

August 29, 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.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

Like a boat going into the foaming mouth of a wave in the body of the wind
everything vanishes and the sailors stare at mid-air. Alice Oswald

PRELUDE

Slane

Noel Rawsthorne

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, make this hour bright, pleasing to you and helpful to us!

All: Don't let us rest until we come to rest in you.

One: Move against us and fight for us until your peace is in our hearts.

All: Let what we sing and say today have truth and power.

Be with Saint Pauls today!

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

* HYMN

What a Covenant

1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing

on the ev - er - last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness,
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path
on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear God, save us.
Save us from the discord in our own hearts.
Save us from discouragement.
Save us from pessimism.
Save us from selfishness,
despair, half-satisfaction,
regret, and boredom.
Give us new lives.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Be Still, My Soul

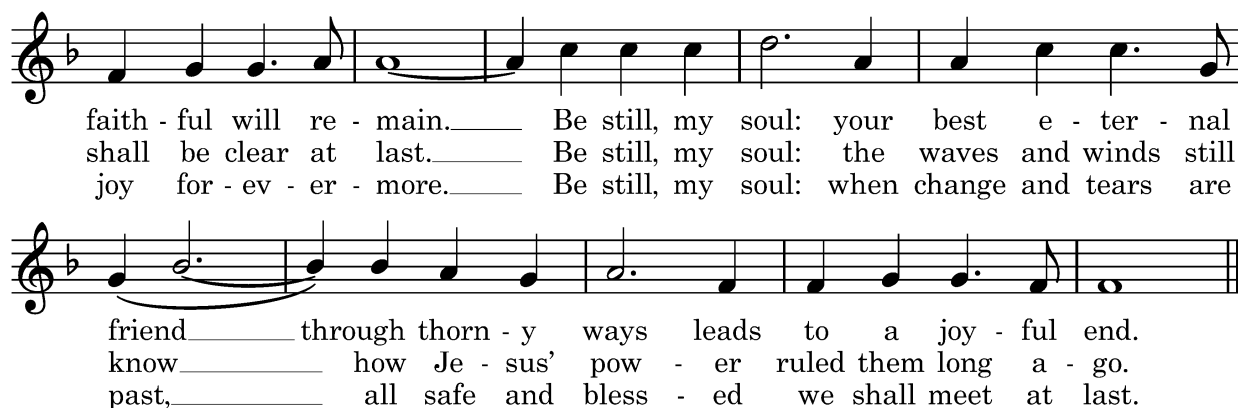
vs. 1



1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; _____
2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take _____
3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here _____

— bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; _____ Leave to your
— to guide in fu - ture days as in the past. _____ Your hope, your
— when we shall be with God whom we a - dore, _____ with dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; _____ in ev - ery change God
con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; _____ all now mys - te - rious
- point - ment gone, no grief nor fear, _____ sor - row re - placed with



SCRIPTURE

Karen Lyons

Acts 27 selections

As soon as arrangements were complete for our sailing to Italy, Paul and a few other prisoners were placed under the supervision of a centurion named Julius, a member of an elite guard. We boarded a ship that was bound for Ephesus and ports west. Julius treated Paul most decently.

We sailed north under the protection of the northeast shore of Cyprus because winds out of the west were against us, and then along the coast westward to the port of Myra. There the centurion found an Egyptian ship headed for Italy and transferred us on board. We ran into bad weather and found it impossible to stay on course. After much difficulty, we finally made it to the southern coast of the island of Crete and docked at Good Harbor (appropriate name!).

We had passed the autumn equinox, so it would be stormy weather from now on through the winter, too dangerous for sailing. Paul warned, "I see only disaster ahead for cargo and ships—to say nothing of our lives!—if we put out to sea now."

The centurion set Paul's warning aside and let the ship captain and the shipowner talk him into trying for the next harbor. But they were no sooner out to sea than a gale-force wind, the infamous nor'easter, struck. They lost all control of the ship. It was a cork in the storm.

Next day, out on the high seas again and badly damaged now by the storm, we dumped the cargo overboard. The third day the sailors lightened the ship further by throwing off all the tackle and provisions. It had been many days since we had seen either sun or stars. Wind and waves were battering us unmercifully, and we lost all hope of rescue.

With our appetite for both food and life long gone, Paul took his place in our midst and said, “Friends, from now on, things are looking up! Last night God’s angel stood at my side, an angel of this God I serve, saying to me, ‘Don’t give up, Paul. You’re going to stand before Caesar yet—and everyone sailing with you is also going to make it.’ So, dear friends, take heart. I believe God will do exactly what he told me. But we’re going to shipwreck.”

