



January 30, 2022

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. Masks are required.***

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"How can laments and curses be turned into hymns?"

Czelaw Milosz

#### PRELUDE

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

#### INTROIT

*Love Is Kind and Suffers Long*  
Kurt R. Hansen  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Jane Marshall

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME

Benny VanDenburgh

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God,  
and the word was God.**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**All: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

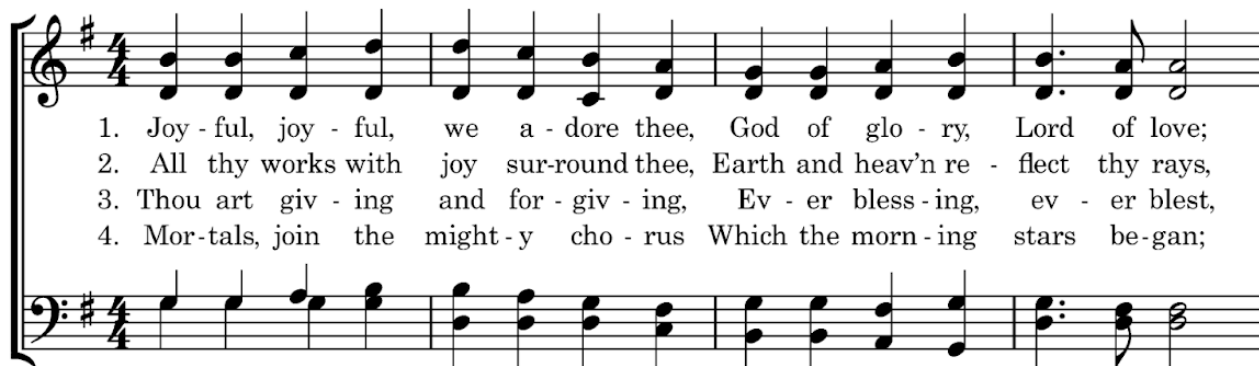
One: And God saw that it was good.

**All: We are here as God's own people!**

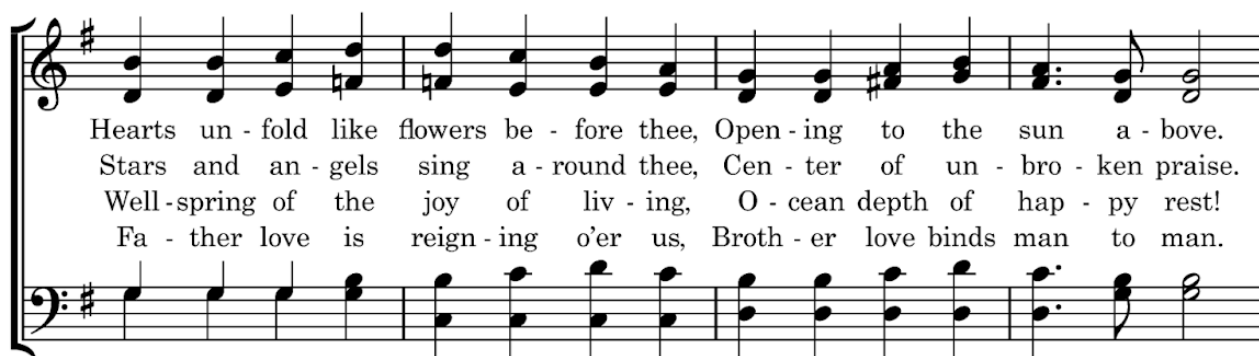
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\* HYMN

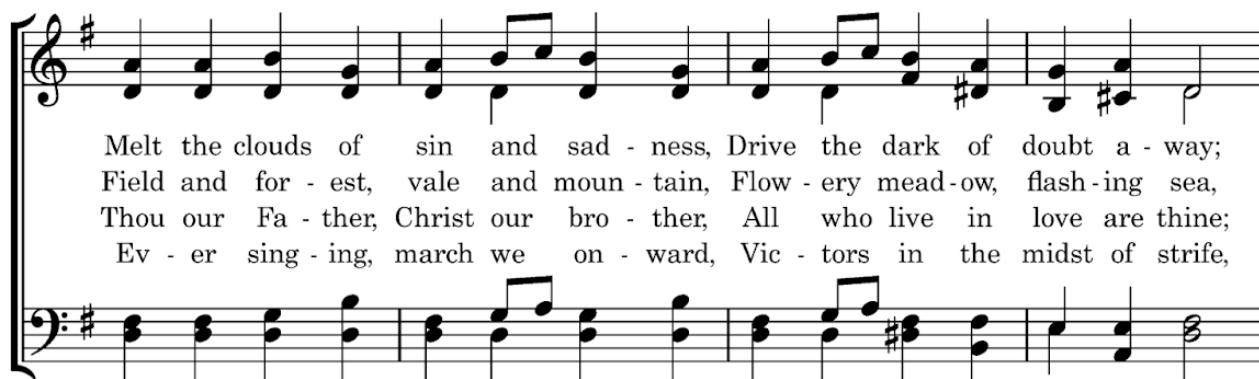
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor-tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our bro - ther, All who live in love are thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

