

June 6, 2021
Communion
Virtual Worship

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

PRELUDE

My Tribute to God Be the Glory
Brendan Henry, piano

Andraé Crouch

CHIMES

INTROIT

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
Chancel Choir

Benedictine Plainsong

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Carlson

Based on Psalm 38

One: We give thanks, O God, with our whole hearts!

All: For though you are great, you lift us up when we feel the most small.

One: You love us as we are. When we are fearful, you stretch out your hands to us.

All: Fulfill your purpose in us: to love our neighbors as ourselves.

One: Your steadfast love endures forever!

All: You increase our strength of heart. Hallelujah!

HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Led by Lee Lichamer

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a-broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow By or - der from thy throne,

I sing the wis - dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;____
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis-played, Wher - e'er I turn my eye:____
While all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,____

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Garcia

**God of abundance, change, and steadfast love,
we confess that we sometimes forget
that we have what we need.**

We sometimes forget we hold power.

**In a world with competing stories
about morality, authority, and forgiveness,
we confess that we would rather, sometimes,
just be told what to do. Would rather release
ourselves from the responsibility to shape our world
as loving witnesses to our God of justice.**

**Help us open to the grace you give us
in the form of brave curiosity. Help us receive
that love that lets us learn anew each day.**

**Help us locate who and where we really are,
so that we can better be in service of that love
you so modeled for us in Christ. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM of Ruby Jane Teague

**ALL: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to
each of us your faithful love. We pray for your child Ruby. Inspire her life.
May she sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace
many people in your name. We pray for her parents, that they may be
guided by your love and that they may know your presence. May we walk
together with this family as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom
you have lived and died and live again. Amen.**

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship."

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)

SERMON “There Is No Single Way Forward, Thank God” Benny VanDerburgh

MEDITATION *Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Melody
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano arr. Phillip Keveren

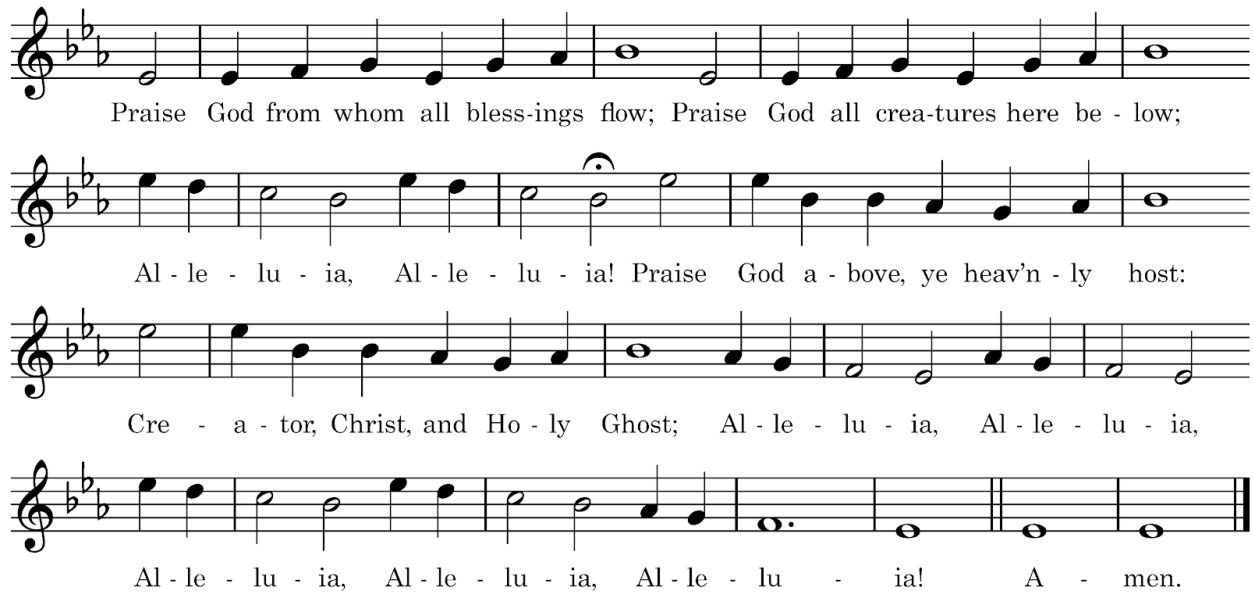
OFFERING INVITATION Sarah Garcia

OFFERTORY *Kyrie eleison* René Clausen
 (Sung in Latin)
 Chancel Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

