

July 4, 2021  
Communion Sunday

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

“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”

Martin Luther

PRELUDE

*Improvisation on Materna*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ.

arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we are here to call on you, to bring all that moves within us before you.

**All: Come to us now! Awaken us! Give us your Light!**

One: Be our teacher! Be our challenge! Be our rock!

**All: Give us clear minds and joyful hearts.**

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

\* HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; Our help - er he a - mid the flood Of  
los - ing, Were not the right man on our side, The  
- do us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His  
- bid - eth; The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe Doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This



seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And  
Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From  
trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For  
mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous and merciful God,  
take away our vanity.  
Take away our fear of justice.  
Take away the deceit riddling  
our thoughts and words.  
We live in error and confusion.  
We inflict pain.  
All the while, your strong hand holds us.  
You do not reject or forget any of us.  
Let us believe this promise!  
Let it change our lives!  
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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.*

### \* SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *I Come with Joy*

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
free, \_\_\_\_\_ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
love laid down for me, \_\_\_\_\_ in love laid down for me. \_\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE

### *Galatians 5:13-26*

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are contrary to each other, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on. This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom.

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

\* 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)*

ANTHEM

*Lord, Don't Move That Mountain*  
St. Arbucks Quartet  
with Meg Tazelaar

Doris Mae Akers  
arr. Brendan Henry

Now Lord don't move my mountain  
But give me the strength to climb  
And Lord, don't take away my stumbling blocks  
But lead me all around.

Lord I don't bother nobody  
I try to treat everybody the same  
But every time, I turn my back  
They scandalize my name.

But oh Jesus  
You don't have to move my mountain ...

Now when my folks would slay me  
These things they will try to do  
But Lord, don't touch 'em  
But within their heart  
Make 'em give their life to you.

Oh Master  
You don't have to move my mountain ...

SERMON

“Christian Liberty”

Matt Fitzgerald

\* RESPONSE

*This Is My Song*

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver; and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
- where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.



OFFERTORY

*From the Top of My Head*  
St. Arbucks Quartet  
with Meg Tazalaar

Roy Hargrove

*You can give to St. Pauls by:*

*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures 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.

\* HYMN

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*



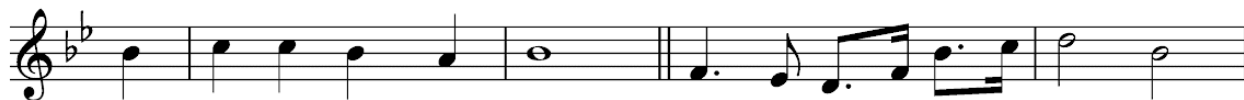
1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2. I have seen him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps;  
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
They have build - ed him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;  
He is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore the judg - ment seat;  
With a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
I can read his righ - teous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps,  
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make all ho - ly, let us live to make all free!



His truth is march - ing on.  
His day is march - ing on.                      Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Our God is march - ing on.  
While God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!                      Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -



- lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

*Walk All Over God's Heaven* arr. Mahalia Jackson  
(Inspired by the Gospel song *I've Got a Robe*)  
St. Arbucks Quartet

*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

Charles Callahan (b. 1951) wrote his ***Improvisation on Materna***; A Patriotic Prelude (*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*) in 1989 as an homage to Charles Ives (1874 - 1954), who penned a wonderful set of variations on America (*My Country 'Tis of Thee*) in 1891. Callahan is an educator, conductor, organist, published composer, and author of a book about the builder of our Aeolian-Skinner organ.

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** is arguably the greatest Martin Luther hymn, and the theology of the Lutheran Church. The original version is almost dance-like in rhythm. The processional hymn presents a more majestic march.

The text of ***I Come with Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, *Dove of Peace*, from the Southern Harmony hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919 - 2010), who was Organist and Choirmaster for a number of years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

***Lord, Don't Move That Mountain*** lyrics and music were written by Doris Mae Akers (1923 - 1995), a famous African American gospel composer, arranger, and singer. This is another gospel song that Mahallia Jackson sang and this arrangement is by Brendan Henry.

