

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Virtual Worship

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Led by Kurt Hansen



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 My I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Garcia

Dear Jesus!**You startle us.**

**We dread how you come to us in Lent;
 weeping and grieving on your way to the cross.**

Argumentative. Determined.

**We prefer you unblemished,
 but you come to us as a God who bleeds.**

**How unexpected, to feel the distance between us
 by your very nearness.**

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Diane Biegert

Psalms 110

The Lord says to my lord,
“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

You were forged a strong scepter by God of Zion;
Now rule, though surrounded by enemies!

Your people will freely join you,
Resplendent in holy armor
on the day you lead your forces
on the holy mountains,
Joining you with all the vigor of youth
at the fresh break of day.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
Bringing judgment on the nations,
handing out convictions;
he will shatter heads
over the wide earth.
He will drink from the stream by the path;
therefore he will lift up his head.

Luke 20: 1b, 41-44

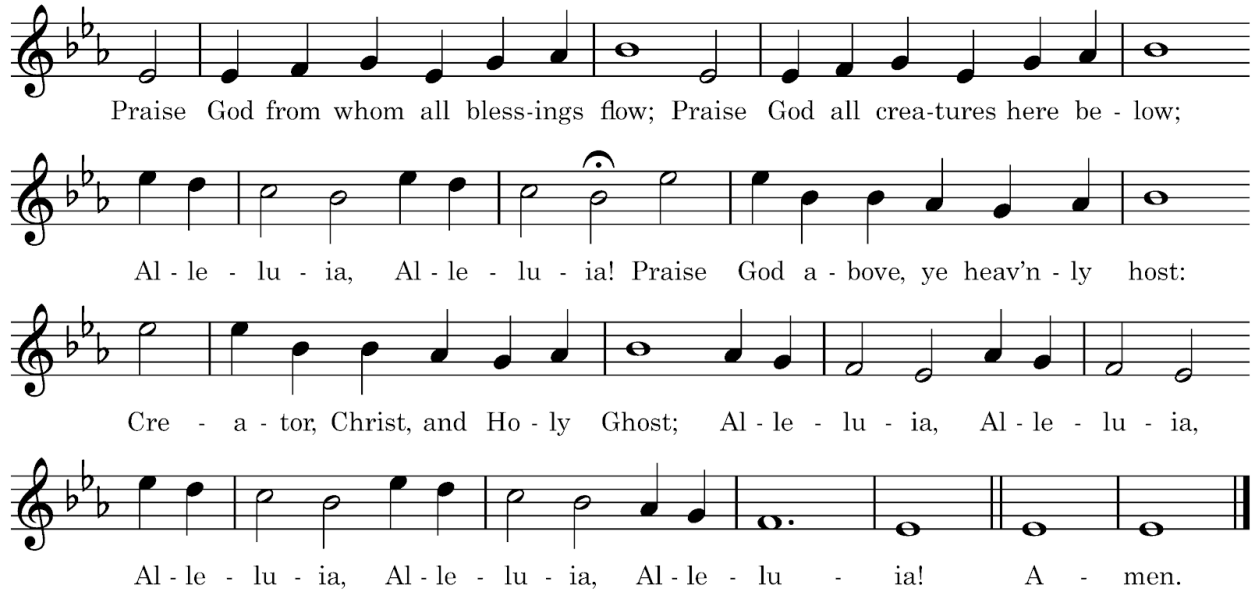
The high priests, religion scholars, and leaders confronted him and demanded,
“Show us your credentials.” Then Jesus put a question to them:

“How is it that they say that the Messiah is David’s son? In the Book of Psalms,
David clearly says,

*God said to my Master,
‘Sit here at my right hand
until I put your enemies under your feet.’*

“David here designates the Messiah as ‘my Master’—so how can the Messiah also
be his ‘son’?”

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

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.**

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
-neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come
St. Arbucks Trio

Sam Cook

Coffee Hour is on Zoom!