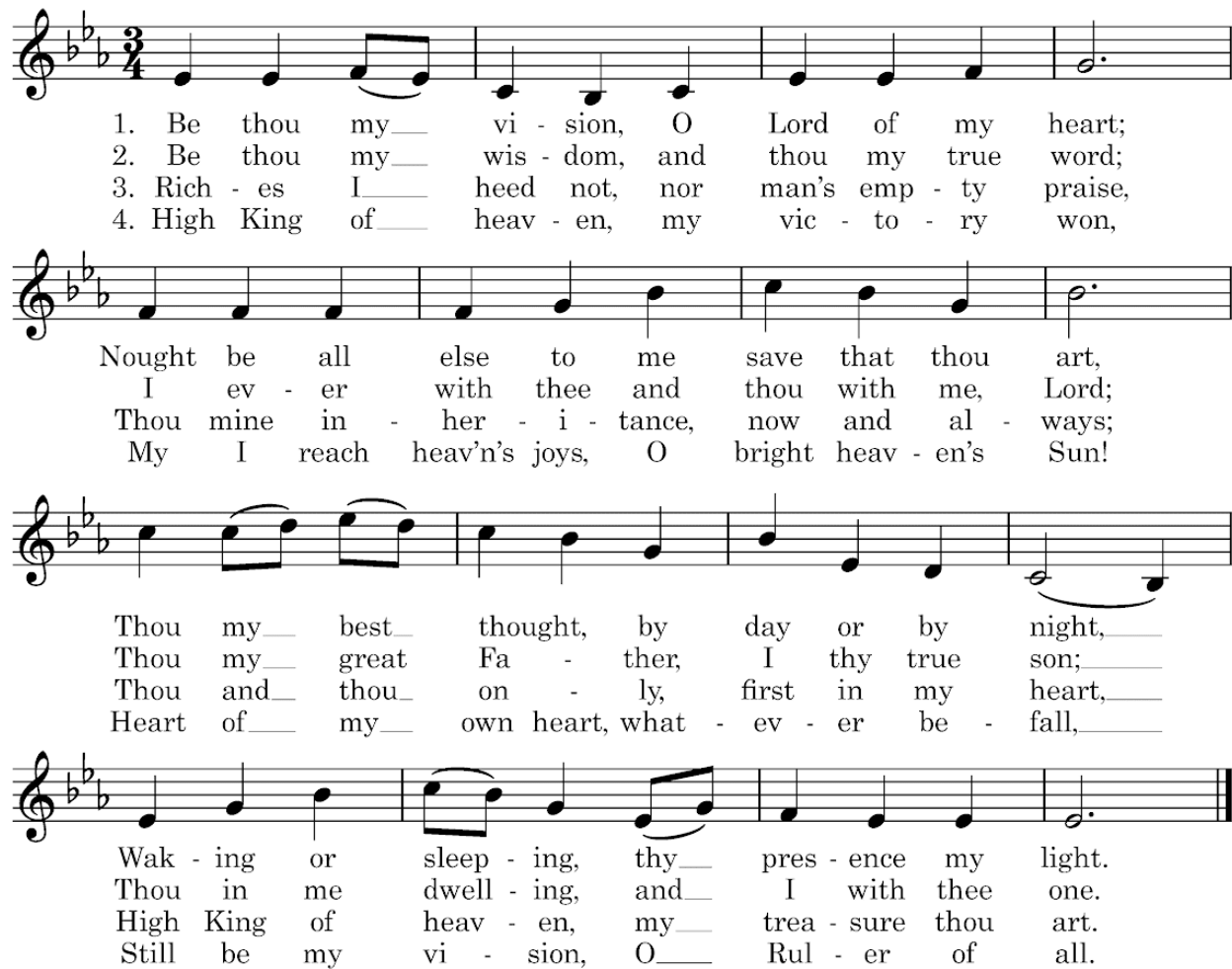
Please ready your bread and wine or juice.

Wait to partake until all are invited. We will eat and drink together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
Lied by Kurt Hansen



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
My I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Johann Pachelbel

This is our last Coffee Hour on Zoom!

Using a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: 882 5733 7213, Pswd: Coffee

By phone, dial (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 5733 7213, Password: 530750

*Morning worship at Saint Pauls is streamed online
on Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, at spucc.org/streaming.*

For updates about in-person worship, see the announcements section below!

*If you would like someone to pray with you this week, Clergy and Stephen Ministers
are available for phone calls.*

VIRTUAL WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM

Chuck Kent

Mary Beth Hughes, Big Thinking By The Hour

Jim Courtright, Big Thinking By The Hour

VIRTUAL MUSIC PRODUCTION TEAM

Kevin Dzierzawski

Breanna Coe

Kristofer Hansen

Matt Plaskota

ALTAR CLOTHS AND PARAMENTS

Our altar cloths and paraments change colors when the seasons of the church year shift, and were made by members of Saint Pauls.

Purple is for the season of Advent made by Deborah Rose.

White is for the seasons of Christmas and Easter made by Lynn Dykstra Davis.

Green is for ordinary time (Sundays between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, Easter and Advent) made by Deborah Rose.

Red is for special Sundays and symbolizes the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, Ordinations) made by Deborah Rose.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls.