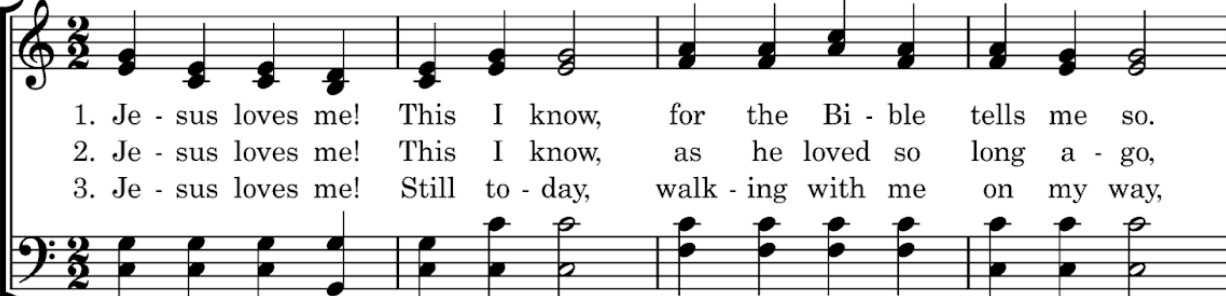
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER


WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Jesus Loves Me*



1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3. Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
 Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

## SCRIPTURE

Doug Heyboer

### *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### \* 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!**

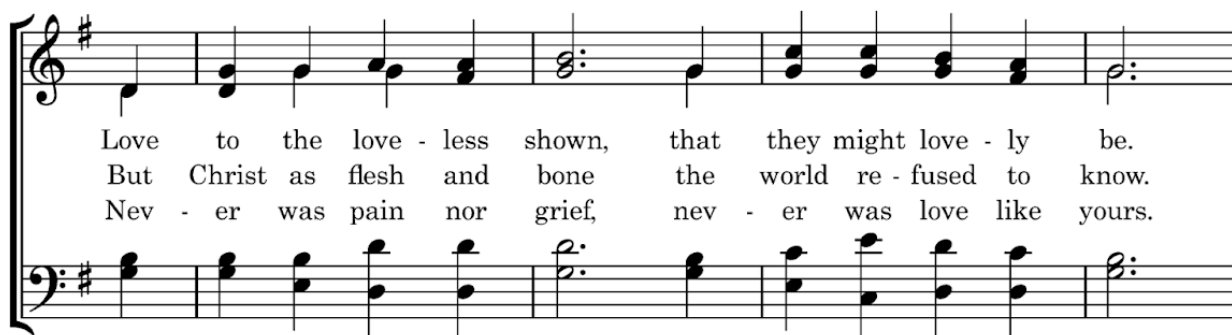
*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

\* RESPONSE

*My Song Is Love Unknown*



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
 2. God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
 3. I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:



Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
 But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.  
 Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.



O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail  
 But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did  
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could



flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?  
 life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.  
 glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

SERMON

“Love that will not let me go,  
 joy that seeks me through the pain”

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

1. O Love that will not let me go, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. O Light that fol - lows all my way, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. O Joy that seeks me through my pain, \_\_\_\_\_  
4. O Cross that rais - es up my head, \_\_\_\_\_

I rest my wea - ry soul in you; \_\_\_\_\_  
to you I yield my flick - ering flame; \_\_\_\_\_  
to you I can - not close my heart; \_\_\_\_\_  
from you I dare not seek to flee; \_\_\_\_\_

I give you back the life I owe, \_\_\_\_\_ that  
Re - new my spir - it's fee - ble ray, \_\_\_\_\_ that  
I trace the rain - bow through the rain, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Life's glo - ries with - er and are dead, \_\_\_\_\_ but

in your o - cean depths its flow may swell with ar - dor true.  
from your bril - liant sun - lit day it may new bright - ness claim.  
know the prom - ise is not vain that you will ne'er de - part.  
from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.



