

August 1, 2021  
Communion Sunday



\* HYMN

*This Is the Day*



1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our  
2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus  
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the



God has made; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be  
rose a - gain; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be  
Spir - it came; we will re - joice, we will re - joice and be



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This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.  
This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**God of mercy, hear the prayers of your hungry people.  
For every time we have attributed your miracles  
to our own hands alone, forgive us, we pray.  
For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way  
when your response did not come soon enough,  
or in the way we expected, grant us mercy, O God.  
For the opportunities to extend forgiveness to others and ourselves,  
that we have so often refused,  
Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.  
For each way we put our own understanding above your wisdom,  
Direct us in your ways, we pray.  
For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,  
and our indifference to the suffering round us, we repent.  
Forgive us, Loving One, and fill our hunger with your grace;  
For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*  
Feel like shouting, Hallelujah;  
Since I laid my burdens down.  
I feel better, so much better,  
Feel like shouting, Hallelujah;

SCRIPTURE

Marcia Knudson

*John 6:14-15, 24-27*

When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When the crowd realized he was gone and wasn't coming back, they piled into the Tiberias boats and headed for Capernaum, looking for Jesus.

When they found him back across the sea, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free.

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."

\* 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

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

I feel better, so much better,  
Since I laid my burdens down.  
I feel better, so much better,  
Since I laid my burdens down.

SERMON

“What We Think We Want”

Sarah Garcia

\* HYMN

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Since I laid my burdens down.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Since I laid my burdens down.

OFFERTORY

*We Shall Behold Him*

Dottie Rambo

Nathan Streeter, tenor; and Brendan Henry, piano

The sky shall unfold preparing his entrance;  
The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.  
The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting,  
And we shall behold Him then face to face....  
In all of his glory,  
O we shall behold Him face to face, our Savior and Lord.

The angel shall sound the shout of His coming;  
The sleeping shall rise from their slumbering place;  
And those who remain shall be changed in a moment,  
And we shall behold Him then face to face....

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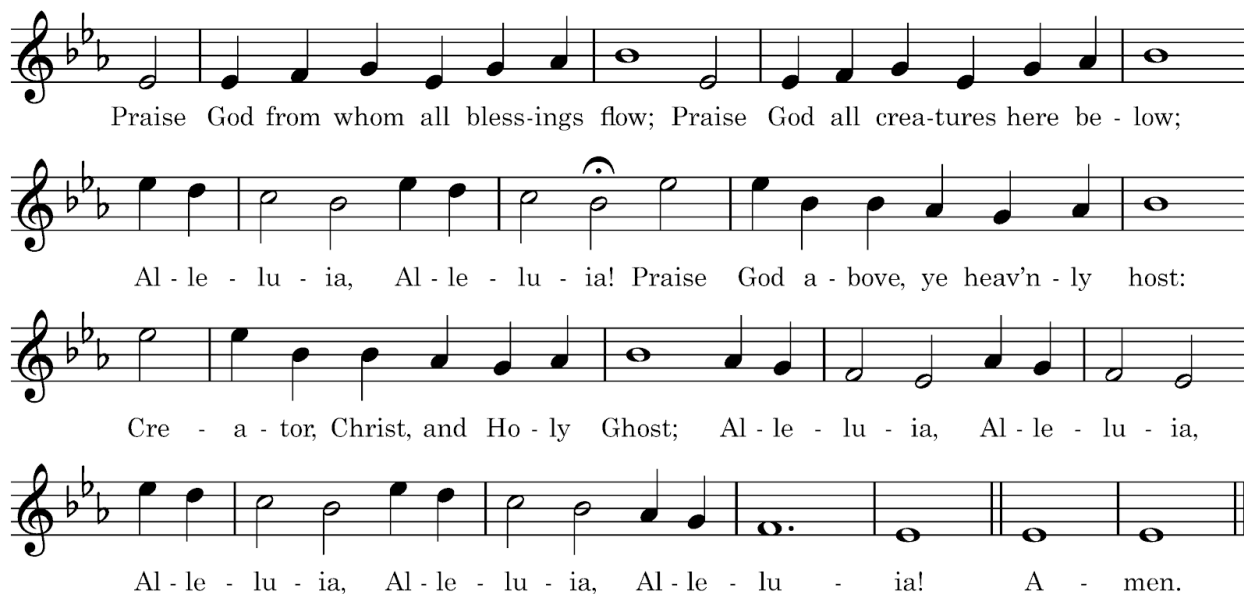
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\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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

Jeff Carlson

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.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*The Creator Has a Master Plan*

Pharoh Sanders

St. Arbucks Quartet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN

*Guide My Feet*

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand  
3. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child  
4. Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,  
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,  
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,  
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.



\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

*Rejoice!*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Richard Smallwood

*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 outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.*

### TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude, ***Someone Asked a Question-Why We Sing*** was written in 1993 and features both text and music by Kirk Franklin (b. 1970). Mr Franklin also pays homage in this song to the historic hymn text *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*. He also has brought a new and contemporary edge to gospel music by adding the energy of hip-hop.