With dawn about to break, Paul called everyone together and proposed breakfast: “This is the fourteenth day we’ve gone without food. None of us has felt like eating! But I urge you to eat something now. You’ll need strength for the rescue ahead. You’re going to come out of this without even a scratch!” He broke the bread, gave thanks to God, passed it around, and they all ate heartily—276 of us, all told! With the meal finished and everyone full, the ship was further lightened by dumping the grain overboard.

At daybreak, no one recognized the land—but then they did notice a bay with a nice beach. They decided to try to run the ship up on the beach. They cut the anchors, loosed the tiller, raised the sail, and ran before the wind toward the beach. But we didn’t make it. Still far from shore, we hit a reef and the ship began to break up.

The soldiers decided to kill the prisoners so none could escape by swimming, but the centurion, determined to save Paul, stopped them. He gave orders for anyone who could swim to dive in and go for it, and for the rest to grab a plank. Everyone made it to shore safely.

*** 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

Be Still My Soul
See previous response

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SERMON

"The Greatest Story Ever Told (to me in a bar)"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Golden Breaks the Dawn



1. Gold - en_ breaks the dawn,____ comes the_ east - ern sun
2. As the_ spin - ning globe____ rolls a - way the night,
3. Give me_ dai - ly bread,____ while I__ do my part;



o - ver_ lake and lawn,____ new day_ has be - gun.
na - ture wears a robe____ spun of__ morn - ing light.
bright skies o - ver - head,____ glad - ness in my heart.



Birds a - bove me fly,____ flow - ers bloom be - low;
Dawn break in me too,____ as in skies a - bove;
Sim - ple wants pro - vide,____ e - vil let me_ shun;



through the earth and sky____ God's great mer - cies flow.
teach me to be true,____ fill my_ heart with love.
Je - sus at my side,____ till the_ day is done.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish

Breanna Coe, mezzo-soprano; Todd Coe, tenor; arr. Dan Forrest
Ross Penniman, cello; and Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Be thou my vision, o Lord of my heart,
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, o ruler of all.

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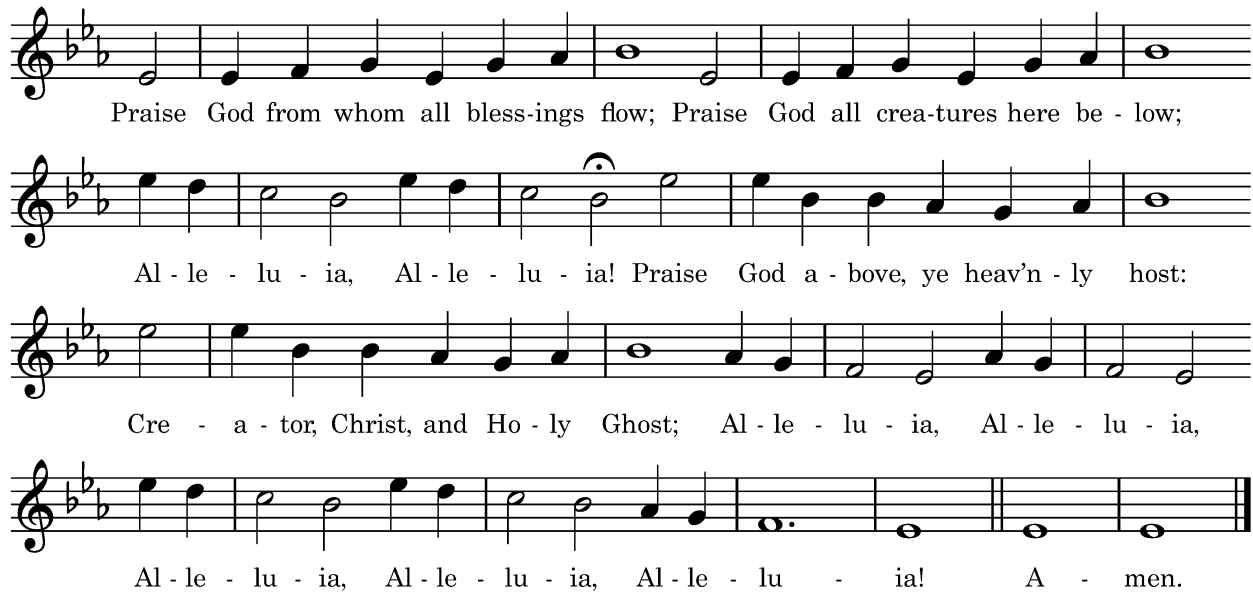
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

