

October 3, 2021
Communion Sunday

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Children are asked to go to Sunday School before worship begins.
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.
Please silence cell phones.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Creation is not a hurdle on the road to God, it is the road itself."

Martin Buber

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
Chancel Choir

Chant Melody

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of power, thank you for making us alive through your creation!

All: Thank you for green leaves turning red, and the cold crash of waves.

One: Thank you for the blood in our veins.

All: Thank you for the hope in our hearts!

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

* HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a-broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow By or - der from thy throne,

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;—
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eye:—
While all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,—

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Great and holy God,
you created the whole world.
It belongs to you.
We are yours,
chosen to give you honor,
to be united with each other
as your children, to use
our time and our gifts well.
And yet, in each one of us
There is much contradiction
and resistance, much apathy,
much stubbornness.
Forgive us!
Do not give us what we deserve.
Instead, break through
our sinfulness, and reunite us
with you, and with each other.
Amen.**

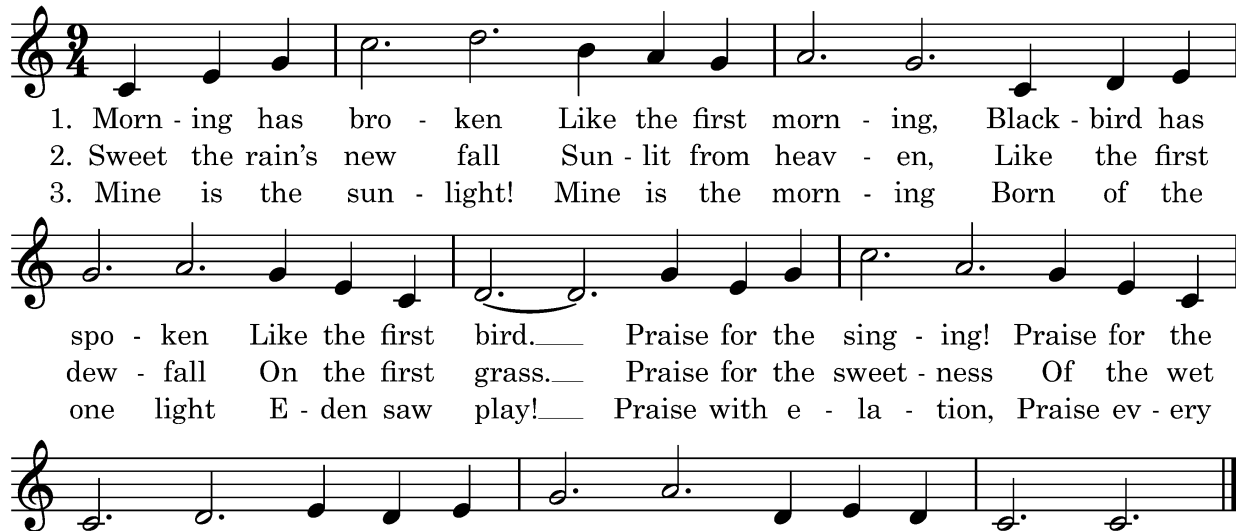
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Morning Has Broken

vs. 1



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

SCRIPTURE

Molly McGrath

Genesis 2:18-20

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner. So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

* 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

Morning Has Broken
See previous insert

vs. 2

SERMON

“mayfly, wood-weasel, stingray, cormorant, mole” Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You



1. Take my gifts and let me love— you, God who first of all loved me,
2. Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
3. Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet_ to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
har - vest of your own com-pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

OFFERTORY

He Watching Over Israel
from Elijah
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish;
He will quicken thee.
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
from Psalm 121

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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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Jeff Carlson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

As we observe Covid precautions, communion elements are set on tables in the Narthex and in the lobby just outside the Sanctuary side door. Please serve yourself and hold the elements in your pews until communion is celebrated. 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. All are welcome.

