

July 11, 2021

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.

PRELUDE	Sonata in A Minor: <i>Siciliana</i>	Georg Philipp Telemann
	Mark Mosley, oboe	
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

WELCOME	Jeff Carlson
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is beyond us.

All: O Lord, we await you!

One: Let a new and nobler life begin.

All: God of liberation and healing, we await you!

One: Fling wide the portals of your heart!

All: God of all that is, we await you!

** Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates; be - hold the
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3. So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

glo - rious_ Rul - er waits! The Sov - ereign One is
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
no - bler_ life be - gin; Your Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing_ near; the Sav - ior of_ the_ world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
guide us_ on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we've tried to go it alone.
We've denied you and ignored you.
playing with the bigness of our littleness,
scheming, strutting.**

**Lies reign.
Indifference grows.
Joy goes missing.
The poor get stepped on.
O God, we confess our desperate need for you.
Come to us! Come quickly!
We are waiting! Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Over My Head

Over my head I hear music in the air. (3x)
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head I hear singing in the air. (3x)
There must be a God somewhere.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24

God claims Earth and everything in it,
God claims World and all who live on it.
He built it on Ocean foundations,
laid it out on River girders.
Who can climb Mount God?
Who can scale the holy north face?
Only the clean-handed,
only the pure-hearted;
who do not lift up their souls,
to what is false.

God is at their side;
with God's help they make it.
This, Jacob, is what happens
to those who seek him.
Wake up, you sleepyhead city!
Wake up, you sleepyhead people!
The King of Glory is ready to enter.
Who is this King of Glory?
God, armed
and battle-ready.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
Wake up, you sleepyhead people!
The King of Glory is ready to enter.
Who is this King of Glory?
God-of-the-Angel-Armies:
he is the King of Glory.

* 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)

* HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Red Hymnal No. 83



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep_ si - lence, And with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of___ Mar - y, As of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of___ heav - en Spreads its van - guard



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he___ stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man_ ves - ture,
on the___ way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth



For with bless - ing in his___ hand, Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the___ blood. He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less_ day, That the powers of hell may



- scend - - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - - ful His own self for heav'n - ly___ food.
van - - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.

SERMON

“Life is the Meantime”

Matt Fitzgerald

RESPONSE

Over My Head

Over my head I see trouble in the air. (3x)

There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head I see Jesus in the air. (3x)

There must be a God somewhere.

OFFERTORY

Sonata in A Minor: *Andante Cantabile*

G. P. Telemann

Mark Mosley, oboe

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

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Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, 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.

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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Tune: HYFRYDOL



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet_ a king!
3. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to eve - ry trou - bled breast!
4. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life_ re - ceive;



From our fears_ and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign_ in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
Let us all_ in thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly_ re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.



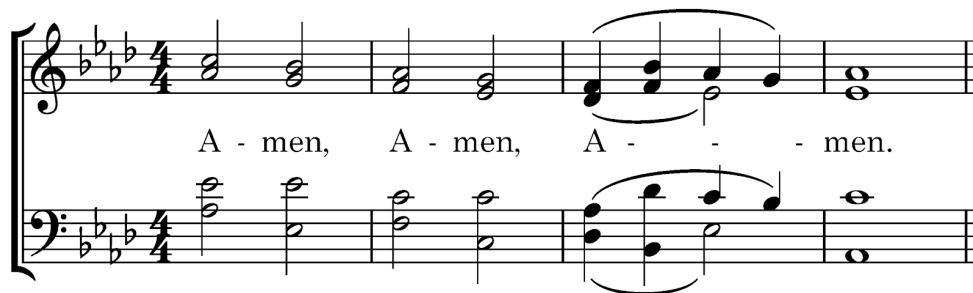
Is - rael's strength and con - sol - la - tion, hope of all_ the earth thou art;
By thy own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all_ our hearts a - lone;
Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as_ thy hosts a - bove,



Dear de - sire_ of ev - ry na - tion, joy of ev - ry long - ing heart.
By_ thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to_ thy glor - ious throne.
End of faith, as its_ be - gin - ing, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in_ thy pre - cious love.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

He Has Done Great Things
St. Arbucks Quartet

Jessy Dixon

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.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR is on summer break and will return on Sunday, September 12.

