

August 5, 2018

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Red Hymnal No. 29

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.
Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.
Even when we were oblivious.
Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing but our own desires.
Even when we wandered far and willfully away.
Even when we forgot to look past our own feet to see the wonders not of
our making.
Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks, to lean into the
love that had waited so long for us.
Even when,
even then:
Grace.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 43, v. 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Steve Schwartzberg

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*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. 23, v. 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
There's no place where earthy failings have such kindly judgment given.

SERMON

"Speaking the Truth in Love"

Sarah Garcia

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 23, v. 2

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;
and our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together African-American Spiritual
Theresa Brancaccio Hansen, mezzo-soprano

Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees....

Let us praise God together on our knees....

*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!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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. Then take the cup and drink.
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.
Return to your seat by the side aisles.
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The bread has been broken. The cup has been poured. The meal has been shared. Gracious God, we give thanks that you have nourished us for the journey. We give thanks for your wisdom guiding us along the way. May there be friends to share your Word as we dare to dream of creation renewed, and hope in the promise of each new day. Amen.

*HYMN

I Come With Joy

Black Hymnal No. 349

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,
That Christ is risen here.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE

Swinging Shepherd Blues

St. Arbucks Trio

***If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present
after the postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.***

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks
downstairs in the Social Hall.***

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Fred Pearson, Bev Petrunich

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Communion Coordinators: Jana O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien

Communion Preparation: Char Damron

Communion Servers: Cindy Ball, Bob Ball

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of the Rumbuds and their devoted work!

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 5 Juan Nuno, Vivian Hein

Aug 7 Amy Beck, Moe Kelly, Robert McMillan, Wayne Bradley

Aug 8 Larry Butcher, Owen Bunch

Aug 9 Pat Grose

Aug 10 Nathan Davidson, Owen Dodt, Peg Wander, Sally Connolly, Scott Hibbard

Aug 11 Anna-Kate Trubilowicz, Barbara Mehaffey, Nathan Streeter,
Steven Schwartzberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WEE-SALE FUNDRAISER - Join the Parents of Little Ones (POLO) for an end-of-summer Wee-Sale! The POLO group is organizing a resale to raise scholarship money for the Little Lights early childhood education program. There will be one week of collection and a one-day sale in the Oscar Mayer Room. Bring your clean, gently used clothes and shoes (up to 6T sizes), toys, books, and baby gear. When bringing items, each individual is responsible for setting out their own items and organizing them on the racks and tables. Please contact Molly McGrath at mollymcgrath906@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to be involved.

Items may be brought to the church during the following times:

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Sunday, 8/19

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 8/22

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Thursday, 8/23

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 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.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

We need 3 more teachers for this class. If you are interested please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org

FEED THE HUNGRY - Open dates in August and September 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 Brent Carstensen at bcarsten959@yahoo.com

FAITH IN ACTION - BIPARTISAN ACTION ON CARING FOR CREATION

A group of U.S. House Republicans introduced a significant proposal addressing climate change, The Market Choice Act. Introduced by Reps. Curbelo (FL-26) and Fitzpatrick (PA-08), it would increase demand for clean energy by taxing carbon. According to Columbia University, it would reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 30-40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, exceeding the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Visit Friends Committee on the National Legislation website.

AUGUST 6 - 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.

AUGUST 10 - POLO PARENTS & LITTLE ONES PLAYDATE, 4 - 6 p.m., Adams Playlot.

Join us in the park at Adams Playlot and enjoy the new splash pad. Bring a picnic dinner to share together. Contact Pastor Sarah with questions at sgarcia@spucc.org.

AUGUST 12 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (CEP), 3-5 p.m.

Parent of Little Ones prepare and serve the CEP meal for the homeless. Contact Corie Gallemore if you'd like to help at corie.gallemore@gmail.com. Childcare is available.

AUGUST 25- SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY, 10-11:45 a.m., Parlor.

Newcomers welcome! RSVP: Jeff Carlson at jcarlson@spucc.org.

AUGUST 26 - WEE-SALE RESALE, 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 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 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.

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@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.

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.

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 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. Email Virgie Berry at 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.

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.

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 Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup 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.

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.

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it by emailing Claire Higgins at 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.

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.

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 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.

- Gerald Wilk and family at the loss of his mother Faith.
- Naomi, who is trying to adopt a baby.
- Bruce Voice's sister, Valerie, facing several health problems.
- Wayne Bradley, hospitalized for tests.
- 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.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- 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.

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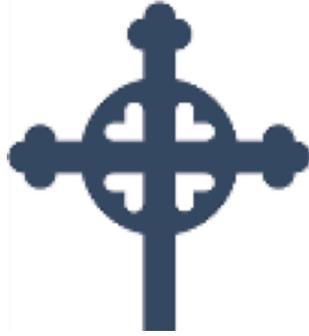
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



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.