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

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night



1. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, what is
2. With an ev - er - last - ing love I'll love you, though with
3. Al - though Sa - tan in a rage would tear you, and with
4. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, I will



wrong I'll make it right be - fore you, all your bat - tles I will
tri - als I will test and prove you, still there's noth - ing that can
ev - ery win - ning art would snare you, yet from youth to your old
make the crook - ed straight be - fore you, I will spread my wings pro -



fight be - fore you, and the high place I'll bring down.
hurt or move you; and the high place I'll bring down.
age I'll bear you and the high place I'll bring down.
-tect - ing o'er you; and the high place I'll bring down.

Refrain



When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you; on the



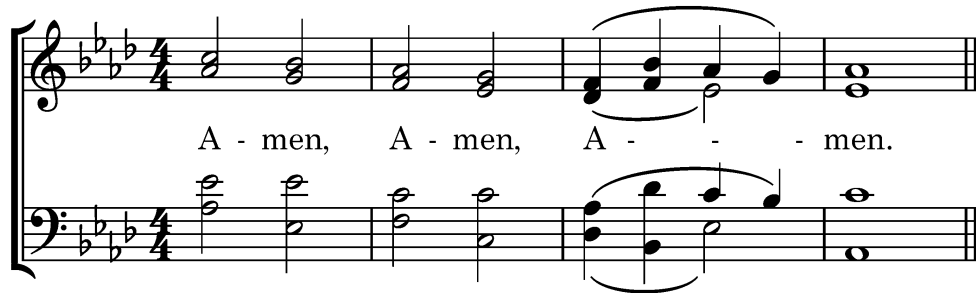
pro - duce of the land I'll feed you; And a home with - in my heart I'll



deed you; and the high place I'll bring down.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Sunshine Day
St. Arbucks Quartet

Howard McCrary

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude this morning, ***Slane***, is a chorale variation on the same Irish melody you will hear in the Offertory. Noel Rawsthorne (1929 - 2019) was an English organist and composer. Marcel Dupré, famous French organist and composer, was one of his teachers. Rawsthorne became organist of Liverpool Cathedral.

What a Covenant is also known to us as *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, the first words of the refrain. The text is by Eisha Hoffman (1879 - 1939). He was educated at Union Seminary and served a number of Congregational churches during the term of his ministry. The tune, SHOWALTER, takes the name of its composer A. J. Showalter (1858 - 1924). He composed more than 100 hymns. He grew up and was deeply influenced by the American shaped-note tradition, which includes famous hymnals like The Sacred Harp.

Be Still My Soul uses a tune called FINLANDIA, because the melody was composed by Jean Sibelius (1865–1957) as part of his famous tone poem by the same name that honored his homeland. The original German text is by Kathrina von Schlegel (1697–17??) and it was translated into English by Scottish Jane Borthwick (1813–1897), who translated and composed many hymn texts.

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Bryne (1880 - 1931), who was born in Ireland. This arrangement is by Dan Forrest (b. 1978), who has composed a great deal of religious music. His undergraduate education was completed at Bob Jones University.

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night was composed and text also written by Charles P. Jones (1865–1949) in 1910. The tune is the composer's last name, JONES. The Reverend Jones was an African American and founder of the Church of Christ. He composed more than 1,000 gospel hymns, both music and texts.

Golden Breaks the Dawn uses a Chinese tune, LE P'ING, which was composed by Zhao Zichen (1888 - 1979). We can thank the editors of our New Century Hymnal (our Black Hymnal) who reached beyond traditional western music and text sources to include this and other hymns from wider cultural resources. Zhao Zichen was raised as a buddhist, but during his education at a missionary school, he became a Christian. He received his master's degree and Bachelor of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. He then returned to China to teach. He survived the Communist revolution and the Cultural revolution as well. Sadly, he had a crisis of faith during his "re-education."

Hayward McCrary is a gospel musician and actor. In 1986, he received the ASCAP Duke Ellington Award. He has done arrangements for Michael Jackson, Quincy Jones, and Earth, Wind, and Fire to name just a few. ***Sunshine Day*** is the theme song from *The Brady Bunch*. Its upbeat melody certainly speaks to our spiritual needs at this time.

