

August 26, 2018

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.  
Childcare for children from infants to 5-year-olds is available  
downstairs in the nursery.*

PRELUDE

*Kanon*  
Sylvia Pine, violin  
Rachel Barton Pine, violin  
Greg Pine, violin  
Hannah Barton, violin

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst

**All: we come to worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

One: In the midst of a world where people are disrespected and oppressed

**All: we come to worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

One: In the midst of a world where people struggle and suffer

**All: we have come to worship a God who is at work transforming  
us and redeeming all of creation.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

\*HYMN

*Bring Many Names*

Black Hymnal no. 11

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
Celebrate, in parable and story,  
Holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
Planning all the wonder of creation,  
Setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
Feeling all the strains of human living,  
Caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
Calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
Glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
Saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
Crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,  
Joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
Closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, forgive us for our misunderstandings  
which are the causes of our divisions.  
When we could connect to those around us,  
we judge others, we hoard grudges in our hearts,  
we pander to prejudice and competition.  
Deliver us from narrow-mindedness,  
from our bitterness, from our egos.  
Save us from considering as normal  
that which is an offence to your love.  
Open our hearts and minds to your wisdom.  
Teach us to love everyone as you love them. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me,  
Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Marti Pechnyo

Ephesians 5:21-33 Excerpts

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

\*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)*

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SERMON

"Submission"

Sarah Garcia

\*HYMN *We Limit Not the Truth of God* Black Hymnal No. 316

We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,  
To notions of our day and place, crude, partial, and confined;  
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred:  
O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

Eternal God, incarnate Word, Spirit of flame and dove:  
Enlarge, expand all living souls to comprehend your love;  
And helps us all to seek your will with wiser powers conferred:  
O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

OFFERTORY *Bourée* from Suite No. 3 J.S. Bach  
Sylvia Pine, violin

\*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* Black Hymnal No. 583

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,  
Fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,  
Lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,  
Left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,  
Tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

\*BENEDICTION



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Bruce Voice, Bev Petrunich, Gloria Joseph

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Consider the Lilies:** Jan Bail

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of Nick and Gabrielle's 10th wedding anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

**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.*

Aug 26     Landon Roark

Aug 27     Brooke Gentzen, Lyndsay Palkon, Maureen Grunst

Aug 28     Katie Kobak, Layne Lebahn, Patricia Mayer Roxana Vieira

Aug 29     Karen Schmidt-Hein, Laura Nowack, Stephen Patton

Aug 30     Edward Keller, Jessica Seaton, Tracy Nach

Aug 31     Cecilia Badanes, Riley Conway

Sep 1       Brent Carstensen, Jill Lawrence, Nick Sager

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - How do we pour 750 beers, serve 600 brats/hot dogs and run games for six hours? With the help of our awesome volunteers! Can we count on you to be one of them? St. Pauls' Oktoberfest will be Saturday, September 22, 3 - 9 p.m. As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket, as well as enjoy the chance to meet new friends, support St. Pauls' neighborhood outreach efforts, and have lots of fun! Please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094fa9ad29a20-stpauls> or contact Lorne Frank directly at [lornefrank@lornefrank.com](mailto:lornefrank@lornefrank.com). Thank you!

**EPHESIANS SUMMER SERMON SERIES** - This summer's sermon texts are from the book of Ephesians. This letter invites an incredibly diverse group of Christians to expand our imaginations. Our lives are part of something vast, hopeful and wonderful that God is up to in the universe and we're invited to grow together into God's dream for the world.

**LINCOLN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION** - Starting Friday, August 17, the main north entrance of the Lincoln Avenue parking garage will be closed for construction for approximately three months. The parking lot will be accessible via the south entrance of the garage also located on Lincoln Avenue. Visit [LincolnCommon.com](http://LincolnCommon.com) for additional project details.

**CHURCH GRANDPARENTS** - We will pair Saint Pauls "grand members" with church families who have infants and young children. As these new friendships form, each will take its own shape. Activities could include praying for each other, reading stories, visiting, etc. Saint Pauls older members are incredible people! Saint Pauls young families are remarkable, as well. Let's get to know each other. You can still sign up by emailing Pastor Sarah at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org).

**1ST AND 2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR** - We need three more teachers for this class. If you are interested please contact Pastor Sarah at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org).

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** If you have a daughter or son in college please send Pastor Sarah their mailing address so that the Connectors can send them a care package this Fall. [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Additional crew members needed in September and October for Community Engagement Program (CEP) meals. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

**AUGUST 26** - WEE-SALE RESALE TODAY 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room. The Parents of Little Ones are organizing a sale to raise scholarship money for Little Lights Saint Pauls early childhood education program.

**SEPTEMBER 10** - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m., Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and fellow 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. Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with RSVP or questions.

**SEPTEMBER 16** - MONTHLY BRUNCH - 11 a.m. Join the Young Adults as we resume our monthly brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Have a suggestion of where we should go? Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with your idea and RSVP.

**SEPTEMBER 22** - OKTOBERFEST, 3-9 p.m., Courtyard. Prost! It's Munich meets Chicago as St. Pauls hosts Oktoberfest in celebration of our German heritage. Tap into the excitement of this Bavarian tradition with an evening of authentic German food and beer, live music and dancing, a jumpy-house, corn-pit, and games for all ages. This year's live entertainment will feature everyone's favorite oompah band, *Die Musikmeisters*. It's open and free to all so invite your neighbors and friends. If it rains, the event will be held in the gymnasium. Stay tuned for fun volunteer opportunities!

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**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** - 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>.

### **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 two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, [nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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@gmail.com](mailto:mvgrunst@gmail.com).

**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 Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

**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](mailto:vberry@spucc.org).

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcsonline.org) or call 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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org).

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP** - Summer/Fall book is Victor Hugo's classic "Les Miserables." First half discussion: Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Parlor. New members are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP: Jeff Carlson at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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 her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS** - 7 p.m. Our weekly pick-up game is co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! [pastormatt@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com).

**WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR?** - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**YOUTH GROUP** for kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org).

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to [announcements@spucc.org](mailto:announcements@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Please limit announcements to 70 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.*

- Cheryl Kennedy at Good Shepherd Hospital.
- Wayne Bradley, recovering from surgery.
- Wade Ek, who is in the final stages of terminal cancer.
- Sally and Janine Fletcher and family at the sudden death of their cousin Scott.
- Sonja Rae and family at the death of her husband Jack Hogan.  
A memorial service is being planned for September 15th.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- The family and friends of Rachel Serber Duncan at her death. Rachel played trumpet for our Easter Brass for many years.
- The family and friends of Sincere Ash.
- Naomi, who is trying to adopt a baby.
- Bruce Voice's sister, Valerie, facing several health problems.
- Larry Howell undergoing chemo with complications.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, in hospice care for Alzheimer's.
- Ivy's brother and his wife, who are going through serious financial difficulty.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Dorothy, in hospice care.
- For real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.

You are beloved - to others, to the world you live in, and most importantly, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. 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.

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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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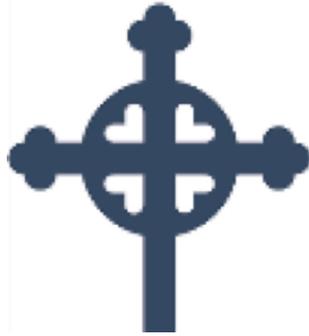
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,  
2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



## 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.