***This Is My Song*** uses the main melody from *Finlandia*, the great orchestral work by Jean Sibelius (1865 - 1957) composed in 1899. *Finlandia* was part of a range of works of that time that were characterized as nationalistic. The general trait was an uplifting of folk melodies. Lloyd Stone (1912 - 1993) wrote the text in 1934 between the two World Wars as an expression of hope for a peaceful future. Originally, Sibelius disapproved of text being added to his melody, but later relented as he understood the longing for peace, which he shared.

***From the Top of My Head*** was composed by Roy Hargrove (1969 - 2018), an American jazz trumpet player, a two-time Grammy winner, who played primarily what is called a "hard bop" style. He led the group RH Factor, which combined jazz, funk, hip-hop, soul, and gospel. The lyrics are by Gerald Levert (1966 - 2006).

***Battle Hymn of the Republic*** hardly needs much introduction. The words were written by abolitionist Julia Ward Howe (1819 - 1910) in 1861 at the outbreak of our Civil War. Its words have inspired generations here and beyond our shores. The tune is attributed to William Steffe (1830 - 1890), but is thought to be an American camp meeting song, *John Brown's Body*, combined with another song *Oh Brothers!*

Our Postlude, ***Walk All Over God's Heaven***, is more of a new creation than an arrangement by Mahallia Jackson (1911 - 1972). She took inspiration from the old hymn *I Got A Robe, You Got A Robe*. Mahallia has a direct connection with St. Pauls. Brendan Henry grew up loving her music and her deep spiritual commitment so much that his daughter is named after her. Mahallia Jackson was born in Mississippi, but her connection to Chicago was long and deep. She also had a long commitment to the civil rights movement and was behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he spoke at the Lincoln Monument. In the tapes of that event, you can hear her shouting at Dr. King, "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" Although she toured the world, she called Chicago her home. Studs Terkel was among her biggest fans and champions. She came home to Chicago during her final illness.

## **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

**Usher:** Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Communion Servers:** Carrie Bruggers, Jill Wachholz

**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 4 Christina Cruz Cedeño-Smedley, Ian Cata

July 5 Holly Good, Laura Clifford, Sean Heffernan, Charlotte Malley

July 6 Betsy Melton, Jan Exworthy, Lisa Montague, Vicki Kendall

July 7 Drew Lumm, Hilary Schmitz, Nancy Mayer

July 8 Eithne McMenamin, Erika Block, Kaili Emmrich, Anna Schloerb,  
Micah McMenamin

July 9 Barb Kaiser, Elizabeth Ewing, Sandi Weiskirch, Devin Abraham,  
Michael Dunham, Sophia Miller

July 10 Andrew Patton, Michael McGuire, Smith Beeson

## 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 Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065).

### CREATION CORNER - Avoid Harsh Chemicals in Your Home and Wastewater

Try these climate-friendly cleaners!

- All purpose cleaner: ½ cup white vinegar, 1 pint rubbing alcohol, 1 teaspoon dish soap, water to make a gallon. Use with a spray bottle. If you don't have rubbing alcohol, use equal parts water and vinegar and 2 teaspoons of dish soap.
- Vinegar is an excellent alternative to pesticides for unwanted weeds.
- For clogged drains, try pouring ½ cup baking soda down the drain, followed by ½ cup salt OR vinegar OR lemon juice. Cover drain, let sit for one hour or overnight, and then very carefully flush with a pot of boiling water.

### 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).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **JULY 5-30 - SUMMER CAMP!** - 9 a.m.-12 p.m./3 p.m.

We are excited to have you join us for summer camp this year! Along with arts and crafts, games, and water activities, campers enjoy exploring local parks and going on daily adventures! St. Pauls Summer Camp is for school aged children 6-12. 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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571).

**JULY 7 - NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS: 1 CORINTHIANS** - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom  
You've no doubt heard 1 Corinthians 13 "the love chapter" at weddings, but St. Paul's famous words about love were actually 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).

**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 Rd. Bring a blanket and a chair—we look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 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!

**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.*

- 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.
- Tom Henry and family at the death of Colleen Henry's 100-year-old mother, Mary Payne.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- 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.