

July 25, 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 *Rondo in E Flat Major, K. 371* W.A. Mozart  
Natalie Grana, French horn & Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What beautiful home God has!

**All: We long to be with you, God!**

One: Even sparrows make nests in the rafters of God's house.

**All: What a joy to be with God, singing songs of praise!**

One: A single day in God's house is better than a thousand spent somewhere else.

**All: What a joy to be with God, singing songs of praise!**

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

\* HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -  
- eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -  
thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -  
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

- va - - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and sis - ters draw  
- tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is need - ful hath  
- tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al - might - y can  
- fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near; Praise him in glad ad - or - ra - - tion!  
been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?  
do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.  
- gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and G major. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - - va - - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and sis - ters draw - tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is need - ful hath - tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al - might - y can - fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a - near; Praise him in glad ad - or - ra - - tion! been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth? do, He who with love doth be - friend thee. - gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Psalm 51*

Sarah Garcia

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your faithful love;  
 wipe away my wrongdoings, according to your great compassion.  
 Wash me thoroughly, and cleanse me from sin,  
 For I know what I've done, and that you've seen it all.  
 I know you want truth in the most hidden places,  
 so, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
 and put a new, faithful spirit deep inside of me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
 or fail to breathe your spirit within me.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
 and sustain me with a willing spirit.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

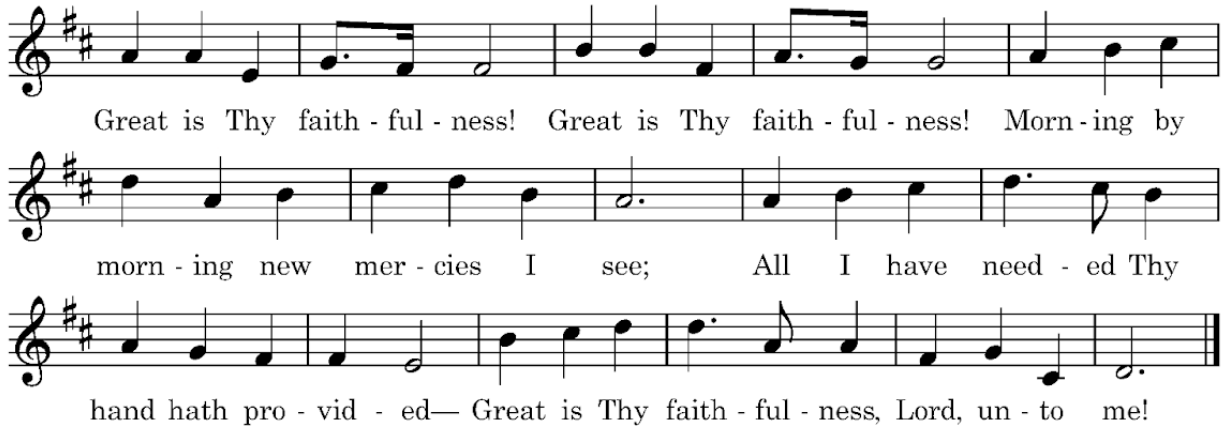
RESPONSE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

v.1



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.



## SCRIPTURE

Allen Heinemann

*Mark 6:30-44*

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.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand.

\* 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
See Previous Hymn

v.2

SERMON

"5000"

Jeff Carlson

\* HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_\_\_



# OFFERTORY

## *A Time for Turning*

Traditional Irish Melody

The Altos of the Chancel Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

Text by Pamela Martin

To everything a season,  
To everything a time,  
A moment to move forward and leave the past behind.  
As summer turns to autumn,  
And bids farewell to spring  
There comes a time for turning every living thing.  
The breezes change direction,  
The geese turn homeward bound.  
The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground  
The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow.  
And so to all a season,  
A time for letting go.  
Now is the time for turning  
And this place to start;  
For yielding to the yearning,  
For changing of the heart;  
The things we should release,  
Forgive and find forgiveness,  
And in forgiveness peace.

