



*Dazzling Glimmering
Resurrections!*

**Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday**

“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 20, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Easter Sunday



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Roger Relfe

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Intrada*, by Johann Pezel
 Patiencia, by Anthony Holborne
 Lead On, O King Eternal, by Henry T. Smart, arr. Moore
 Easter Brass Quintet

WELCOME Rev. Michelle Torigian

PRELUDE *Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah*
 by G.F. Handel, arr. Hal Hopson
 Sanctuary Choir and Easter Brass Quintet

One: He is Risen! **Many: He is Risen Indeed!**

INVOCATION (UNISON)

One: Loving God, Holy Gardener of Surprises, as we come upon the tombs of our lives, let us face resilience with hope. As we walk away from the catacombs of yesterday's experiences, let us embrace the one who taught us how to rise. As Easter's sun shines in our world, allow us to see your presence with clarity.

All: Nudge us forward to tomorrow's dawn. May the old things of yesterday live fondly in our souls. Yet, allow us to release what we no longer need in order to share space with tomorrow's thrilling surprises. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

Tune: EASTER HYMN

***PRAYER OF REFLECTION (UNISON)**

Creator God, you crafted gardens and carved rocks. In your world, you have prepared sanctuaries for us. Unfortunately, we have lingered in these places for far too long. We neglected your voice when you called us to stand up and exit places of contentment. We continue to look for life in spaces that no longer thrive with your Spirit. Meet the desires of our hearts, yet drive us into spaces which are less comfortable. Give us peace as we venture into the unknown. Help us to know you in new places and with hearts of hope. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

God will continue to nudge us into the unknown. God will pry us from our spaces of comfort and lead us into unfamiliar places. And through each of these experiences, God's love and grace will fill our hearts with joy and wonder. Amen! Alleluia!

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

Arise My Faithful
by Mark S. Repasky
Sanctuary Choir and Easter Brass Quintet

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

Dazzling Glimmers

Pastor Michelle

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.**

REFLECTION ON GIVING

As the dawn of this new season rises our spirits, we use this new light to help us find clarity. In our search for new ways of loving and living, we desire to use our gifts and listen for God's calling. Let us reflect as we share our treasures, talents, and time here and now.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Lord, What a Morning

Traditional American Spiritual, arr. By Larry Shackley

***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)**

God of the faithful and of seekers and doubters, bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are always appearing. Bless our hands so that your love might appear in the work we share. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

(See page 6)

Hymn Tune: CRUCIFER, arr. Carl Schalk

***BENEDICTION**

As we go forth, may you be reminded of the creative renewing energy of God. May you be witnesses of the wonders of God's work in the world through Christ. May you be reminded of the possibilities of victory and glory amidst death and despair. And may God be gracious to you and give you peace. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

by Ludwig van Beethoven



Easter Memorials

IN HONOR OF :

Our children and grandchildren, Lee Alison Wilson & Jack, Daniel & Amanda Friedrich and Finn & Hannah, by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Pastor Michelle's ministry at St. Paul UCC, by Laureen
Bill Guthrie for his many fine solos, which have blessed us through
the years, by Mary Lu Bretsch
My mom, Laureen, by Pastor Michelle Torigian

IN MEMORY OF :

Our parents, Elmer & Sue Bretsch and Lowell & Lucille Belcher,
by Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch
Our parents, Elmer & Genevieve Friedrich and Frederick & Esther Koch,
by Gary & Janice Friedrich
Vincent Torigian, by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori and family
Lawrence & Queenie Emmons and Fred & Margaret Torigian,
by Laureen, Pastor Michelle, Lori and family
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, Brook 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, children & grandchildren
My parents, A. Lloyd & Martha M. Culley and my brother
and his wife, Wayne L. & Pat Culley, by Jane Bonaldi
William W. Lindauer, by Marlene Lindauer & family
David Sutherland, by Paul Sutherland
My parents, Elmer & Mary Ann Grohmann, by Diane C. Grohmann
Edward L. & Billy Ruth Pelc, by The Shelton family and The Gentry family
Helen & Art 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, and all my loved ones, by Vi Nettleton
Denny Spencer, by Janet Spencer
Linda Mentzer, by her family
Mary Anne, Orville, Zora, Lucretia and Lena, by Larry Walton



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE IN
CELEBRATION OF JACOB FLOREK'S
18TH BIRTHDAY,
BY GPA & GMA WAGNER



Today's music is in honor of
our Music Director ,Tristan Frampton
and
our Organist, Cindy Johnson
by the St. Paul
Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers



Flowers *and* Fascinator's Tea

Please Join Us

Sunday, April 27

2 - 4 p.m. in Heritage Hall

For Our

Mother, Daughter, Friend:

*Flowers *and* Fascinator's Tea*

Reservations are \$10.