A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

June 6 Rosa Schmahl, Zachary Jarzebowski
June 7 Amy Bashiti, Linda Lang
June 8 Jean Weimer, Colin Murray, Noah Bashiti, Jack Kobak
June 9 Don Camp, Sue Lannin, Alex Hansen, Kai Renfrow
June 10 Paul Davis, Todd Beeson, Christopher Keller
June 11 Steve Terborg, Jennie Hamm, Malcolm Hoerr
June 12 Corie Gallemore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING UPDATE

The Church Council has approved a plan to reopen our building for weekday use. This means that most church ministries and committees can meet in the building. So can our partners, including 12-step meetings, Lighthouse UCC, and others. Here is even better news: **On Sunday, June 13, we will return to in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and courtyard coffee hour.** Current city guidelines permit us to gather in a group that comprises 60% of our sanctuary's capacity. This means we can welcome 460 people to worship on a Sunday morning. That means this is the last week for virtual coffee hour, and to register for 4 p.m. in-person worship, which you can do here!

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/34510

Please know that we will continue to offer virtual worship before and after June 13. Streamed services are here to stay.

CREATION CORNER

General Motors (GM) is planning an all-out effort to catch Tesla in electric vehicles sales. Over the next five years, GM is expected to introduce several electric cars and trucks. They anticipate spending \$27 billion by 2025 on this effort. GM previously has been quoted as saying the future is electric. Access to plentiful recharging stations are key to the success of electric cars. Write your legislators, grocery stores, hotel chains, big box stores, etc., to consider adding charging stations to parking lots. Letters from kids are particularly effective!

SUMMER CAMP!

We are excited to have you join us for summer camp this year! Along with arts and crafts, games, and water activities, campers enjoy exploring local parks and going on daily adventures! St. Pauls Summer Camp is for school aged children 6-12. Summer camp will run July 5 through July 30 with options for Full Day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or Half Day (9 a.m.-12 p.m.). Sign up on a weekly basis, Monday to Friday. Learn more and sign up here: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 6 - PLAYFUL PRAISE - 5 p.m., Courtyard

In-person kid-centered worship! If it rains, we will be in the gym. We will have live music, a craft, and interactive storytelling. Masks, social distancing and registration required: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/864915>.

JUNE 12 - POLO PLAYDATE - 10 a.m., Weisman Playground

Join us with your Little Ones at Weisman Playground at 901 W Oakdale Ave on Saturday between 10 and 11:30am for a playdate!

JUNE 14 - BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING* - 7 p.m. Zoom

The Long, Classic Novels Reading Group invites you to read and discuss this book by T.H. White. Ursula LeGuin writes, "A fierce and damaged man, T. H. White wrote about fierce and damaged people—and children, and animals—with a brilliant, painful innocence that has no equal in literature. He is so good at hurt and shame—how did he also manage to be so funny? I have laughed at his great Arthurian novel and cried over it and loved it all my life." RSVP: Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org for Zoom link.

JUNE 26 - ST. PAULS PRIDE CONCERT - 5-7 p.m., Church Parking Lot

Join St. Pauls Social for a musical celebration in honor of Pride, Summer and our Emergence from the Pandemic. We are planning an informal and fun program just for this event where members and friends will share their musical talent.

Participants are asked to BYO food, drinks and chairs as we will be following CDC and local guidelines. RSVP required! If you would like to participate in the musical program, please email Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com, or Matt Fitzgerald, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/864808

Parking - You will need to find street parking (keep an eye out for permit restrictions!), or park in the garage at 2316 N. Lincoln Ave. (St. Pauls has a validation agreement with the garage for our in-person Sunday services, but *validation through St. Pauls is not available for this event.*)

OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your contact information, join and view our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

We are seeking **CEP Laundry volunteers on Saturday mornings**. One volunteer is needed each week to greet street-based guests and launder their clothes on-site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have any interest in **cooking in-person** meals for homeless neighbors in the coming months, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com. If you are not interested in in-person activities, we continue to have opportunities to drop off meals for LPCS.

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.

EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected, or have you been a longtime friend and missed signing up for our email? Either way, you can go here: spucc.org/connect-learn/signups to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, request more information about Children and Youth Programming, and more!

FAITH IN ACTION – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues.

Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

GREEN TEAM Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: God calls us to care for creation. This is the perfect time to plan, as we prepare to reenter and reimagine our common bodily life together. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro have volunteered to co-chair our efforts, both bringing a great deal of experience and ideas. To attend, or to be in the email list for future meetings, email Jan at jan.fraccaro@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2021. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

MEALS FOR LPCS - Lincoln Park Community Services is a St. Pauls founded organization that provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sfletcher1443@gmail.com, or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Jennifer Kew, JenniferLKew@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO) has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

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).

VOLUNTEER TO READ SCRIPTURE

While we worship virtually, volunteers are needed to send in a recording of the scripture reading each week. The week before the service you've volunteered for, the speaking pastor for that Sunday will send you the scripture passage and recording/uploading instructions.

Sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Now meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

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.

ZOOM MEETINGS – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our 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.

- Friends and family of Karl Wirsum, who passed away this month.
- Ivy Sanz's mother, Grace, for a quick recovery from her hospitalization with pneumonia.
- Tom Henry and family at the death of Colleen Henry's 100-year-old mother, Mary Payne.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- Pauline Taylor's son, Greg, being treated for cancer.
- Jeff Johnson and family at the death of his mother, Jeanine.
- Al Cerkan, recovering from major back surgery.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

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 and Affirming" of LGBTQ people.

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 important, over the past 177 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 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.