



June 24, 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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The theater of God is in the hidden corners."

Jean Calvin

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*Dayspring Of Eternity*  
Chancel Choir

Geistreiches Gesangbuch

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord in this house of worship!  
Praise God under the open skies!

**All: Sing to God a brand new song,  
In the company of those who love God!**

One: Praise God with a blast of the trumpet!  
Praise God by strumming soft strings.

**All: Praise God with castanets and dance!  
Praise God with banjo and flute!**

One: Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum.  
Praise God with fiddles and mandolin!

**All: Let every living, breathing creature praise the Lord!  
Hallelujah!**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

\*HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Red Hymnal No. 25

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.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

**O God, I am an open book to you. You already know what I am thinking.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise;  
Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely.  
I look behind me and you are there; then up ahead and you are there, too.  
It was you who formed my innermost being.  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you, God, that I am marvelously made!  
You know me inside and out.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

(Psalm 139)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## RESPONSE

Red Hymnal No. 289, v. 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

## THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Breanna Coe

Matthew 6:1-13

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

**\*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**

Red Hymnal No. 289, v. 3

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

**SERMON**

"God's in the Closet"

Jeff Carlson

**\*HYMN**

*In Solitude*

Black Hymnal No. 521

In solitude, in solitude, I come to God in prayer.  
In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there.

Whene'er the world is troubling me, and stress is all around,  
I seek the presence of my God, and healing light is found.

In seasons of perplexity, in times of deep despair,  
I light a candle in the night and turn to God in prayer

And when my heart is burdened down with cares for those I love,  
Too deep for words, with groans and sighs, descends the holy dove.

With psalms and hymns and songs of praise before my God I'll come,  
Till death itself is past and gone, and I arrive at home.

OFFERTORY

*Gloria* from Gloria  
Chancel Choir  
Mark Mosley, conductor

Antonio Vivaldi

Glory to God in the highest

\*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

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



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,  
3. The flower of earth - ly splendor, In time must sure - ly die,  
And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;  
Its fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;  
For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,  
But hid - den from all na - ture Th'e ter - nal seed is sown  
At bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:  
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heaven's garden grown;  
We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,  
To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,  
For Christ, your son, from hea - ven From death has set us free  
We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.  
And through him you have giv - en The final vic - to - ry!

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*A Gaelic Blessing*  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

POSTLUDE

*Concerto in a minor, BWV 593*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach/Vivaldi

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

TODAY'S OFFERTORY - Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741) was a contemporary of J.S. Bach. Bach thought so highly of his works that he transcribed ten of his pieces into his own library. Vivaldi was a prodigious composer of operas, chamber music, songs, and sacred works. The "Gloria" is one of his most often performed works. It was composed sometime shortly after the turn of the 18th century. He composed two other settings of this text. "The Four Seasons" is probably his most widely played work, having been used in commercials, cartoons, and film scores.

We are grateful to Mark Mosley for leading the Chancel Choir today. Kurt Hansen is out of town for this and the next two Sundays. He is assisting his wife Terry, who is presenting at a national convention for singing teachers this week. The next two Sundays, Kurt will be a docent-in-residence for the second year at the Pottawatomi Lighthouse on Rock Island in Door County, Wisconsin.



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Brian Hafner, Bruce Voice, Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of St. Pauls becoming Open and Affirming in 1989, the 40th church in the United Church of Christ to do so. There are now more than 1,300 ONA churches.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of Betty and Bruce Voice's 30th Wedding Anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

**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.*

June 25 Deborah Bayly, Dianne Witkowski

June 26 Patricia Calore

June 27 Jill Minetz, Milana Jozwiak, Patricia Kirby

June 28 Margot Frank, Sue Reddel

June 29 Jack Hogan, Renee Hardt

June 30 Mark Grosshans, Staci Granzetto, Todd Szwajkowski, Zech Funkhouser

**THANKS TO ALL** of the St. Pauls members who bought a bed last week in the Mattress Sale for Lincoln Park Community Services. (For every mattress purchased, the organization got a mattress donated.) As a result of the sale, 28 new mattresses will be delivered to the new facility being developed. If you weren't at church for the sale and are still interested in buying a new mattress that will also be matched, please email Lydia Murray at [lyd\\_murray@hotmail.com](mailto:lyd_murray@hotmail.com).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW SAINT PAULS T-SHIRT! FREE IF YOU MARCH IN THE PRIDE PARADE -**

Be Christ's welcome today by walking in the Pride Parade with Saint Pauls. During coffee hour we're selling a high quality "175th Anniversary" Saint Pauls T-shirt made of soft 100% cotton for \$18.00. Join the parade and your shirt is free! Marchers will meet by the bell after worship and we'll ride the "L" to the Wilson stop.

**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)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR** - If you enjoy being with children and are interested and willing to explore the Christian faith with them, you should consider being a Sunday School teacher. We have teaching teams so you do not have to teach every Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT** - Sign up now to join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and growing in faith at the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, MI, July 27 to 29. All church members are encouraged to come! Cost is \$300 per room and includes breakfasts and dinners. Some financial assistance available. Email Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) if you would like to sign up.

**BOOK NOOK** - Please help yourself to any of the books on the bookcase in the Social Hall. There is no need to return the book after reading - simply pass it on to someone else. If you want to donate a book in the next two weeks, place it on the top shelves labeled "new arrivals." General fiction, broad interest nonfiction, youth and children books are ideal. If you have any questions or comments, contact Tilly Wilhoite at [tilly1017@gmail.com](mailto:tilly1017@gmail.com)

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Open dates in July, 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](mailto:bcarsten959@yahoo.com)

**PETITION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE** - Petition for the Combating Illegal Gun Trafficking Act (SB 337). This Act would require that state policy certify gun dealers. This certification may help reduce guns entering into illegal markets and allow law enforcement to crack down on corrupt gun dealers. Sign a petition being circulated by the Illinois Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention and others by requesting it from Anna Sardar at [asardar@spucc.org](mailto:asardar@spucc.org)

**ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS** - July 5 - August 3.

We're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3-year-olds and full day camp for 4 to 12-year-olds. Also, we're offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool, and have tons of fun! Email Sarah Garcia at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) for more information.