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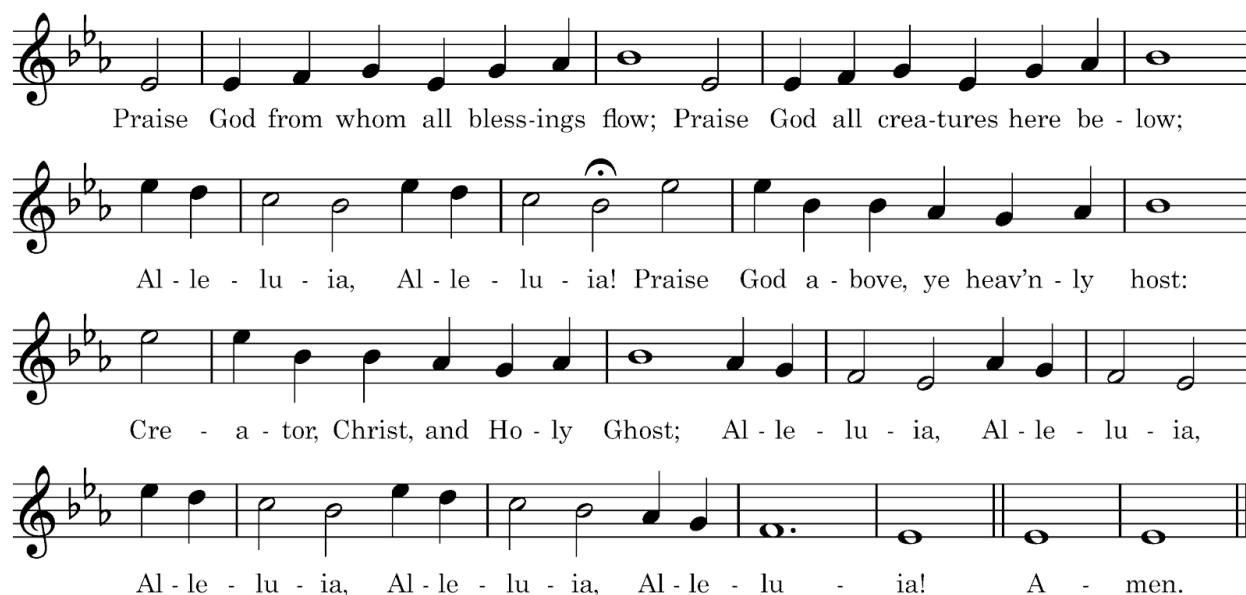
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\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are: "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."

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

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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

Sarah Garcia

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

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
give us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

*Refrain (first time **p**, second time **f**)*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Walking Up the King's Highway*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Thomas A. Dorsey

*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.*

*Logos*

by Mary Oliver

Why worry about the loaves and fishes?

If you say the right words, the wine expands.

If you say them with love

and the felt ferocity of that love

and the felt necessity of that love,

the fish explode into many.

Imagine him, speaking,

and don't worry about what is reality,

or what is plain, or what is mysterious.

If you were there, it was all those things.

If you can imagine it, it is all those things.

Eat, drink, be happy.

Accept the miracle.

Accept, too, each spoken word

spoken with love.

## **TODAY'S MUSIC**

Our Prelude, ***Rondo in E Flat Major, K. 371*** was composed by Mozart (1756 - 1791) in 1781 at the height of his powers. The work's playful qualities belie the musical genius that Mozart demonstrates.

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** is another great hymn from our German heritage. The tune, LOBE DEN HERRN, is the first line of the first stanza of the German text. The composer of the music is unknown and it was first published in a hymnal in 1668. The original text was written by Joachim Neander (1650 - 1680). Although he was reported to have spent a "riotous youth," he became the first important hymn writer of the German Reformed Church.

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870 - 1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866 - 1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed.*

***Here I Am Lord***, tune HERE I AM LORD, does not appear in either of our hymnals but has become a favorite of ours over the years. The composer and author, Daniel Schutte (b. 1947), wrote this hymn in 1981. He has composed more than 150 hymns, this being his most popular for Catholic worship services. He was born in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and is a Jesuit priest.

***A Time for Turning*** employs the Irish tune SALLEY GARDENS, which has been adapted for a number of hymns, including *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* in the *New Century Hymnal*. Craig Courtney (b. 1948) was born in Indiana and was a protegee of the famous collector of American folk melodies, John Ness Beck. Pamela Martin is also a composer and collaborator on many choral scores. Her text is a variation on the famous passage in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8.

***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*** uses a tune, LINSTEAD, of Jamaican origin. Fred Kaan (1929 - 2009) was born in The Netherlands and wrote this text in 1975. After surviving the horrors of occupation during WW2 (his parents were active in the Dutch resistance), he became a committed pacifist. He emigrated to England after the war where he became a member of the United Reformed Church.

Our Postlude, ***Walking Up the King's Highway***, is by Thomas A Dorsey (1899 - 1993). Dorsey barely needs an introduction. He is both a Chicago musical icon and the originator of gospel music. His most beloved work is *Precious Lord*. Artists that have lifted up his music include Mahalia Jackson, James Brown, Aretha Franklin, and Kirk Franklin.

## **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:** Chuck Kent

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

## 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 25 Maira Simonton

July 26 Andrew Cittadine, Christine Weible-Cruz, Doug Dunham, Nicole Jackson,  
Paul Deters, Colleen Kompare, Dane Roschen, Samantha Beck

July 27 Andy Davis, Diane Massie, Paul Malley, Charlie Range

July 28 Philip Cedeño-Smedley, Lauren Richardson, Natalie Richardson

July 29 Gerald Wilk, José Flores

July 30 Bob Kuba, Diane Biegert, Emma Braband

July 31 Kathryn Abercrombie, Evan O'Brien

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CREATION CORNER

Canada plans to ban single-use plastics by the end of 2021. The move is to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030. Not easy, but it can be done! Could SPUCC members do their part to achieve this? Follow the guidance in this article, [greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub/waste-reduction-tips/tips-to-use-less-plastic.html](https://greeneducationfoundation.org/nationalgreenweeksub/waste-reduction-tips/tips-to-use-less-plastic.html) to reduce the use of plastics in your life.

## **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](https://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](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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**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!

## **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

**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 Luerssen at [jenluerssen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerssen@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!

**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.*

- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Joe JaQuay's mother, Noor, who had a stroke.
- 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.