*Using a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Pswd: **Coffee***

*By phone, dial **(312) 626-6799**, Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **530750**.*

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship at Saint Pauls will be streamed online until further notice. Worship services are streamed on Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, and re-streamed every day at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central, on Saint Pauls website, spucc.org/streaming.

*You can also call in to listen to our services at **(312) 626-6799** at 10 a.m. Central on Sundays and use Meeting ID: **816 5093 8507**, Password: **459359***

If you would like someone to pray with you this week, Clergy and Stephen Ministers are available for phone calls.

PARAMENTS pictured in this week's virtual worship are the beautiful work of
Deborah Grant Rose.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM

Chuck Kent

Mary Beth Hughes, Big Thinking By The Hour

Jim Courtright, Big Thinking By The Hour

VIRTUAL MUSIC PRODUCTION TEAM

Kevin Dzierzawski

Breanna Coe

Kristofer Hansen

Matt Plaskota

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls.

*A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our
Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.*

- March 21 Joe Kornick, Laura Grosshans
- March 22 Robert Colosi-McCann, Scott Lawrence, Brooks Beeson
- March 23 Marti Pechnyo, Mike Vahey, MJ Rogers
- March 26 Anna Titcomb, Bill Rodriguez, Mark Swanson, Matthew Scholes,
Molly Dierks, Andrew Hein, Nick Richardson, Toby Smedley
- March 27 Hazel Vespa, Melinda Morrissey, Michael Weiskirch, Emmett Sheehan,
Ivy Combs, Katie Sheehan

LENT & EASTER

View the Announcement section for information and registration for events.

SERVICES

Sundays of Lent | March 21

10:00 AM - Virtual Worship, Sing the Psalms with Jesus

Palm Sunday | March 28

10:00 AM - Palm branches

Maundy Thursday | April 1

6:00 PM, Courtyard - In-Person meal, limit 35, [RSVP here](#)

7:30 PM, Zoom - Dinner Church: eat, sing, pray

Good Friday | April 2

7:30 PM - Communion, Tenebrae with choir

Easter Sunday | April 4

10:00 AM - Communion, choir, brass

ACTIVITIES

Lenten Movie Group

March 21, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Lenten Bible Study | Psalms for the Journey

March 31, 12:00 PM, Zoom

Easter Egg Hunt

April 3, 10:00 AM, Courtyard - 30 minute group slots, RSVP coming soon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. You can either order a flower for pickup, or donate flowers to be delivered to our senior members and local charities.

Registrations must be completed **by March 30** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin.
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/752085

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

Do you miss serving CEP meals? Team up with fellow St. Pauls members to provide *part of* a lasagna supper for 35 shelter guests at LPCS, 1521 N. Sedgwick. We need volunteers to provide 3 more lasagnas and dessert for drop-off **Sunday, March 28**. If you are interested in participating, or are looking for other ways to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

2021 PLEDGE & GIVING INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who has filled out a pledge card for 2021! Your pledges help us plan and budget for the upcoming year, and your generous support of Saint Pauls is greatly needed and much appreciated.

- If you were using our previous giving portal to send Saint Pauls a recurring donation towards your pledge, you will need to cancel it and set up a new recurring donation in Church Center **by the end of March**, at spucc.churchcenter.com. Email bookkeeper@spucc.org for help.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This St. Pauls founded organization provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. Open dates are: **March 24, April 14, 21**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sfletcher1443@gmail.com, or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on each of these days. For other LPCS volunteer opportunities, visit their website at lpcschicago.org to get involved, or contact volunteer coordinator Jameela Chaudhry at volunteer@lpcschicago.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAR 21 - LENT MOVIE GROUP - 7 p.m., Zoom

We will watch the movie on our own and then discuss it together on Zoom. Our movie tonight is *Stranger than Fiction*, discussion led by Pastor Sarah. Email Pastor Matt for the link, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

MAR 24 - BOOK DISCUSSION: HOW TO FIGHT RACISM - 5 p.m., Zoom

How can you individually, or we as a church, act to promote racial justice? Join our three-part exploration, using Jemar Tisby's *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice*. This timely book attempts to move beyond talking about racism to equipping people with practical tools to fight against it. Cindy Ball will lead the series. We will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. The one-hour sessions are:

- March 24 - Focus on Awareness, pp. 1-84
- April 28 - Focus on Relationships, pp. 85-140
- May 26 - Focus on Commitment, pp. 141-206

We encourage those purchasing books to consider independent Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC)-owned bookstores. For additional information and to register, contact Cindy Ball, cindyinn11@gmail.com.

