

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

*HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Red Hymnal No. 25, v. 1-3

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, who tamed the chaos,
forgive our fatalism and our resignation.
Our time feels chaotic,
so our despondency feels realistic.
We shrug our shoulders,
and become compliant with the world's evil.
Faith takes strength. Pessimism is easy.
Give us faith. Give us hope.
Remind the waves and the wind
of who ruled them long ago.
Amen.**

KYRIE

Bill Parks

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

When You Believe

Stephen Schwartz

Zack Murray, Eleanor McGuire, Maeve Gleason, and Owen Waldschmidt, soloists

Pauls People

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Many nights we've prayed
With no proof anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song
We barely understood,
Now we are not afraid
Although we know there's much to fear
We were moving mountains
Long before we knew we could . . .

Chorus

There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe
Somehow you will
You will when you believe
In this time of fear

When prayer so often proved in vain
Hope seemed like the summer birds
Too swiftly flown away
Yet now I'm standing here
With heart so full I can't explain
Seeking faith and speaking words
I never thought I'd say

Chorus

Ashira I'adonai ki ga-oh ga-ah
(I will sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously)

Micha mocha ba elim adonai
(Who is like You, oh Lord, among the celestials)
Micha mocha ne dar ba kodesh
(Who is like You, majestic in holiness)
Na chitah v'chas d'cha am zu ga'alta
(In Your love, You lead the people You redeemed)
Ashira, Ashira, Ashira
Chorus

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**Please stand if you are able to do so*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please come forward for communion. Take the bread and eat it. Take the cup and drink. The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine. Return to your seat by the side aisles, depositing your cups in the baskets provided. A gluten-free option is wrapped and available on each tray.)

Children are now invited to go to their Sunday School classes during the response. Parents are welcome to bring their kids to class and then come back to worship.

*SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Black Hymnal No. 488, v. 1

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Marcia Frank

Genesis 1:1-10

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters there we gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

John 9:17-21 translation by David Bentley Hart

When evening came his disciples went down to the sea. And, embarking in a boat, they went across the sea toward Capernaum. And darkness had come now and Jesus still had not joined them; And, as a great wind was blowing, the sea was roused. So, having rowed three to four miles, they see Jesus walking upon the sea and coming near to the boat, and they were afraid. But he says to them, "It is I, do not fear." So they were willing to receive him into the boat. And immediately the boat reached the land to which they had been going.

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,**

**who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.
We trust God. God calls us to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life and
death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 488, v. 2

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.

SERMON

"The Deeps"

Matt Fitzgerald

**HYMN

God Is Working His Purpose Out

Red Hymnal No. 57 v. 1-2

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, Where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus
Chancel Choir

W.A. Mozart

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega, David Baker

Communion Servers: Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of Cale Roschen's year-long health journey and to celebrate his recovery by his grateful parents, Mark Roschen and Solveig Roverud.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

Mar. 11 Nancy Pifer

Mar. 12 Penny Trowbridge

Mar. 13 Jenny Brandhorst, Jim Peterson

Mar. 14 Juanita Barlow

Mar. 15 Breanna Coe, Eve Davis, Gail Renfrow, Mila Mussatt, Polly Sippy

Mar. 16 Muzette Morgan

New Giving Option - Text: 773-825-6816

You can now text your offering to 773-825-6816. The Vanco-based system will ask you to enter your dollar amount (example: 100 -- no dollar sign needed). You'll then be sent a link. Click on the link to complete your gift and receive a receipt. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT ST. PAULS

Lent SMALL GROUPS: TODAY and Sundays March 18 and 25 at 11:30 We'll begin in the Parlor this week for a snack and 10-minute presentation on the day's topic. Then, we'll break into small groups. Topics are Baptism, Bible, Communion and Prayer using Rowan Williams' wonderful, short book "Being Christian." Register by attending on March 4. **Books are available for \$8 in the church office.** Use the envelope provided to pay in the offering.

PALM SUNDAY. Sunday, March 25, 10 a.m. The celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid the crowds waving palms and singing hosannas. Palm crosses. Church School processional with Elijah jars.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH. Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m. Maundy is from the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus gave his disciples the commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." This year our service will be led by the pastors from Root and Branch, using a "dinner church" model. We will meet in St. Pauls Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE of Communion and Tenebrae with Chancel Choir. Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae means shadows. It recalls Jesus' walk through the valley of the shadow of death. The Christ candle is returned to the altar as a promise of the resurrection. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome it.

EASTER EGG HUNT. Saturday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Hop on over to see the Easter Bunny followed by an egg hunt, crafts and games. Participants are asked to bring a basket for collecting eggs. This egg-stravaganza is FREE, but if you would like, you can bring toilet paper to donate to the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Sarah Garcia at sgarcia@spucc.org

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE with Communion, choir, organ, and brass. Sunday, April 1. 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

ELIJAH JARS FOR LENT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Lent is an excellent time to focus on providing for the needs of others and trusting that God will provide for ours. Keep an Elijah Jar for Lent. Every day add your pocket change to the jar. On Palm Sunday bring your Elijah Jar to church. Sarah's Sisters will collect them to support their program of Wednesday lunches for people experiencing homelessness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTORS EASTER BASKETS for St. Pauls members and friends who are unable to get to church will be prepared today after worship. Drop off donations in the Social Hall.

