



**Christ Is Risen
Indeed!**

Easter Sunday Worship

Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship ~ online

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Our **4pm Sunday Outdoor Service** is influenced by non-traditional Christian music, along with fellowship and family time. These seasonal services can also be seen and heard on Facebook Live and stpaulucc.org.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 618-233-3303.
- We want to know you that you are listening / watching online!
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to <https://acionlinegiving.com/4828> for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS	
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i>	John Posth

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

***St. Paul
United Church of Christ***

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 9:00 am

PRELUDE

What Wonderful Love

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

WELCOME

INVOCATION

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* (EASTER HYMN)

Text: Charles Wesley Arranged by Brian Buda & Shelly Hamilton

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!
* 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le - lu - ia!
* 6. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus 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!
Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - le - lu - ia!

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!
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - disc, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou, Al - le - lu - ia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739
MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

with Christian Education
Team Members

The Story of Easter



ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759) Orchestration by Wolfgang A. Mozart: Arr. by Adam & Matt Podd

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

The Hopeful Unknown

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE 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.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation

On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ.
On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.
On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.
On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.
On this day, we come to the table with joy surging in our souls:
Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Prayer of Communion

It is through our neighbors and creation that we see the rising of Christ, O God. Creator of Our Earth: We celebrate the shifting of seasons from one to the next. As the earth sheds its snow, it begins to drink in the warm rains and creation comes alive once again.

And so in this spirit of brightness and life, we celebrate. We celebrate the risen Christ in our midst. We celebrate the table in which we can join together with friends and strangers, loved ones and enemies. Through this meal which has stood the test of time, we covenant to love you, God. We covenant to love as Jesus the Christ loved us—loving our neighbors as ourselves. Through a simple meal of grain and grape, we, your children, unite.

As we enter this season of Easter, we ask that the warm winds of the Spirit encircle this table and accompany us on our journey. May this Spirit help us to recognize the Christ-presence in our midst. May the Spirit open our souls in order for us to see humanity, God and creation through the eyes of Jesus.

It was Jesus who introduced this meal to his followers. Even though Jesus knew he would be betrayed and deserted by those at this supper, he still continued to join them at the table, sharing time and space with whom he grew closest.

As the night lengthened, Jesus took a simple portion of bread. He blessed it and broke it, and shared it with the disciples. He urged them: *Remember me.*

Afterwards, Jesus took the cup. During his blessing, Jesus reminded them how he would go to the ends of the earth in his love for them. Today, we celebrate this earth-shaking love of Jesus – a love that sent him to the cross and a love that lives eternally with us, encouraging us to live a resurrected life.

The Bread of Life and the Cup of the Covenant:
Gifts to unite the Body of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Through this time together today, we celebrate the covenant that ties us with God, Jesus the Christ, our neighbors and creation. Thank you, Divine Crafter of the Table, for fashioning us a holy meal that unites us with the Body of Christ. Send us into the world resurrected, refreshed and ready to share Christ's unconditional love. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns (DIADEMATA)

Text by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, Music by George Elve, arr. by John A. Behnke (b. 1954)

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The piece concludes with a final double bar line and a repeat sign.