OFFERTORY

*Simple Song*

Leonard Bernstein

from Mass

Kurt R. Hansen, tenor

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Sing God a simple song  
Lau da lau de  
Make it up, as you go along  
Lau da lau de  
Sing, like you like to sing  
God loves all simple things  
For God, is the simplest of all

I will sing the Lord a new song  
To praise him, to bless  
him, to bless the Lord  
I will sing his praises, while I live  
All of my days

Blessed is the man who loves the lord  
Blessed is the man who praises him  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his way

I will lift up my eyes  
To the hills from whence comes my help  
I will lift my voice to the Lord  
Singing lau da lau de

For the Lord, is my shade  
Is the shade upon my right hand  
And the sun shall not smite me by day  
Nor the moon by night  
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his ways

Lau da lau da di da di de-eh-eh  
All of my days

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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

# 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.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The musical score is written for a piano and a vocal part. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The piano part consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The vocal line is a single melodic line with lyrics. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o." The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano grand staff.

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

POSTLUDE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. Craig Curry

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

*Following Worship, all are invited for a Social Hour time of fellowship in the gym. At this time, we will not be serving coffee so everyone remains masked while indoors.*

## TODAY'S MUSIC

***Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier***, *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*, is a chorale prelude, which is a compositional genre where the composer creates an “arrangement” using a well known melody as a theme. The chorale, hymn, and melody was composed by Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737). Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) thought so highly of this chorale that he set it for organ four times throughout his life.

The Introit for today uses the second and fourth stanzas of ***Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost*** because of their poetic reference to our scripture lesson. The text was written in 1862 by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). He was the great nephew of the great Lake Poet William Wordsworth. He became a prominent Anglican priest and prolific writer of prose and poetry. The much more contemporary tune, ANDERSON, was composed in 1985 by Jane Marshall (1924-2019). She was born, raised and educated in Dallas, Texas. She became a pianist and organist as a teenager and composed more than 200 hymns.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*** (ODE TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his *Symphony No. 9* (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy who was also appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

Craig Curry, whose arrangement of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* is used for our Postlude, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

***Jesus Loves Me This I Know*** is one of the first hymns many children learn. The words are both simple and profound. They were written in 1859 by Anna Bartlett Warner (1824-1915). She was born in New York City, wrote many hymn texts and collaborated with her sister Sarah on novels. The composer of the tune, JESUS LOVES ME, is William Bradbury (1816–1868). He penned this sweet melody in 1861. He also composed the famous hymn *Just As I Am*.

***My Song Is Love Unknown*** is a hymn text written in 1664 by Samuel Crossman (1623-1684). Very little is known about his life beyond the fact that he was clergy. The one observation is how clearly this text speaks to us across more than four centuries. The tune, RHOSYMEDRE, was composed in 1840 by John David Edwards (1806-1885). He was an Anglican priest and the tune name is taken from one of the parishes he served in Wales.

***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*** is a text written in 1882 by Scottish minister George Matheson (1842-1906). He lost his sight as a child, but had a brilliant career as a lecturer, author, and minister. The tune, ST. MARGARET, was composed in 1884 by Albert L. Peace (1844-1912). He was born in Yorkshire, England, began as a gifted self-taught musician, went on to earn a doctorate in music from Oxford, served as the organist at the Glasgow Cathedral, and was a prominent recitalist.

***Simple Song*** is from *Mass*, which premiered in 1971. The music was composed by Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) and lyrics were written by Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948). Although Bernstein was Jewish, he spoke about how deeply the text of the Latin Mass affected him. His *Mass* is a theatrical work bordering on opera that deals with the faith struggles of young people during the Vietnam era. In *Simple Song*, Schwartz cleverly uses the Latin word for praise, *lauda*, as a sweet form of jazz scat within the English text.

E.A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the text for ***What a Covenant***, that many of us learned as *What a Fellowship*, in 1877. He was an ordained minister and wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs in his lifetime. The tune bears two names, LEANING, which is the first word of the refrain, and SHOWALTER, in honor of the composer, A. J. Showalter (1858-1924). He actually began teaching shape-note singing at age 14. He attended a number of private Christian music programs to learn his craft.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDenburgh

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Scripture Reader:** Doug Heyboer

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Brian Hafner, Bob Ball

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

*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.*

Jan 30 Carrie Gleason, Jana O'Brien, Steve Winters, Emily Range  
Jan 31 Vanya Weglarz  
Feb 1 Rick Sensenbrenner  
Feb 2 Karen Spivey, Rod Sippy, Sharon Phillips  
Feb 3 Christie DeForest, Niels Peterson, Lexi Miller, Izzy Smith-Ritchie,  
Kathleen Moulton  
Feb 4 Marcia Knudson  
Feb 5 Emma Peterson, Kathleen Truskey

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE**

The Khaksars are safely settled into their new apartment and are beginning to acclimate to their new home. Thank you to all of the folks who participated in making this project a success. All of your contributions, no matter how small you think they may have been, are deeply appreciated. Once again, St. Pauls proved that it lives by the UCC motto: "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)**