***This Is the Day*** uses a folk melody and unattributed words from Fiji. It was first published in 1967 in a hymnal in Australia. It lends itself to be sung in a call and response style.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoh Sanders (b. 1940). He was born Farrell Sanders and changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating "spiritual jazz" as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra and featured it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

***Glory, Glory! Hallelujah!*** is a truly exuberant African American spiritual. Longtime members of St. Pauls will recognize it as one of our touchstone songs sung over the years on “How Sweet The Sound,” our Gospel music Sunday. The arrangement we sing is by Harriet Ziegenhals (1925 - 2016). Ziegenhals was the Director of the Community Renewal Chorus in Chicago for many years and often collaborated with Sam Hill, remarkable gospel pianist and beloved St. Pauls Music Director from 1971 until his death in 1991.

Our Offertory, ***We Shall Behold Him***, was written by Dottie Rambo (1934 - 2008) in 1980. She composed more than 2,500 religious songs in her life. In addition to composing, she also sang and played guitar. In 1991, she was inducted into the Gospel Hall of Fame. Tragically, she lost her life in a traffic accident while on tour. Her music has been sung and recorded by a wide range of artists from Johnny Cash, to Carol Channing to Sandi Patty.

***Guide My Feet*** is another uplifting spiritual from the African American tradition. It is one of the many songs that was sung during marches during the civil rights movement in the 1960’s. The believer asks God to guide them on the path of life.

***Rejoice!*** - Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) is one of the top composers and performers of Gospel music. His group, The Richard Smallwood Singers, has toured the world. He is a graduate of Howard University, which also counts Vice President Kamala Harris and so many other luminaries as alumni. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

### **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 seasons of Advent and Lent, made by Deborah Rose.

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

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

Green is for ordinary time, made by Deborah Rose.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Brown, Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Cindy Ball, Carrie Bruggers

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operator:** Chuck Kent

**St. Arbucks Quartet:** Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

## BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

*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.*

Aug 1 Becky Burton, Cheryl Kennedy

Aug 2 Chris Montague, Shannon Banjavcic, Lydia Busker, Molly Palm

Aug 3 Cruz Lohnes

Aug 4 Marah Marshall, Mary Vasys, Tim Weidman, Brianna Love, Nikki Miller,  
Nolan Mussatt, Zoe Lawrence

Aug 5 Juan Nuno, Vivian Hein

Aug 6 Jenn Rogers

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CREATION CORNER

Solar farms and wind farms are spreading renewable energy without having to install personal solar panels and wind turbines. Arcadia Power and Clean Choice Energy both supply clean energy to ComEd. You can simply sign up with either company and ComEd will use solar and wind power equal to your usage. ComEd is now offering a Nexamp product that offers a 20% discount for joining a community solar farm. A good community resource regarding these choices is the Citizens Utility Board [CUB] [www.citizensutilityboard.org](http://www.citizensutilityboard.org).

### CHURCH SCHOOL

We are offering Sunday morning faith formation activities for children 2 to 11 years old. See the event page for more information. Please register by Friday for the upcoming Sunday at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **AUG 4 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS** - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

St. Paul's famous words about love were written to a local church only about seven years old. They were new Christians struggling to build a community around the good news of Jesus. For Paul, Christian faith can only be lived in community and in this letter he addresses the questions and struggles of a group of early Christians that remain surprisingly similar to our own. 1 Corinthians is a timely book to read as we reenter our in-person life together. Meets weekly on Zoom. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **SEPT 20 - DISCUSSION: *THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO*** - 7 p.m.

*The Count of Monte Cristo* is next up in this year's Long, Classic Novel Reading Group. Alexandre Dumas' epic tale of suffering and retribution, inspired by a real-life case of wrongful imprisonment, was a huge popular success when it was first serialized in the 1840s. We'll be reading it over six months, with the first of two discussions on September 20 at 7 p.m. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way of celebrating a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com).

**EMAIL SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to [spucc.org](http://spucc.org) 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! If you're already a member of St. Pauls and have missed signing up for our email list, you can sign up at the bottom of our website, [spucc.org](http://spucc.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8) to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative. If you prefer to complete a paper document, please contact the office, [info@spucc.org](mailto:info@spucc.org). 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 on the email list for future meetings, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Joanne Tong know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Joanne at [jctong@yahoo.com](mailto:jctong@yahoo.com).

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

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://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!

### **SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up at: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson ([jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**ZOOM MEETINGS** – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

- Karaçan Thomas' grandmother in the hospital.
- Joe JaQuay at the death of his mother, Noor.
- Yvette, friend of Jenny Benefield, struggling greatly with severe chronic depression.
- The many who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, to get it before it's too late. May we all find our role in helping this happen.
- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Janice, cousin of Darlene Braun, asking for prayers.
- Family and friends of Susann Craig at her death.
- Marti Pechnyo, recovering at home after emergency shoulder replacement surgery.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Friends and family of Karl Wirsum at his death.
- Friends and family of Larry Butcher at his death.
- Ivy Sanz's mother, Grace, for a quick recovery from her hospitalization with pneumonia.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- 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.