

October 14, 2018

* HYMN

Welcoming God

TUNE: Blessed Assurance

Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:
God's own example for ministry.
Welcoming God, You open the Way:
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving You well,
Your life to know and good news tell.

Women are welcome, as are the men;
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too:
No more divided – made one anew.
Welcoming God, You open the way;
Those once divided join now to pray
Serving at Table, preaching Your Words,
So that Your love for all will be heard.

Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, You stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So You forgive and call us to be
Filled with the joy of Your jubilee.

So may we welcome into our pew
All who in Jesus are being made new
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, You stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, You search
May we all welcome You in Your church.

ANTHEM

Keep Us In Your Heart
Pauls People
Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Tony Payne

Hold us in your hand,
Keep us in your heart,
If we fall, help us stand up
And learn to walk again.
Then along the way,
Send angels to protect us.
Lord, hold us in your hand
And keep us in your heart.
We know who you are
And what you want to do.
Here and now, make us grateful,
Make us true.
Hold us in your hand,
And keep us in your heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are painfully aware of the ways we dismiss or disdain others who think, act or look differently from ourselves.
We are so quick to judge and look down on others.
We do not recognize the inherent beauty, worth, and dignity of every person.
We get caught up in categories, presumptions, stereotypes and exclusions around and within us.
We acknowledge the ways in which differences in race, economic status, sexuality and spirituality have been used to hurt others.
We regret the missed opportunities to care for people persecuted by bigots.
We take responsibility to lead, protect, and affirm all people.
We commit ourselves to hold fast to the truth that we are one human family.
None is free when others are oppressed. Forgive us for being oppressors.
Help us to live in love with all people. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*At this time Sunday School students will be invited to go to their classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and
return to worship.*

* RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 28 v. 4

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise this hymn of grateful praise.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Lauren Vega

1 Corinthians 12:15–19

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be?

* 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. 30 v. 1

Colorful Creator, God of mystery,
Thank you for the artist teaching us to see
glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,
visions of the holy in each human face.

SERMON

"Other Fears"

Sarah Garcia

* HYMN

O For A World

Black Hymnal No. 575

O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.

OFFERTORY

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people,
And the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Psalm 100

Glory be to the Father;
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

* 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

Pastor Matt Fitzgerald

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

De Colores

Black Hymnal No. 402

De colores,
De colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores,
De colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera
De colores,
De colores es el arco iris que vemos salir,
Y por eso los grandes amores
De muchos colores me gustan a mí,
Y por eso los grandes amores
De muchos colores
Me gustan a mí.

Sing, of colors,
Sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors,
Of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;
Sing of colors,
In the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and
Give thanks to the God who created us all.
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Give thanks to the God who created us all.

Sing, rejoicing!
Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.
Sing, rejoicing!
Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation.
Sing the good news! Sing love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.
Many colors that shine from God's face,
Many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face,
Many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, amen, amen*

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 4—Finale

C. M. Widor
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

TODAY'S MUSIC includes a wonderful setting of Psalm 100 by Benjamin Britten (1912–1976). Listen to how the organ part seeks to imitate the harmonics of bells, and the choral parts are a dialogue between sections that urge each other to praise God. These outbursts of joy are contrasted with hushed portions describing the qualities of graciousness and mercy. Tony Payne, composer of the Pauls People anthem, is on the Music Composition Faculty of the Conservatory of Music at Wheaton College. In addition, he is General Manager (Artistic Planning, Corporate and Foundation Sponsorships).

OUR PROCESSIONAL HYMN is sung to a text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. The text was developed as part of the work of the Institute for Welcoming Resources, a program of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Carolyn is a Presbyterian pastor who has also written more than 100 hymn texts. She and her husband, Bruce, are co-pastors of a church in Philadelphia. The tune, "Assurance," was composed in 1873 by Phoebe Palmer Knapp.

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: David Baker, Fred Pearson, Bruce Voice

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory of Betty Pellegrino.

A GIFT has been given by Char & Larry Damron in memory of Jack Hogan.

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

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.

Oct 14 Kendra Bultemeier

Oct 15 Alicia Braun, Maggie Stepf, Thea Mack, Tom Moen

Oct 16 Hannah Barton, Lydia Richardson

Oct 17 Tilly Wilhoite

Oct 19 Bob Ball

Oct 20 Jeff Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Curious about Saint Pauls? Our current round of classes are being held today and October 21. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org

GOD IS CALLING SAINT PAULS! - Our fall sermon series explores the six calls in our strategic plan. Each week we'll hear how God calls us to ...

Grow Toward Each Other 9/9

Grow Toward God Together 9/16

Use Our Building for Service and Mission 9/23

Live Our Faith in an Age of Injustice 10/7

Increase Our Diversity 10/14

Tend Our Finances Faithfully 10/21



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY On Sunday, October 28th, St. Pauls turns 175! There will be a special worship service followed by a birthday party in the gym, along with a display highlighting our history. Join us as we give thanks for God's great faithfulness to our congregation over the generations.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! - We'll need lots of cakes, cookies and bars to celebrate our church's birthday. If you can contribute goodies for the party, please RSVP to Barb Kaiser, bkaiser2213@gmail.com, or Gretchen Althen, galthen@att.net and bring items to they gym on the morning of Oct. 28th.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR ST PAULS HOUSE - Most of the Christmas trees and chapel greenery at St. Pauls House are now in need of being replaced. You can sponsor a new tree to brighten the holidays for the residents:

- Coordinate the purchase of a new (or like new condition) tree,
 - Decorate the tree with lights and ornaments,
 - Coordinate the tree take-down, with all items properly stored and labeled onsite.
- Decorating will take place on Sunday, November 18. SPH will provide hot drinks and sweets. A placard acknowledging your sponsorship will be placed next to your tree. For more information, contact Forrest Sturm at forrestahs@gmail.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Additional volunteers needed on December 2 and December 30 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

HAITI MISSION TRIP 2019 - We have reserved the week of February 16-23 for adults to volunteer at Three Angels Orphanage and School. If you're interested in being part of the team, let Pastor Jeff know by November 1. jcarlson@spucc.org

LINCOLN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION - The main north entrance of the Lincoln Avenue parking garage is closed for construction. The parking lot is accessible via the south entrance of the garage, also located on Lincoln Avenue. Visit LincolnCommon.com for additional project details.

OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 11

DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, HAPPINESS AND JOY - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room. Some have claimed that we are living through a depression epidemic. Why? We - Greg Taylor, Kelli Fitzgerald, Bill Borden, Steve Peterson - will lead a series of conversations today, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Nov. 11 on this question. We will use the book "Happier" by Tal Ben Shahar, the professor who taught the famous Harvard Happiness class, as a discussion springboard. RSVP Steve Peterson, sspeterson01@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 14 - MONTHLY BRUNCH and FRIENDSGIVING PLANNING - 11 a.m. Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk to Old Grounds Social, 950 W. Wrightwood.

OCTOBER 14 - COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - 11 a.m., Gym
The Connectors are assembling college care packages today after church. Please leave any small care items you wish to send to our college students (tea boxes, candy bars, hot cocoa mix, tissues) in the office.

OCTOBER 14 -

1ST AND 2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SERVICE PROJECT - 3-5 p.m.
Prepare and serve the Community Engagement Project meal for the homeless. Sign up with Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org

OCTOBER 15 - 16 - ERACING THE MARGINS: PRACTICING A FAITH OF INCLUSIVITY

UCAN is hosting a two-day event: Oct. 15, 10a.m.-1:30p.m., Panel on “LGBTQ Issues in Faith Spaces;” Oct. 16, 1p.m.-3:30p.m., Jeremiah Wright on “Homosexuality & Faith: How Should People of Faith Move Forward?” Events are at the UCAN campus, 3605 W. Fillmore. RSVP: Damascus Harris damascus.harris@ucanchicago.org.

OCTOBER 18 - MOMS NIGHT OUT - 7:30 p.m., Parlor.

Moms are invited for wine and cheese and grownup conversations. If you're expecting, you are welcome to join us too. RSVP to Molly mollymcgrath906@gmail.com

OCTOBER 22- LITTLE LIGHTS FUNDRAISER NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Little Lights. Come in to the Chipotle at 2256 N. Orchard on Monday, October 22nd from 4-8 p.m. Stop in the office for a flyer or let the cashier know that you are supporting Little Lights. 33% of the proceeds will be donated back to the early childhood program. Questions? Email Virgie-vberry@spucc.org

OCTOBER 27 - HALLOWEEN PARTY - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Gym

The Parents of Little Ones (POLO) will be hosting their annual boo bash in the gym with bounce house, crafts, games, and glitter. All are welcome, but the party is geared toward little kids.

OCTOBER 28 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL DINNER - 5 p.m.

Gay Kelly is hosting a dinner at Sapori Trattoria at 2701 N. Halsted with St. Pauls Social to celebrate the 175th Anniversary. Sapori has graciously given us a special price of \$40 per person. You will receive: three appetizers, salad, three entrees, three desserts, tax and tip. Vegetarian options are included. Dinner is served family style. Please RSVP to Gay Kelly at gkelly626@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 5 - 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.

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>.

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." Second half discussion: December 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 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

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10 a.m. - 11:45. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Current book: Colossians. Next meeting: November 10. RSVP: Pastor Jeff jcarlson@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS - For children from birth to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday mornings. 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.

- Karin Magnuson's mother, Carole, facing health problems.
- Wendy and Brianna Love on the death of Wendy's husband, Dave Smith.
- The Ashley family's friend Maryn, and Maryn's sister and parents, as she nears the end of her life.
- Kurt and Terry Hansen ask prayers for a student going through difficult times.
- Pat Kirby, in the hospital with back problems.
- Dennis, recovering from surgery following an accident.
- Bea and family as they mark the one year memorial for their brother, Jacob.
- Kathie, who is in hospice care for Alzheimer's.
- Jessica Ashley and family as they prepare for her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- One of the tutors at the Colleen Henry Writing Center at Lincoln Park H.S., diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Libby, Dan and Emma Braband on the death of Libby's mother.
- Dale, who has cancer.
- Pearlie, who is struggling with health problems.
- Wade, who is in the final stages of terminal cancer.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Larry Howell, undergoing chemo with complications.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

You are beloved - to others, to the world you live in, and most important, 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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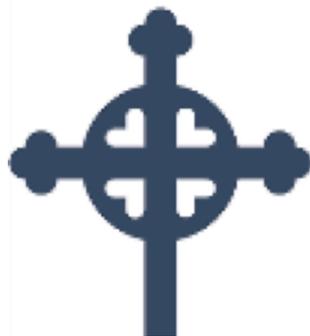
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,
2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. - Vouchers Not Needed



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.