A GIFT in loving memory of Anne Hebert was given by Betty Meserall.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO FOR HURRICANE RELIEF - There has been so much adult interest in the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico that we have decided to offer a parallel adult trip. Dates are June 22 - 30. Cost is \$900 per person. This includes flight, lodging, food, and ground transportation. Financial assistance is available. Contact Pastor Sarah to sign up sgarcia@spucc.org. Signup deadline is March 20th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Curious about Saint Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held April 15 and April 22. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org

SUNDAYS - THE WORD OF THE DAY - 9 a.m. in the Conference Room. Each Sunday, we explore the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided. Contact: jcarlson@spucc.org

YOUNG ADULTS 16" SOFTBALL LEAGUE - Join the Dirt Disciples for their fifth season of 16" softball at Oz Park (games Sundays between 1 and 3 p.m.). Cost is \$60 per person, which includes eight games, a T-shirt, and post-game frivolity at McGee's Tavern. First game is April 22 and there are three spots left! Email Todd at toddsingstenor@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

MARCH 9 - WINDY CITY WINDS WINTER CONCERT, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary.
The theme “Cityscapes” celebrates music inspired by urban life, featuring music by Bernstein, Schumann, Camphouse, and others. WCW is an adult volunteer concert band, including several members of our congregation. The band is conducted by its co-founders Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley.

MARCH 18 - FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE, 11:15 a.m. Oscar Mayer Room.
Join us as we host Laith Saud, who will be discussing “Islamophobia and Religious Difference in America.” Sign up after service today in the Social Hall or outside the office.

MARCH 18 - MONTHLY BRUNCH, 11:30 a.m. Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will meet at social hour and walk somewhere close. Have an idea of where to go? Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with suggestions and to RSVP.

MARCH 25 - CEP DINNER, 3-5:30 p.m. - The Parents of Little Ones group will be preparing and serving a meal for 40 people in need in the church kitchen. Childcare will be provided, but there will also be ways for the kids to help out. If you can help prepare food or bring food, please let Corie know at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

MARCH 31 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 1-2:30 p.m. Parlor.
Note time change this month. We continue our study of the Gospel of John. Newcomers welcome. RSVP: jcarlson@spucc.org

APRIL 9 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. - Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 18. Orchestra members include junior high and high school students, as well as adults of all ages and abilities. We will rehearse after church in the Chapel from 11:15 to 12:15 today. If you’re interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at 773-732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED FOR REBUILDING TOGETHER PROJECT - If you have home repair skills or if you are good at organizing groups of people we need your help planning for St. Pauls participation in the National Day of Rebuilding Together on April 28 when we will work on two homes in the Lawndale neighborhood. Email Pastor Sarah if you are interested at sgarcia@spucc.org

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Save the date for the annual All Church Retreat. We'll be going July 27 - 29 to Lakeside Inn in Lakeside, MI.

FAITH IN ACTION - Saint Pauls' Strategic Plan calls us to be "Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice." If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Anna Sardar at asardar@spucc.org

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

AMAZON SMILE if you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/2179808>.

BIBLE STUDY - Meets one Saturday a month. This in-depth study explores a book of the Bible from start to finish, looking at its original context, as well as its meaning for us as Christians today. Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER- Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net

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

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday Altar Flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@aol.com. Join us!

FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them now. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for more information.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarstensen@ameritech.net

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Visit our Food for Thought blog
<http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>

GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG! - Email Virgie at vberry@spucc.org

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

- To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org 773-549-6111

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2,3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org If you are interested email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org to schedule a tour!

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Discussions March 20 (parts 1-4) and June 19. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP jcarlson@spucc.org

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

SARAH'S SISTERS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

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 Diana Laskaris dianaminlead@gmail.com

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to “I think she played in college, you guard her.” All are welcome! Contact pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen, jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://bit.ly/1RtSUuh>

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 youngadults@spucc.org

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym. Contact sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to announcements@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday . Please limit announcements to 80 words. Thank you.

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page, take it home and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our new 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.

- For Louis Arata and family whose father, Stephen Arata, died on Feb 21.
- For all grieving and traumatized by the shooting in Parkland, and for real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Steve Stack, recovering from another stroke.
- Dede Koldyke, in treatment for cancer.
- Friends and loved ones of Betty Beckers at her death.
- Jack Hogan in treatment for cancer.
- Wade, who is in treatment for both cancer and leukemia.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, entering hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rachel Adams' grandmother, Virginia, struggling with health problems.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- For Aylmer Gifford's friend, Mario, facing difficult health challenges.
- Jan Bail's friend, Genel, beginning a second round of chemotherapy.
- Dale Martin and his family.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Gloria Joseph's husband, Nial, who is in the hospital in poor health.
- Carole Knuti undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- Grieving family of Jim who died at age 43.
- Anthony Martin with an injury from a bicycle accident.
- Jeff Elko
- Mary Stainton, who is in the midst of rehab and stage 1 breast cancer treatment.
- Dorothy Franklin, who is in hospice care.
- For Ivy Sanz's 2-year-old grandson, Sergio Sanz, who had surgery to help him breathe on February 27th.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

MEMORIAL EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Enclose your gift of \$30 or more per plant with this order form. Purchased plants can be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Please print the following:

In Memory or Celebration of *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

From *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate or it mail to:

St Pauls UCC

2335 N. Orchard Street

Chicago, IL 60614

Attn: Cindi Stazzone

This form, along with your check, **must arrive at the church by March 25**. Any orders received after that date will not be printed in the bulletin.

NOTES

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 to and Affirming of" LGBT 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 importantly, over the past 174 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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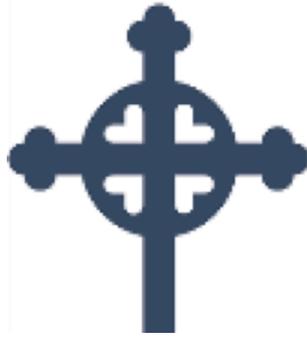
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



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.