PM) – SWIC Fine Arts Concert
- April 27 (6 – 8PM) Monday Funday
- May 3 (7:30PM) – Metro East Chorale Concert
- May 9 (7:30PM) – Belleville Philharmonic Concert
- May 25 –(6-8PM) Monday Funday
- June 25–Great Puzzle Race (6:30-9PM)
- September 26 – Craftymania

www.stpaulucc.org
618-233-3303

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!



We meet on the 3rd
Wednesday of each month
@ 1:00 pm!



Metro East Community Chorale

2026

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 3

3:00 p.m.



St Paul United Church of Christ

115 W B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org

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!

Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are a lovely way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of your loved

one. To sign up, call the church office.

Cost is \$35.00.



THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

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

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15!

Deadline to sign up is June 12th!

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

Families are welcome!

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!



ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

8 Bake Sale! 115 W. B Street - Belleville, IL, Activity Center (Gym) (Across from Franklin School)

INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



SALE DATES
Fri., Apr. 10
4-7pm &
Sat., Apr. 11
9am-12pm

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)



Our With You Team continues to serve the congregation in meaningful ways. We have recently begun serving communion to homebound members.

This is proving to be meaningful for those who receive and serve.

Perhaps you are being called to serve others as well. Please contact Susan Relfe (susanrelfe@outlook.com) if you would like to give to this ministry.


Christ is risen—indeed!

Your partners in caring, The With You Ministry Team

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2)

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

Puzzles and Board Games Available!



Bring your friends!

A free will offering is happily accepted.
Free! All are welcome!

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
 Mike Foppe
 Alec Zaber
 Lindsay Eversmeyer, niece of Pam Nicholson
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel
 Sandy Ritter

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

 **EVERY TUESDAY**
 10:00 AM

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Weekly Offerings	3/27/2026	
Operating	\$	1,979.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
	\$	1,989.00
Giving YTD	\$	85,131.76
Weekly Budget	\$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$	83,688.00
Total Budget	\$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
March 22, 2026	86	+ Online Participants
March 23, 2025	80	+ Online Participants

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: *It is right to give God our thanks and praise.*



Pastor: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as if you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shares the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we glorify you:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. **AMEN**

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

People: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Pastor: The Body of Christ, the living bread. People: **AMEN**

Pastor: The blood of Christ, the saving cup. People: **AMEN**

Pastor: Come, for all things are ready.

(Congregants are invited to come forward to receive of the Holy Elements)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

*Book of Worship, United Church of Christ, Service of Word and Sacrament II