TODAY'S MUSIC

The composer of our **Prelude** and **Offertory**, Georg Philipp Telemann (1681 – 1767), was one of the most prolific composers in history, and was considered in his lifetime to be the greatest of composers. He was a friend of both Bach and Handel, and the godfather of Johann Sebastian Bach's son, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. A highly organized individual, in 1721 Telemann became music director for all five of the main churches of Hamburg, Germany. His *Oboe Sonata in A Minor* was published in 1728 as one of 70 compositions in a self-published music magazine called *The Faithful Music Master*, written in part to teach amateur musicians how lyrical melodies should be ornamented.

The tune for ***Lift Up Your Heads***, TRURO, was composed by Charles Burney (1726 - 1814). Burney was a music historian and composer. He apprenticed with a well known English Baroque composer, Thomas Arne (1710 -1778). The words were written by the famous English Hymnist and Methodist preacher, Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788).

Over My Head is another text and melody from the great wealth of spirituals. Its present version was arranged in 1981 by Verolga Nix (1933 - 2014), a world class pianist and graduate of Oberlin Conservatory, and J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937 - 1986), one of the most important scholars of African American spirituals. Cleveland and Nix collaborated on a seminal work about African American music, *Songs Of Zion*. It is actually a shortened version, including only the very catchy refrain of a longer song.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence uses a French carol melody, PICARDY, from the 17th century that was harmonized in 1906 by the great English composer of the 20th century, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958). The words are a translation and paraphrase of a hymn from the Greek Liturgy of St. James.

The text for ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*** was also written by the great English hymn writer, Charles Wesley. He wrote more than 6,500 hymn texts. The composer of ***HYFRYDOL***, Roland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887), was from Wales and was only 19 years old when he composed the great hymn tune.

He Has Done Great Things is by Jessy Dixon (1938 - 2011), another gospel artist and composer with deep roots in Chicago. His music was beloved outside his own community and he received seven Grammy nominations in his career. He toured the world with Paul Simon after Mr. Simon heard him and The Jessy Dixon Singers at a concert at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He also wrote music for artists as varied as Diana Ross and Cher.

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: Doug Clark, Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of the 16th wedding anniversary of Dr. Joanne Tong and Dr. Reuben Pasquini on July 9, 2005.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY

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.

July 11 Cole Bailey, Joe Womack, Larry Lundquist, Hayden McGuire

July 12 Annette Robinson, Lynn Dykstra, Becca Kent, Cooper Kohler, Vince Lohnes

July 13 Grace Orozco, Cal Connolly, Oscar Nach

July 14 Bill Borden, Creighton Hartanov, Janine Fletcher-Thomas, Tim Nowack

July 15 Carolyn Hyson, Laird Koldyke, Lee Lichamer, Ninon Landaverry-Freeman, Audrey Davidson

July 16 Stacy O'Connell, Julia McGuire

July 17 Micki Fayhee, Amelia Hoerr, Madeleine Spainhour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GENERAL SYNOD, our national gathering, begins today and it's online. Find out more about how you can join in the worship, workshops and more with our UCC siblings from around the country by visiting generalsynod.org.

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.

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: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988>.

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.

CREATION CORNER

The world needs to cut projected carbon emissions in half by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The most important task ahead is to replace fossil fuels with green energy. Fossil fuels cause 75% of global carbon emissions, predominantly in the global energy system. This means nine years of tough choices for governments, people, and companies.

One thousand major corporations, 438 mayors, 25 governors, and 700 universities have committed to cutting emissions to 3.6 F in the next nine years. Will you do your part?

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 12-30 - SUMMER CAMP! - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m./3 p.m.

You can still register for camp! 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. We have 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:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571.

JULY 14 - 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.

JULY 29 - WINDY CITY WINDS SUMMER CELEBRATION - 7 p.m., Buttercup Park

Celebrate Summer with the Windy City Winds! Join us as we celebrate the joy of music and warmer temperatures with our first concert of 2021. We'll be playing a mix of marches, popular music and wind band classics featuring *The Entertainer*, Gustav Holst's *First Suite in E Flat*, a Duke Ellington medley, and much more! Buttercup Park is located at 4913 N. Sheridan Road. Bring a blanket and a chair—we look forward to seeing you there!

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 SIGN-UP – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to 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.

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. If you prefer to complete a paper document, please contact the office, 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.

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 Joanne Tong know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Joanne at 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, 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).

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 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.

- Marti Pechnyo, recovering at home after emergency shoulder replacement surgery.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Susann Craig, hospitalized in Los Angeles after falling ill during a visit to celebrate her granddaughter's high school graduation.
- 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.
- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- 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.