

March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

Thought for Preparation

"I do not know whether I believe, but I know the one in whom I believe."

Paul Althaus

PRELUDE

Tonality of Atonement
St. Arbucks Trio

Kenny Kirkland

INTROIT

Awake, Awake To Love And Work
Chancel Choir

Kentucky Harmony

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, talented, fabulous?"

All: Actually, who are you not to be?

One: You are a child of God, redeemed by Christ!

All: Our playing small doesn't serve the world.

One: We are born to manifest the glory God has given us.

All: Saint Pauls exists to be Christ's body!

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Oh God,
It is hard to believe that you love us;
and that you want to be loved.
But, you do.
So we spread all we have before you.
Our cares, that you may care for them.
Our fears, that you may quiet them.
Our thoughts, that you may cleanse them.
Our sins that you may forgive them.
Our lives, that you may guide them.
Forgive us into resurrection Lord.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*During this Response, children are invited
to go to their Sunday School classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child,
you are welcome to drop them off and then return to worship.*

***RESPONSE**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Jana O'Brien

Selections from John 9, translation by David Bentley Hart

And, as he was passing along, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples question him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; but rather that the works of God might be manifest in him. It is necessary for us to perform the works of the one who has sent me while it is day; the night comes, when no one can work. While I am in the cosmos, I am the light of the cosmos." Having said these things he spat on the ground and made clay from the spittle, and anointed his eyes with the clay, And said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam," which means, when interpreted, "Sent Forth." So he went and washed and came back with sight.

Now, on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes, it was a Sabbath. So some of the Pharisees said, "[Jesus] is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." So they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know [Jesus] is a sinful man." So the man answered, "Whether he is a sinful man I do not know; I know one thing: that, having been blind, I now see." They answered and said to him, "You were born utterly in sin and you lecture us?" And they expelled him.

Jesus heard that they had expelled him and, finding him, said, "Do you have faith in the Son of Man? The man answered and said, "And who is he, Lord, that I may have faith in him?" Jesus said to him, "It so happens that you have seen him. Don't you recognize my voice?" And he said, "Lord, I have faith," and he worshiped him. And Jesus said, "I came into the cosmos for judgement, that those without sight may see, and those with sight might become blind."

***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!**

***RESPONSE**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

SERMON

"I know one thing"

Matt Fitzgerald

***RESPONSE**

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

OFFERTORY

Crucifixus
from Messe di Gloria
Chancel Choir

Antonio Lotti

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered, and was buried.
from the *Nicene Creed* in the Mass Ordinary

***HYMN**

All Are Welcome

See Insert

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE

"Little" *Fugue in g minor, BWV 578*
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

Following please stay in the Sanctuary for the annual meeting. After the annual meeting, all are invited to join us for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall.



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly___
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and___
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and___
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions___



live, a___ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to___ seek to___ dream God's
stone to___ heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the___
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as___ words with -



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
- in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place. ___

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega, David Baker, Bruce Voice

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Acolytes: Emily Hein, Vivian Hein

Consider the Lilies: AJ Smart

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. 4 Martha Sanders, Susan Finkle

Mar. 6 Marcia Gulbrandsen

Mar. 7 Amy Barton, Rick Peterson, Sherry Cook

Mar. 8 Megan Polson

Mar. 9 Greg Basil, Kimberly Carter

Mar. 10 Tiffany Jozwiak

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend.

Communion will be celebrated on March 11. Please note Daylight Savings begins this same day.

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 following the meeting and Sundays March 11, 18, 25 at 11:30 We'll begin in the Chapel each 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.

TODAY

MARCH 4 - The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST and FOUND TABLE - The table in the Narthex contains various lost and found items. Please take a look to see if any of them belong to you. Thank you.

A GIFT in memory of Betty Beckers was made by Liz Raiman.

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, 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 6 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. Parlor. Please note the day change! Join Pastor Sarah 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.

MARCH 9 - WINE TASTING PARTY, 7:30 p.m. Hannah and Caleb's home. Join the Young Adults Group for a Wine Tasting Party. Bring one bottle of wine to share and tasting notes will be available. No wine knowledge is necessary. Due to space limitations, this event will be open to the first 20 people that RSVP yes to the Punchbowl invitation.

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 we 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

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 on 3/11. 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.

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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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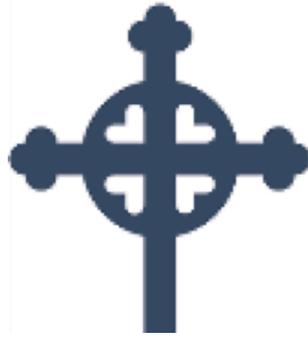
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



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.