



**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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



# *Welcome to Worship*

at St. Paul UCC

April 24, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i> .....	Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Janet Spencer
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Roger Relfe

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRELUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*  
(GELOBT sei GOTT)  
Healey Willan

**CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)**

One: Coming on the clouds or walking on the roads,

**Many: The Christ is in our midst.**

One: Inside of sanctuaries or outside of church buildings,

**Many: The Christ is in our midst.**

One: In heaven's realm or the cyber universe,

**Many: The Christ is in our midst.**

**INVOCATION (UNISON)**

**God of the visible and invisible-**

**We gaze upon roads ahead knowing that you are ahead of us. We seek your presence when the fog is heavy and our hearts are hurting. In the moments of haze, clear the path before us. In the moments of clarity, show your face to us. Allow us to hear your voice in the depths of night as we search for your presence and call. Amen.**

# Christ Is Alive!

C G7 D C E F G7 D C G D C E

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 - ery 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

G7 D C G7 F C E G7 D C G G B D G G B

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 - ery age; till earth and sky and

C G D D7 G G F C E C Dm7 Dm6 C Dm C G G7 C

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery 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 jus - tice, love, and praise.

**\*OPENING HYMN**      Christ Is Alive  
TRURO (see previous page)

**\*PRAYER OF REFLECTION**  
Spirit of Serenity-  
You tell us “peace be with you,” but we set that peace aside to live with drama and chaos. We are drawn to highly emotional situations instead of the peace that only comes from you. *How can we set aside turmoil to live within your realm of peace?* When we cannot sense your holy tranquility surrounding us, open our souls to your warm and calming presence. May we embrace your peace and scatter serenity into our world. Amen.

**A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**MISSION MOMENT**      St. Paul MDO Sue Hoffmann

**ANTHEM**      *Alleluia! All Glory Be to God,*  
by Gordon Young  
Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**      John 20:19-31

**SERMON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

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This worship service is live streamed and recorded. \*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

**REFLECTION ON GIVING**

We hold many gifts in our hearts and minds. As we sense your presence surrounding us, Holy One, may we discern ways to use our talents and treasures for the health of your realm.

**\*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.**

**\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)**

**Holy God, Holy Light  
Even when our surroundings are murky, you shine around us. Even  
in the long nights of discernment and wonder, you make your  
presence known, calling us to use all of our gifts to enhance this  
world. May the gifts we share today and each day hereafter create a  
Church of grace and a Community of love. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*He Lives*  
**ACKLEY** (See pages 6 &7)

**\*BENEDICTION**

No matter the brightness of the day or the clear skies of night, our God is moving with us, the Christ is calling to us “Peace be with you,” and the Holy Spirit is surrounding us. May Divine Serenity be our companion as we build the realm of God on earth. Amen!

**POSTLUDE**      *TOCCATA ON PSALM 150*  
Douglas E. Wagner

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# He Lives



1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;  
and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,



and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.  
the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

*Refrain*

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
 he lives, he lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way,

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
 he lives, he lives,

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.



**WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY  
 ON APRIL 29, 2022 TO DICK ERDMANN  
 LOVE, RUTH ANN**



**TODAY'S MUSIC SPONSORED BY RUTH ANN ERDMANN**





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

**The five windows on the east wall of the Welcome Center show the stages of life: birth, youth, maturity, age and death. How did the artist portray these stages.**

### This Week

#### Sundays

9am Traditional Worship  
10am Coffee Hour & Culinaire's  
Breakfast (3rd Sunday of the month)

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -**

Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to [stpaulucc.org](http://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) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

### For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether

Lori Coleman

Mike Eckert

Carol Hotz

Shirley Martin

Sue Kuether

Eileen Wetzel

Grace Wolf

Darwin Bretsch

Diane Drake

Marilyn

Dinkelmann

Christopher Mitchell

David Grimm, Diane Dennison's daughter  
in laws's brother

Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt

Brian Sample, nephew of Kathy Birkner

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)

or call 618-233-3303

*Praying for your health and well being!*



**ANSWER:**  
By levels of sand in an hourglass.



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#### Weekly Attendance

9am April 10, 2022 107 + Online Participants April 11, 2021 19 + 16 Outside

Offering through 4/10/2022 - \$9,872

#### **General Fund**

Needed each week \$7,696

Giving to Date  \$125,868  
Budget to...  \$115,440

Total Budget  \$400,199