MAR 29 - BOOK DISCUSSION: THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME - 7 p.m., Zoom

The Long, Classic Novels Reading Group's first book for 2021 is Victor Hugo's work that had for its original title *Notre Dame de Paris*, indicating that the cathedral in the heart of Paris is the main character of this novel. Hugo wrote this book in part to make his contemporaries aware of the value of preserving the beautiful Gothic architecture falling apart around them. The cathedral is the stage for a story about good and evil and the nature of true beauty and ugliness. Coming up:

The Once and Future King - June Discussion

The Count of Monte Cristo - September and December Discussions.

To join RSVP to - jcarlson@spucc.org.

MAR 31 - LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS FOR THE JOURNEY - 12 p.m., Zoom

Email Pastor Jeff for more information, jcarlson@spucc.org.

Register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/761734.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH CENTER is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community! If you haven't yet, get started on a computer or smart device at spucc.churchcenter.com, or by downloading the "Church Center App" and using "60614" in the search during app setup. You'll see our Saint Pauls logo in the top results. On Church Center, you can see our calendar, register for events, update your contact information, join and view our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP - Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected, or have you been a longtime friend and missed signing up for our email? Either way, you can go here: spucc.org/connect-learn/signups to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, request more information about Children and Youth Programming, and more!

FAITH IN ACTION – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

GREEN TEAM Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: God calls us to care for creation. This is the perfect time to plan, as we prepare to reenter and reimagine our common bodily life together. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro have volunteered to co-chair our efforts, both bringing a great deal of experience and ideas. To attend, or to be in the email list for future meetings, email Jan at jan.fraccaro@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2021. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO) has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

PASTORS' VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Want to talk? We are here for you! You can always reach out to one of our pastors, but we are also offering regularly scheduled virtual office hours. To “drop in” during virtual office hours, contact a pastor to make an appointment.

Pastor Sarah: Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Benny, Pastoral Intern: Mondays, 3-5 p.m.

Pastor Matt: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pastor Jeff: Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Now meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

YOUNG ADULTS – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at youngadults@spucc.org.

ZOOM MEETINGS – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Doug G. Clark, on the loss of his faithful, trusting and loving companion of many years, Tigger Woods, who was adopted from St. Pauls members and who was blessed at our Pet Blessings.
- The Johnson/Fayhee family. Micki Fayhee's godmother and aunt, Janice C. Snow, died last week in Florida.
- Friends and family mourning the loss of Larry Butcher.
- Al Cerkan, hospitalized for tests.
- Family and friends of Gay Kelly's dad, who passed away.
- Juanita Barlow, recovering from a procedure on a blood vessel.
- Gloria Joseph and sons John and Adam at the death of her husband, Nial.
- Rod Sippy, recovering from a heart procedure.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and beginning many medical treatments.
- Loved ones of Amy Newman at her death, especially her children Alyssa and Miles Van Denburg.
- Young adults trying to find their place in the world.
- Couples navigating pregnancy in a covid world.
- Juggling working from home, Zoom school and family life.
- Marci, Gloria Joseph's friend, who recently suffered a stroke.
- Greg Mooney and family at the death of Sheryl.
- Carrie Brugger's brother, Steve, and family at the death of his wife, Barb.
- Juanita Barlow's sister, Maria Dolores Guadalupe, recovering from a stroke.
- The Rieck family at the death of Shirley.
- The Nietzsche family at the tragic death of Dan.
- Jan Bail's sister, Marty, diagnosed with cancer.
- Michael VanZeyl's Aunt Betty, hospitalized, and Laura VanZeyl's parents, Lionel and Donna, coping with isolation.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, receiving care at home.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 177 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.