

July 18, 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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The disciples are not impressive people, but then, neither are we. Their mission, as well as our own, is not to call attention to ourselves but to Jesus and the kingdom." Stanley Hauerwas

PRELUDE Andraé Crouch *My Tribute* St. Arbucks Quartet

WELCOME **Jeff Carlson**

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

One: God, be gracious to us and bless us.

Let your face shine upon us.

All: Let the whole earth know your will.

One: Let all nations know your saving grace.

All: Let the people praise you, O God.

Let the nations sing for joy!

One: For you govern all people with justice,

And you care for all the nations of the earth.

All: Let the people praise you, O God.

Let the nations sing for joy!

^{*} Please stand if you are able to do so.



Gracious God, giver of life, we confess that we find it hard to trust in you.

We are captives of our insecurities.

We are suspicious of our neighbors.

Rather than trust in you, we build walls of self-defense.

We trust in the power of wealth and violence for our daily bread, rather than in your grace and peace.

Free us, O God, from our fears.

Free us from empty comforts and false security.

Free us that we might live courageously,

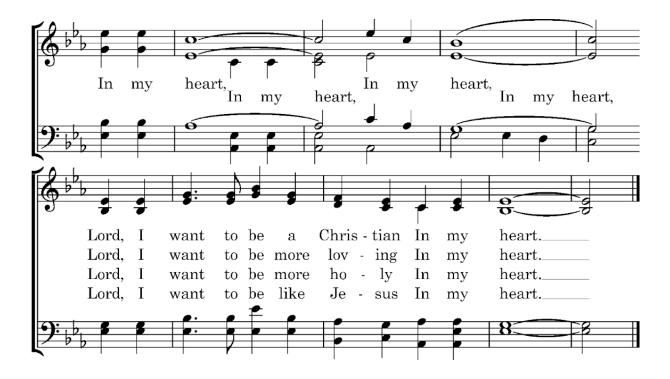
as your forgiven and forgiving people.

Through the grace of Christ we pray, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE





SCRIPTURE Doug Heyboer

Mark 6:7-32

Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

When King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

* 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)

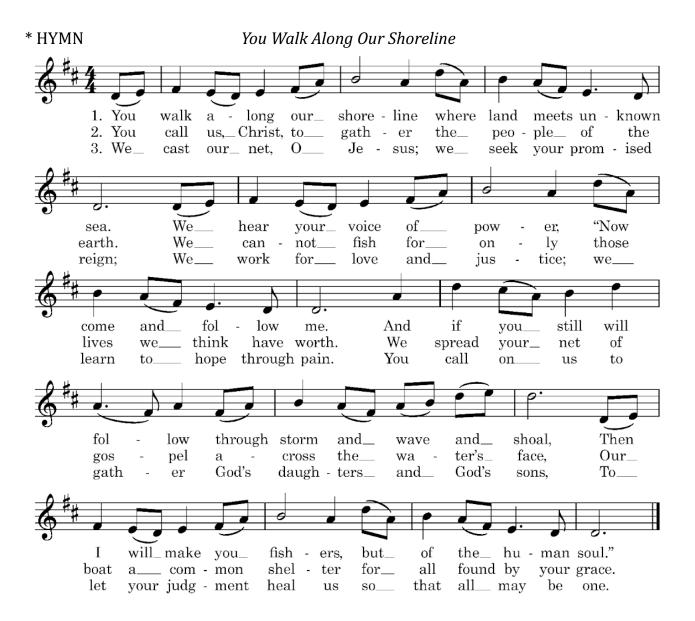
* RESPONSE

Lord. I Want To Be a Christian See Previous Insert

vv. 3&4

"Getting a Head"

Jeff Carlson



OFFERTORY

Romance in F Major, opus 118 no. 5 Jeffrey Wagner, piano

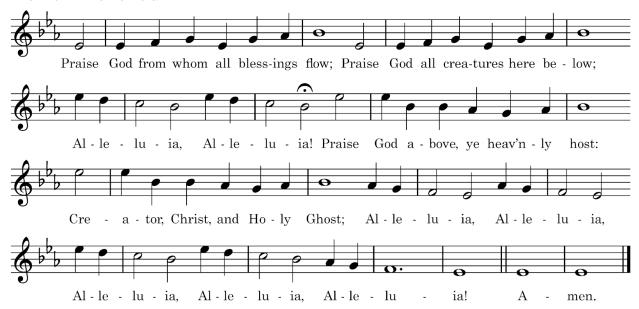
Johannes Brahms

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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Annie Johnson