Children under 12, free!

Reservations can be made on Sunday

mornings in the Welcome Center,

or through the church office.

Payment is due when the reservation is made.

Hats & fascinators are encouraged

but not required.



**St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
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GRIEFWORKS

An LGBTQIA+
Grief Support Group

Announcing a new Grief Support Group
For anyone (18+) in the LGBTQIA+ Community
Who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief

INTRODUCTORY MEETING

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:30-8:00 pm

St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street

Belleville, IL 62220

(Use side entrance under portico)

Contact griefworks2025@gmail.com for more information

St. Paul Friends 2025 Schedule

Saturday, May 3 @ 3:30 P.M.

Derby Day At The Home Of Lyn & Kris Mueller

Saturday, August 9 @ 6 P.M. - Party at Scharf's Farm

Friday, October 24 @ 6:30 P.M.

Halloween Party at the home of Roger & Julie Harris

Friday, December 12 @ 6:30 P.M. - Christmas Party In Heritage Hall



Seekers Bible Study



Tuesdays @ 10am

St. Paul UCC Genesis Room

115 W. B. St. Belleville, IL 62220

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Thank you to our Easter Brass Quintet!
Rob Endicott, trumpet, Tom Birkner, trumpet, Aaron Mussulman, horn, Jon Siddle, trombone, Troy Marble, tuba

St. Paul UCC
MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is April 28, from 6-8pm!
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!
Building a better community!

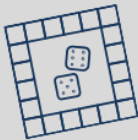


Chair Yoga 6-6:30, Yoga 6:30-7pm - \$10



Pickleball - \$5 (bring your own paddle & ball)

Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!



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Invocation, Prayer of Reflection, Assurance of Grace, written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, and Commissioning Rev. Mia M. McClain, Reflection on Giving and Blessing of the Gifts written by Rev. Elsa Cook & Rev. Michelle L. Torigian for Worship Ways. Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded and/or streamed. Music is used with permission through Onelicense.net License #A-715913, CCLI #1795791, St. James Press License #17755, or public domain.



MOTHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

The Mission Board invites you to honor your Mother (or any special woman in your life) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th! Give a donation in her name and she will be placed on the Mother's Day Honor Roll in the bulletin on Mother's Day! This year the Mission Board will focus these contributions to Camp Dubois and Kindercottage.

Please place this form with your donation in the offering box or mail/drop off to the church office by May 4th.

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CIRCLE ONE: IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF

MOTHER / LOVED ONE'S NAME

YOUR NAME

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
 Carol Hotz
 Marilyn Dinkelman
 Debbie McIntyre, daughter of
 Arline Worms
 Tim Ritter
 Wayne Caughman
 Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
 Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann
 Debbie Price
 Christopher Mitchell
 Sue Sutherland
 Audrey Krummrich
 Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
 Marlene Mueller
 Mike Llamas, brother in law of
 Mimi Llamas

Jennifer Wick, daughter of
 Stephenie Bauza
 Venita Jane Rogers
 Dorothy Maiworm
 Luci Bradley
 JoAnn Elmore
 Nancy Davis



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



Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/>



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St Paul UCC, Belleville, IL

The Quilters would like to thank our St. Paul Family for supporting us. We sold 25 Easter table runners and 12 placemats. Also sold \$106 worth of raffle tickets. Look for the upcoming July 4th table runners. Thanks again!

~Sonja & the quilters

Weekly Offerings	4/12/2025
Operating	\$ 19,624.00
Building Fund	\$ 445.00
	\$ 20,069.00
Giving YTD	\$ 119,514.25
*Large Donation	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 97,197.12
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

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 the church office. Cost is \$35.00.

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service	
April 6, 2025	112 + Online Participants
April 7, 2024	183 + Online Participants