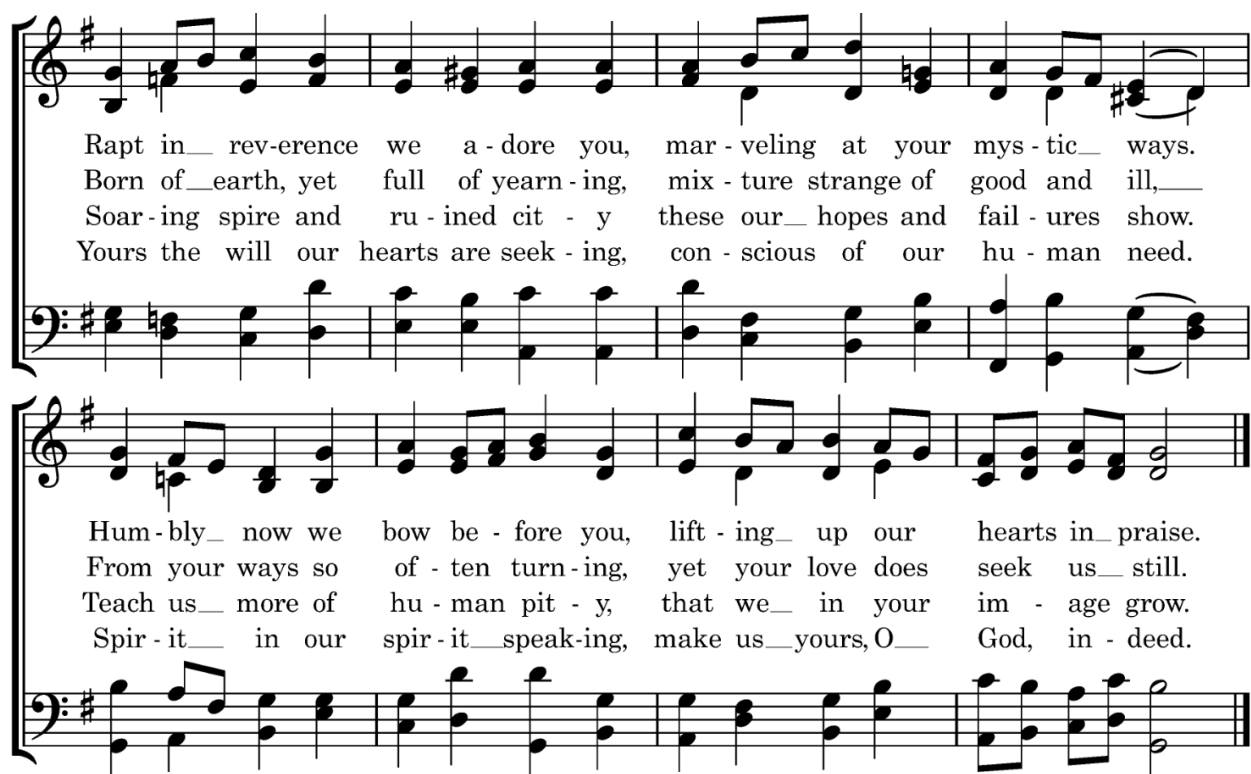
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

1. O how glo-rious, full of__ won-der is your name o'er all__ the__ earth,
2. When we__ see your lights of__ heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played,
3. You have set us in com-mu-nion with the__ won-ders of__ your hand,
4. O how won-drous, O how glo-rious is your name in__ ev-ery__ land,

God, who wrought cre - a - tions' splen-dor, bring-ing_suns and stars to__ birth!
Who are__ we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has__ made?
Made us__ fly with ea - gle__ pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver sea and__ land.
God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the__ goal that you have planned!




Rapt in__ rev-erence we a - dore you, mar - veling at your mys - tic__ ways.
 Born of__earth, yet full of yearn - ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill,__
 Soar - ing spire and ru - ined cit - y these our__ hopes and fail - ures show.
 Yours the will our hearts are seek - ing, con - scious of our hu - man need.

Hum - bly__ now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing__ up our hearts in__ praise.
 From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us__ still.
 Teach us__ more of hu - man pit - y, that we__ in your im - age grow.
 Spir - it__ in our spir - it__ speak - ing, make us__ yours, O__ God, in - deed.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
 St. Arbucks

Hank Williams

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

The tune and text for ***Let Us Break Bread Together***, the well known communion hymn, are unattributed but became widely known after being printed in 1926 in *The Second Book Of Negro Spirituals*, which was curated and compiled by the famous poet, James Weldon Johnson, and equally prominent composer, J. Rosamond Johnson. The history of the text and tune probably predates the Civil War. The arranger of this organ work, Dale Wood (1934 - 2003), won a national hymn composing competition at age 13. His first choral anthem was published one year later.

Our Introit, ***Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*** is a chant from the Latin, ADORO TE DEVOTE, from the 13th century attributed to the Benedictines at the monastery at Solesmes, France. Its English text is by Horace Bonar (1808–1889), a Scottish minister, who wrote many poetic hymn texts. This setting is especially appropriate for a communion Sunday.

Sing the Mighty Power of God is a text by Issac Watts (1674 - 1848), the eminent English poet, who set the entire books of Psalms as poetry, which included Psalm 90, *Our God Help in Ages Past*. His poetry has inspired many composers. BETHLEHEM was composed by Joseph Barnaby (1838 - 1896). He was a renowned British choral director who introduced Bach's Matthew and John Passions in English to English audiences. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The music we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

Take My Gifts is a relatively new text (1998) that was penned by Shirley Erena Murray (1931- 2020). She lived her entire life in New Zealand, wrote numerous hymn texts, married a Presbyterian minister, and was committed to both inclusive language and the use of Maori language in some texts. TALAVERA TERRACE was composed by another New Zealander, Colin Gibson (b. 1933). He wrote many hymns, both texts and music, collaborated often with Murray, and was a professor in a theater department at a university in his homeland.