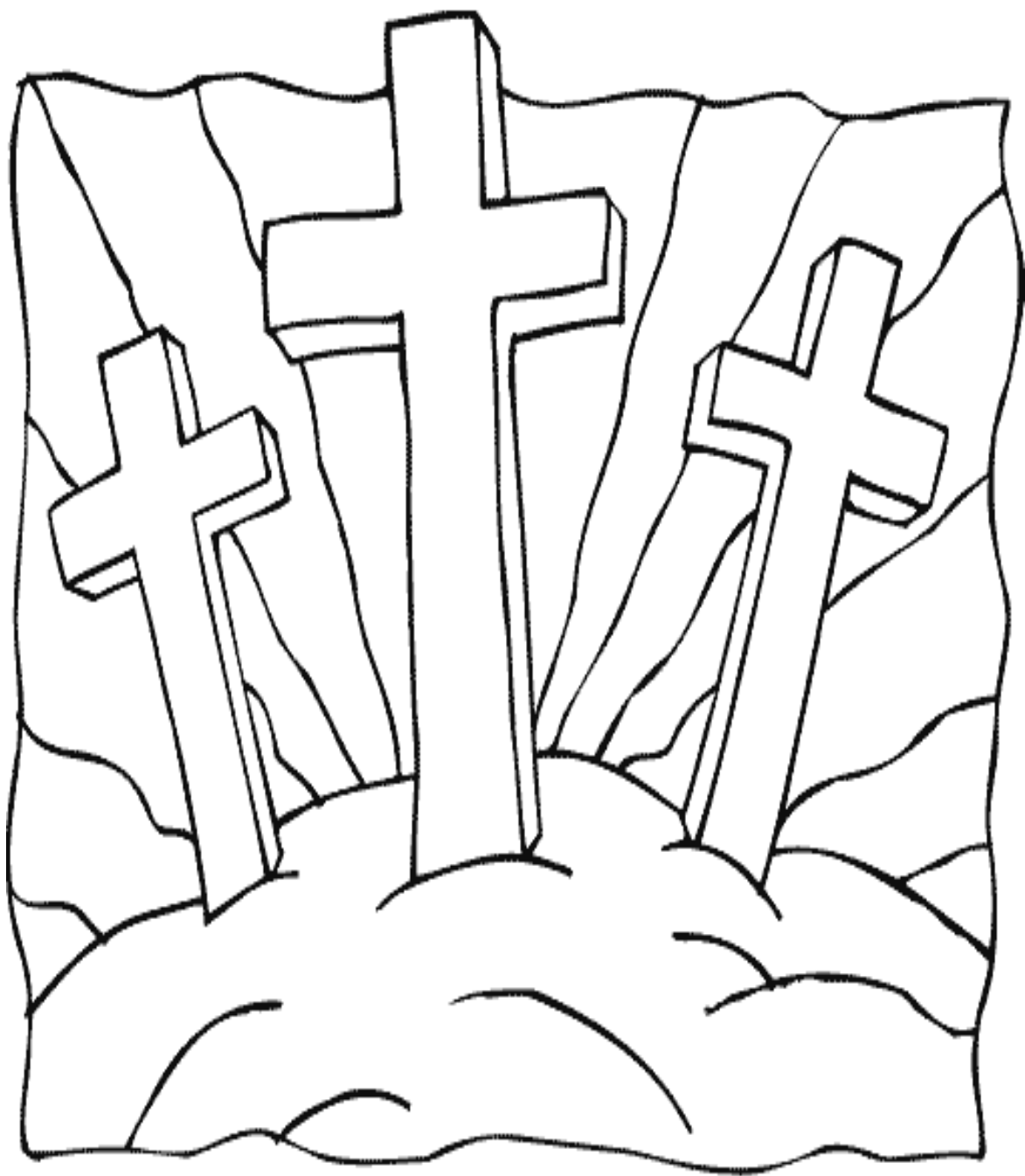
BLESSING OF THE GIFTS and BENEDICTION

Holy One, with gratitude, we celebrate all gifts we have been given and the gifts we share with the church and our community. May the treasures, talents, and time we share build a world in which all people experience resurrection and renewal. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Symphony for Organ No. 5)
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



Easter Gifts

In Memory of

My husband, Paul Bauza, by Stephenie Bauza.
My parents, Robert & Louise Bauder, by Stephenie Bauza.
My brother, Daniel Bauder, by Stephenie Bauza.
Denny Spencer, by Lynn & Luci Bradley.
William Whicher, by Lynn & Luci Bradley.
Albert G Juenger, by Vera Juenger.
My dad, Leroy Kirsch, by Peggy & Scott Burke.
My husband, Leroy Kirsch, by Dolly Kirsch.
My husband, William W. Lindauer, by Marlene Lindauer.
My parents, Allan & Louise Wiatt, from Mimi Llamas.
My husband, Don Llamas, from Mimi Llamas.
My parents, Walter & Marcella Peter, by Eileen Peter.
My husband, Russ Scheibel, by Mona Scheibel.
My parents, Marvin & Rosemary Henke, by Mona Scheibel.
Ron Steen, by Deanna Sherland & Larry Pool.
David Sutherland, by Paul & Sue Sutherland.
John & Buelah Komeshak, by Rusty & Sandy Wagner.
Wayne & Rene Wagner, by Rusty & Sandy Wagner.

Flowers In Honor of

Our granddaughter, Avery Marie Elser, by Pam & Bruce Elser.
Our kids, Matt, Wayne, Alex, & Maggie, by Deanna Sherland & Larry Pool.
Pastor Michelle's Ministry at St. Paul UCC, by Laureen Torigian & family.

Flowers In Memory of

Novella Grace Arms, by Jesse Arms.
Henry & Gladys Caughman, by Wayne Caughman.
Mary McCreight, by Edie Elliott.
Byron & Marie Elser and Floyd Sperino, by Pam & Bruce Elser.
Vincent Torigian, by Laureen Torigian, Pastor Michelle & Aaron, Lori, Nick, Jack & Ellie.
Arthur & Helen Burgott, by Louis, Caroline, James, & Dr. Julia Ryseff.
Lillian & Jacob Ryseff & Kurt Jacob Mueller, by Louis, Caroline, James, & Dr. Julia Ryseff.
Norbert Krausz, by the Trnka Family.
John Trnka, by the Trnka Family.
Roland & Marylin Hoelscher, by Jerry Pierce.
Daniel Pierce, by Jerry Pierce.
Dave Sherland, by Deanna Sherland & Larry Pool.
Ken & June Dove, by Deanna Sherland & Larry Pool.
MaryAnne Walton, with love,
by Larry Walton.

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

QUESTION: In 1839, our church was founded by a preacher who came from an organization whose mission was to establish churches throughout North America. The organization was in Pennsylvania and had been operating since 1783. What was the name of this religious entity? (*Answer below*)

This Week

Sun, April 4 9am & 10:45am Worship

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul!!

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK** - Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**
- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**
9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Call the church office 618-233-3303**
We are happy to talk with you!

Praying for your health and well-being!

For Your Prayers

Walter Beatty
Dottie Engelsdorfer
Skyler & Katie Kleiboeker,
newborn grandson & daughter of Betty Rotert.
Phil McClary, Lynn Koehler's nephew
Carl Schneider
Sherry Stepp
Carol Wilkinson, Oriana's aunt
Grace Wolf

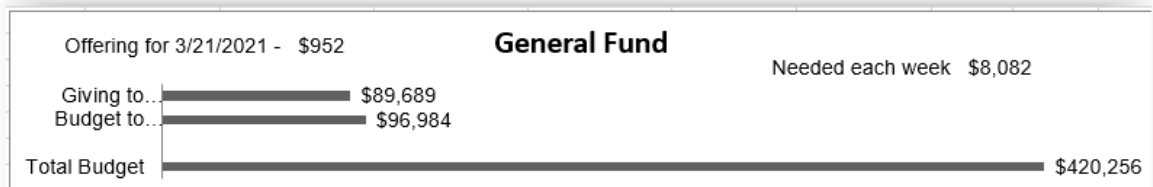
PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call 233-3303. Thank you!

Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am	<u>Mar 21, 2021</u>	<u>Mar 22, 2020</u>
	24/30	0/Online

ANSWER: The German Evangelical Protestant Church of North America



This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.