ALTAR CLOTHS AND PARAMENTS

Our altar cloths and paraments change colors when the seasons of the church year shift and were made by members of Saint Pauls.

Purple is for the seasons of Advent and Lent, made by Deborah Rose.

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

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

Green is for ordinary time, made by Deborah Rose.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Brian Hafner, Doug Clark

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 celebration of Nancy and Jim Brandt's wedding anniversary, last Wednesday, August 25, 1951. They were together for 68+ years.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

Aug 29 Karen Schmidt-Hein, Laura Nowack, Stephen Patton

Aug 30 Ashley Pensinger-Sok, Ed Keller, Jessica Seaton, Tracy Nach

Aug 31 Cecilia Badanes, Riley Conway, Timothy Liu

Sept 1 Brent Carstensen, Jill Lawrence

Sept 2 Carol Weston, Gretchen Althen, Mary Train

Sept 3 Erika Keegan, Natalie Mutch

Sept 4 Doug Hamilton, Beatrix Kompare, Jake Saltarelli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP FOR HAITI

Church World Service and the United Church of Christ are both collecting funds for immediate relief and longer-term recovery for thousands of Haitians reeling from the one-two punch of the deadly destructive 7.2 earthquake August 14 in western Haiti followed by Tropical Storm Grace. If you'd like to contribute, you may do so at: cwsglobal.org/donate/haiti-2021 or, ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal

SHARING OUR HARVESTS

The Green Team of St. Pauls and Ramiro are hosting a table at Coffee Hour over the next few Sundays for extra bounty from members of our congregation's gardens. Please drop off your extra vegetables in the kitchen before worship and stop by to pick up anything you'd like after church.

SARAH'S SIBS are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

HYMNAL GIVE-AWAY

We are clearing out an over-abundance of hymnals from our archives. Several copies of the hymnal from our predecessor denomination, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, are available for free in the narthex.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Does your child love to play? Little Lights is accepting applications and enrolling new students! Conveniently located inside St. Pauls, our early childhood education program still has limited spots available for 3- and 4-year-old children for the upcoming school year. Our loving and caring teachers provide a safe and comfortable space designed to spark learning, creativity and interaction. Classes run Monday through Thursday mornings. Small class sizes! A fantastic opportunity for your child to socialize and participate in engaging lessons. Visit littleglightslp.org to learn more and contact Erin Fitzgerald at littleglights@spucc.org to schedule a private tour.

CREATION CORNER - Helpful Reading

- National Geographic Magazine April 2020 has a back-to-back single issue to Life on Earth in 2070 ("How We Saved the World: An Optimist's Guide/How We Lost the Planet: A Pessimist's Guide")
- "More-with-Less Cookbook" (suggestions by Mennonites on how to eat better and consume fewer of the world's limited food resources)
- "Blowout" by Rachel Maddow describes the destructive fossil fuel industry
- "Drawdown" describes 100 ways to effectively deal with climate change

CHURCH SCHOOL

We are offering Sunday morning faith formation activities for children 2 to 11 years old. See the event page for more information,

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPT 1 - BIBLE STUDY: SEX AMONG CHRISTIANS 1 CORINTHIANS 7 - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

St. Paul's famous words about love were written to a local church only about 7 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.

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.

SEPT 21 - UCAN HEALING GARDEN DEDICATION & RECEPTION - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UCAN

You're invited to the dedication of UCAN's healing garden, Petria's Place, located on their North Lawndale campus. Join in for prayer, music, refreshments, and tours of UCAN's campus. RSVP at www.ucangarden.org. For questions, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 & 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. The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, 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 three 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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@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!

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.

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.

- Cheryl and Bill Kennedy at the death of their beloved brother-in-law on Monday morning.
- Diane Massie's nephew, deployed to Kuwait.
- Kelli Fitzgerald and family at the death of her mother, Delcie.
- Friends and family of Marilyn Parsons at her death.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., as she deals with a setback in her health.
- Family and friends of Carole Knuti at her passing.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Carrie Bruggers at the death of her mother, Phyllis.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- Karaçan Thomas' grandmother in the hospital.
- Joe JaQuay at the death of his mother, Noor.
- Sue Edmunds, friend of Sue Finkle in hospice with cancer.
- Yvette, friend of Jenny Benefield, struggling greatly with severe chronic depression.
- The many who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, to get it before it's too late. May we all find our role in helping this happen.
- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Janice, cousin of Darlene Braun, asking for prayers.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Al Cerkhan, 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.