Mendelssohn, like Mozart, had a very short and artistically productive life. He was born in Germany, but a great source of his popularity was outside his home country. He was especially beloved in England. Amongst his greatest accomplishments was the revival of the works of J.S. Bach, and the first "modern" performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since his death. *Elijah* is performed in England almost as often as *Messiah*, which is, of course, by another "adopted" German, Handel. This chorus, ***He Watching Over Israel***, is sung in the oratorio as assurance to Elijah during his sojourn in the wilderness.

The author of the text for ***O How Glorious Full Of Wonder*** was Curtiss Beach (1914 - 1993). He was Harvard educated and came from a long line of ministers. He wrote this text in 1958 while serving a church in Pasadena, CA. The tune, IN BABILONE, is a traditional Dutch melody first published in 1710. It was adapted as a hymn by Julius Röntgen (1855 - 1932), a Dutch Romantic composer and pianist. Brahms chose him to debut his *First Piano Concerto*.

I Saw the Light was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923 - 1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles and 11 of those reached number one on the Country & Western charts.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Molly McGrath

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Brian Hafner, Bob Ball

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Robin and David Burnett's seventh wedding anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

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.

Oct 3 Barb Javorcic, Jesse Russell, Grace Gillmore

Oct 4 Cynthia Cata, Emily Cromwell, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull, Paul Raiman, Robin Scott, Solveig Roverud, Tom Connolly

Oct 6 Bruce Voice, Eric Simonton, Karen E. Johnson, Mandy McMillen, Tom Henry

Oct 7 Anya Kompare, Jenna Kent

Oct 8 Karin Magnuson

Oct 9 Emily Cittadine, Michael Hotz, Nancy Bingaman, Walter Crowley, Roger Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OOMPAH! OKTOBERFEST TO-GO!



Although we can't gather for our annual Oktoberfest block party this year, we still want to celebrate St. Pauls German heritage with our vibrant church community. So we'd like to offer you a Polka Party Pack! The party packs will include all the traditional and authentic foods that make our St. Pauls Oktoberfest so special: brats, hotdogs, Bavarian pretzels, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and seasonal cookies. Order and pay online, or in-person on upcoming Sundays, and pick up on October 30/31. Prost!

QUEERING OUR ROOTS CAMPAIGN

Join the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer – Religious Archives Network (LGBTQ-RAN) for a five-week series of *Queering our Roots* Zoom events celebrating its 20th Anniversary! LGBTQ-RAN is a grassroots activist venture that electronically preserves the history and encourages the scholarly study of LGBT religious movements around the world. Attendance in these Zoom events is free, but registration is required, lgbtqreligiousarchives.org.

This week's events are Oct. 3, 4PM – Launch party (focus on LGBTQ-RAN and its history) and Oct. 6, 1PM – Rev. Dr. Jane (Janie) Spahr (identifies as a lesbian, feminist Presbyterian minister). St. Pauls is one of 20 Sponsors and Allies of this *Queering Our Roots* Celebration. For questions, please contact Treasurer of the LGBTQ-RAN Board of Directors, Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

WE'RE SPONSORING A REFUGEE FAMILY!

Our plan to co-sponsor a family with Refugee One is taking shape. We're having a meeting at 11:30 a.m. today in the Oscar Mayer Room for those interested in learning more about this. A major part of our effort is to raise up to \$12,000 to pay for the rental of an apartment. If you'd like to donate to our efforts, please go to refugeeone.org/stpauls or use this QR code. Please contact Mark Pellegrino, jjmarkp@yahoo.com, if you have questions.



CREATION CORNER

Michael Pollan says that, rather than focusing on eating nutrients, people should focus on eating the sort of food their ancestors would recognize, implying that much of what Americans eat today isn't real food, but "imitations of food." In his book, [*In Defense of Food*](#), he distinguishes between food and "edible food-like substances."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is here! If you plan to have your child participate in Sunday School this year, we ask that you please register them. Scan the QR code or find the link on our website and Friday Newsletter. This is not a weekly registration. This is a one-time registration to let us know that you intend to have your child participate so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCT 3 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11:30 a.m., Parsonage Lawn

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Fall 2021 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll have lunch in the backyard of the parsonage after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in the signup). RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1007839

OCT 3 - REFUGEE ONE MEETING - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

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OCT 6 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS 11 - 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.

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 request more information about our programs!

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

- For Jay and Ann Abraham, on the death of Jay's parents, John and Sandy Abraham.
- Wes Salsbury and Marcia Knudson as Wes continues to develop strength after a months-long hospitalization and rehab stay occasioned by a fall.
- Cheryl and Bill Kennedy at the death of their beloved brother-in-law.
- Diane Massie's nephew, deployed to Kuwait.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., as she deals with a setback in her health.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- 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 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.