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare a CEP supper on **Sunday, February 20, from 3:30-6 p.m.** A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a dinner together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at 600 W. Fullerton location by 6 p.m. This opportunity is open to fully vaccinated individuals. **CEP Laundry program** also needs volunteers each Saturday to launder clothes on site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you'd like to help, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

### **GOD IN NEW NOVELS**

This winter is providing plenty of time to dive into a good book. Join Pastor Matt and others to look for God in contemporary fiction. Our first novel is *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride, author of *The Good Lord Bird* and *The Color of Water*. We will meet to discuss this excellent novel about church on Monday, February 7, at 7 p.m. Register at: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1137474](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1137474)

## **BONHOEFFER IN A YEAR**

More than 30 Saint Pauls members have registered to read the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a Year. Join us as we read the works of this anti-Nazi martyr and brilliant theologian. We will meet monthly throughout 2022. Register at: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1136986](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1136986)

## **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

The City of Chicago is inviting your input in updating climate goals to reduce carbon emissions while increasing household savings, advancing environmental justice, and improving community health. Add your voice to the 2022 Climate Action Plan Update by completing this survey regarding the issues you feel our city government should prioritize in dispersing funds for climate initiatives. Find it at: [cloud.citynews.chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan\\_survey\\_EN](https://cloud.citynews.chicago.gov/ClimateActionPlan_survey_EN). Join city officials in attentiveness to climate change. Please let them know what is working, what isn't, and what should be added to efforts on behalf of God's good creation. Thanks!

## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

Rev. John Dorhauer, current UCC General Minister and President, writes at [ucc.org/join-the-movement](https://ucc.org/join-the-movement): "Over the next biennium, and perhaps beyond, it is [UCC's] hope that we will begin to recount of commitments to racial equity and to account for our racist past.

"We must:

- all do our part to commit to truth telling;
- be vigilant in our dedication to dismantle the vestiges of white power and privilege;
- uncenter whiteness as the norm;
- recenter a Jesus whose love was freely offered to all;
- recreate the body of Christ in the image and likeness of a God who shows no partiality."

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**TODAY - YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP ORIENTATION** - After Worship, Oscar Mayer Room

We are planning a youth mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project June 18-25 for youth going into ninth grade and up. ASP teams do home repair, making homes warmer, safer and dryer. It's a great experience and St. Pauls youth and adults have served with ASP for many years. You'll find out more about it at this orientation session for youth and parents.



**FEB 2 - BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE** - 12 p.m., Zoom

Luke introduces us to Jesus, who brings hope, justice and truth to the world. This Gospel contains some of the most cherished stories, such as the Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus and the Good Samaritan. Meets once a week for about a half hour. All are welcome! RSVP to Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**FEB 4 - VIRTUAL SUPER BOWL SCAVENGER HUNT** - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom

Fabulous prizes, fun and fellowship! Three reasons to join the St. Pauls Social Super Bowl Scavenger hunt, hosted by CPS (Carrie, Peg and Sally). RSVP to [crbruggs@gmail.com](mailto:crbruggs@gmail.com) and Zoom details will be sent in response.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate 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/1078968](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://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).

**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](https://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!

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – The Emergency Contact Form developed by the Connectors has been updated. You may follow this link for additional information and to consider whether this form could be useful for you: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**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.

**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](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 2022. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**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).

**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!

**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 here:

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008)

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** invites you to join the journey toward racial justice through educational opportunities, resources, and actions as we seek to live our faith in an age of injustice. For more information contact Cindy Ball at [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@gmail.com).

**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)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Please register your children for Sunday School. This is a one-time registration for the year so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445).

**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).

### **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.*

- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda. Linda has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Tom Henry, in rehab recovering from pneumonia.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with Covid-related pneumonia.
- Marcia Knudson at the death of her husband, Wes Salisbury.
- Sonja Rae recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Juanita Barlow and son Jeff at the 50th anniversary of her husband George's death. A gift has been made to the Sam Hill Music Fund.
- Ginger Hecht and family at the death of her mother, Nina Whitsel.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, diagnosed with COVID and at home managing symptoms.
- Encouragement for Al Cerkan as he enters home recovery for a serious spinal cord injury.
- An 18-year-old friend of Lisa Doerr in critical condition from a burst aneurysm.
- Chris, Rem and Sabrina Cabrera-Schram at the death of son and brother, Gabriel.
- Pastor Jamie Frazier, whose mother, Irene, has died.
- Joe JaQuay, being treated for an infection in his leg.
- Cameron and his family, family friends of Juanita Barlow, managing his brain damage after an accident.
- Bob and Cheryl Kuba as they are challenged by some significant health issues.
- Mary Frances Winking's parents facing health and quality of life obstacles.
- 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 178 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.