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 for give us our debts, as we for give our debtors. $\ensuremath{\mbox{\textbf{a}}}$

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

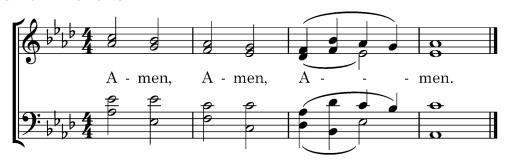
Amen.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Craig Curry

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

My Tribute is by Andrae Crouch (1942 - 2015). Crouch was often called the "father of modern gospel music." In addition to singing, composing, arranging, and producing recordings, he was also a pastor. He also wrote for films, *The Color Purple* and Disney's *The Lion King*. He received seven Grammy nominations in his lifetime and, in 1998, was inducted into the Gospel Hall of Fame.

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, tune ST. DENIO, is based on an early 19th century traditional Welsh ballad. The text was composed in 1867 by Walter C. Smith (1824 - 1908), who was the Pastor of the Scottish Church in London.

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian is another in a long line of great African American spirituals. Neither the tune nor text are attributed. The origin may go as far back as 1750. The first publication to include it was *Folk Songs Of The American Negro* (1907), compiled by brothers Frederick (no dates) and John (1871 - 1925) Work. John Work was also the music director of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers.

You Walk Along Our Shoreline, tune SALLEY GARDENS, uses a text written by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955 - 1993). She served the United Church of Canada, our Canadian UCC sister denomination, as a parish minister and prison chaplain. In her all too brief life, she composed numerous hymn texts. SALLEY GARDENS is a well known anonymous English ballad that has been arranged for other hymns and also classical solo songs by composers like Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976).

Our **Offertory** is by Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897) who is without argument one of the pillars of Romantic music composers. He, along with Beethoven and Bruckner, is one of the great symphonists of the 19th century. His compositions included nearly every genre of classical music except opera. The piano was his instrument. He was also a champion of Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856) and remained very close to his widow, Clara (1819 - 1896, after her husband's early death. This Romance was written in 1893 and dedicated to Clara Schumann.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, tune KINGSFOLD, first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish clergy, Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Our **Postlude** was arranged by Craig Curry (b. 1966). He is an active composer and arranger. *For the Beauty of the Earth* is a familiar hymn tune (DIX) composed by Conrad Kocher in 1838. The hymn is a call to remember the beauty of creation and that we are responsible for its stewardship.

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: Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney **Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown **Camera Operator:** Bob Ball

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota,

drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Bill Borden on his birthday and 36th anniversary with Allen Heinemann.

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 18 Jan Womack, Ron Koepke, Stacia Noll
- July 19 Charles Michod, Mary Range
- July 20 Benjamin Reynolds, Louise Iverson, Todd Coe
- July 21 Donn Schimp, Jim Waldschmidt, Coco Schuster, Jake Nitzsche, Sammi Fayhee
- July 22 Anton Schuster, Carleton Koldyke
- July 23 Nic Mutch, Tom Williamson, Lukas Hecht, Lucy Bashiti
- July 24 Byron Noll, Lovely Carter, Charlie Razeghi, Everett Nach, Lucy Godinez, Natalie Campbell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CREATION CORNER

Consider joining one or more of these organizations to make a difference in our world. Many have local chapters.

Citizens Utility Board, citizensutilityboard.org

Sierra Club Foundation, sierraclubfoundation.org

Illinois Environmental Council, <u>ilenviro.org</u>

The Nature Conservancy, nature.org

Union of Concerned Scientists, ucsusa.org

National Wildlife Federation, nwf.org

National Audubon Society, audubon.org

The Parliament of the World's Religions, parliamentofreligions.org

The Climate Reality Project, <u>climaterealityproject.org</u>

and many others.

Clean Energy Jobs Act, <u>ilcleanjobs.org</u>, commits Illinois to cutting carbon from the power sector by 2030 and 100% renewable energy by 2050.

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.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY 21 - 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.

- 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.