**JUNE 24 - PICNIC IN THE PARK FOR PARENTS AND LITTLE ONES**, Oz Park. After church come to Oz Park flower garden and playground for a picnic and time to play together. Contact Joanne Tong for more info [jctong@yahoo.com](mailto:jctong@yahoo.com)

**JUNE 24 - SOFTBALL CHEERING**, 1 p.m., Oz Park.

Cheer on the Dirt Disciples during our 16" softball season! We are 3-2 and play on the Northwest Field in Oz Park, just a short walk from church. Look for our Carolina Blue shirts. After the game join us for a celebratory drink at McGee's Tavern, the league sponsor.

**JUNE 30 - PROTEST!** 9:30 - 12:30 p.m., Daley Plaza.

Join the St. Pauls community in voicing our outrage at the inhumane treatment of migrant children and families at the southern border. The rally starts at 11am on Saturday, June 30 at Daley Plaza. We will gather at Saint Pauls at 9:30 to make signs and travel together. RSVP here: [tiny.cc/spuccfamilies](http://tiny.cc/spuccfamilies)

**JUNE 30 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY, 10 - 11:45 a.m., Parlor.**

This summer we're looking at Ephesians and Colossians, two New Testament books attributed to Paul, but did he really write them? We'll consider that question and dig into some great stuff and struggle with some content many contemporary Christians find objectionable in these two influential books from the early church. Meets one Saturday a month. RSVP: jcarlson@spucc.org

**JUNE 30 AND JULY 15 - BEACH VOLLEYBALL, 2 - 4 p.m., North Avenue Beach.**

Join the Young Adults Group for an afternoon of volleyball! We'll meet at the courts adjacent to Castaways towards the south end of the beach. You don't need to bring anything more than your serves of steel and any light snacks to share. All skill levels welcome. RSVP to the Punchbowl invitations and email Derek at youngadults@spucc.org with any questions.

**JULY 7 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL, 6 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion Lawn.**

Join the St. Pauls Social for an evening of music at the Grant Park Music Festival. We will gather at 6 p.m. on the Pritzker Pavilion Lawn for a potluck dinner. The concert (Tchaikovsky and Bolcom) begins at 7:30. Contact Tilly Wilhoite at tilly1017@gmail.com for specifics and to RSVP.

**JULY 9 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m., Parlor.**

Join Pastor Matt 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.

**JULY 10 - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION - RELOCATED**

Laurent Dubois' book, "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History," chronicles the history of Haiti directly relevant to our contemporary attempts to struggle with issues of race, economic development, political dysfunction, and the complicated traumas of the past. Led by Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg, the final session on this book will be Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. in the Saint Pauls Parlor.

**JULY 11 - MOMS NIGHT OUT - Parents of Little Ones is having a Moms Night Out at 7:30 p.m. at Drawl, 2423 N. Clark St. RSVP to Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.**

**JULY 14 - SQUARE ROOTS FESTIVAL, 6 p.m. Begin at Maggie's home before heading to Lincoln Square. Join the Young Adults Group for an outing to the folk music street fest. Bring wine or makings for your favorite cocktails. Hang out in Maggie's AC before heading over to the Square Roots Festival down the street. Suggested donation at the entrance. Contact Maggie Arden at maggie.arden@me.com to RSVP.**

**JULY 22 - ROCK 'N ROLL HALF MARATHON & 10K, 6:30 a.m., Grant Park.**  
Come run with the Young Adult group! The Humana Rock 'n Roll 10K and half marathon is a scenic lakefront course that begins and ends downtown near Grant Park. You'll be done in time to limp over to church afterwards. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite to join the running group. Questions? Email Derek at derekjaydiemer@gmail.com

**JULY 28 & 29 - VOLK'S FARM WEEKEND GETAWAY, Starved Rock.**  
St. Pauls women are invited to the Volk's farm the weekend of July 28-29. You may hike at Starved Rock, tour an old mansion, pick wildflowers, zipline, watch the birds, visit farm animals, or just enjoy the great companionship. Carpools usually available. Bed available for the first 12 to sign up. Email Marcia Volk for details at marcia@volkonline.com or call 773-307-6866.

### **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 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@aol.com and join us!

**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

**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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP** - We will be reading “Les Miserables” this fall. More information will be forthcoming. For more information contact 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo [mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Diana Laskaris [dianaminlead@gmail.com](mailto:dianaminlead@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](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 at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

**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](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.*

- The Saint Pauls Mission Trip Team serving in Puerto Rico.
- Ramiro Gonzalez and family at the loss of his brother.
- Loved ones of Rachel Rockwell, friend of Caroline Heffernan, grieving her death.
- Larry Howell, recovering from kidney stone surgery and suffering from lymphoma.
- Julie, friend of Pat Kirby, recovering from hip replacement.
- Ivy's brother and his wife, who are going through serious financial difficulty.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Debbie Martin, mother of Dan and Kevin, recovering from heart surgery.
- Paula Kearns, mother of Larry Kearns, who is battling lung cancer in Miami.
- Natasha, a friend of Terry and Kurt Hansen, enduring difficult times.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- 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.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- 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.



## NOTES

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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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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.