

March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

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.*

PRELUDE	<i>Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639</i> Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	J. S. Bach
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CHIMES

INTROIT	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i> Chancel Choir	Martin Herbst
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WELCOME		Matt Fitzgerald
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63)

One: God, we can't get enough of you!

All: We are hungry and thirsty for you in a dry and weary land.

One: So here we are, in the place of worship, to gaze upon your glory.

All: Because your faithful love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

One: Like little children, we lift up our hands to you, calling your name.

All: Satisfy us with a rich feast as we praise you with joyful lips.

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

* HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Faithful God, we confess that we are faithless
We are preoccupied with trivialities that never satisfy.
The easy, the flashy and the superficial
distract us from what is real and meaningful.
Vanity and self-conceit crowd out truth, integrity and humility.
Forgive us, O God. Continue your new creation within us.
Heal our wounded souls and satisfy our deepest longings
with your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Precious Lord

vv. 1 & 2

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3. When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

ANTHEM

We're All Together Again
 Youth Choir
 Kecia Waldschmidt, Director

Satis N. Coleman

We're all together again!
 We're here! We're here!

We thank you, God, for bringing us together.
 To hear our voices lifted up as one!
 It's been to long since we were last together,
 With grateful hearts, we know God's work is done.

We're all together again! ...

SCRIPTURE

Chuck Mize

James 5:13-20

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out.

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives from destruction and prevented an epidemic of wandering away from God.

* A 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

Precious Lord

v. 3

See previous hymn

SERMON

"House of Healing"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1. My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2. What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -



- ta - tion. I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ow's gath - er 'round? A
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
 - bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since



hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?
 Love com - mands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's—how can I keep from sing - ing?

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu
from Requiem
(Sung in Latin)
Margot Frank, soprano
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Blessed lord Jesus, grant them rest.
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

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Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,
At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
Or through Zelle to 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

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

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a half note G4-A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note G4-F#4. The bass staff begins with a G2 half note, followed by a half note G2-A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note G2-F#2. The lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let' are written below the staves.

all a - dore_____ and praise_____ that sa - cred name.

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4-A4, a quarter note B4, a half note G4-F#4, and a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G2-A2, a quarter note B2, a half note G2-F#2, and a half note G2. The lyrics 'all a - dore_____ and praise_____ that sa - cred name.' are written below the staves.

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
4. Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

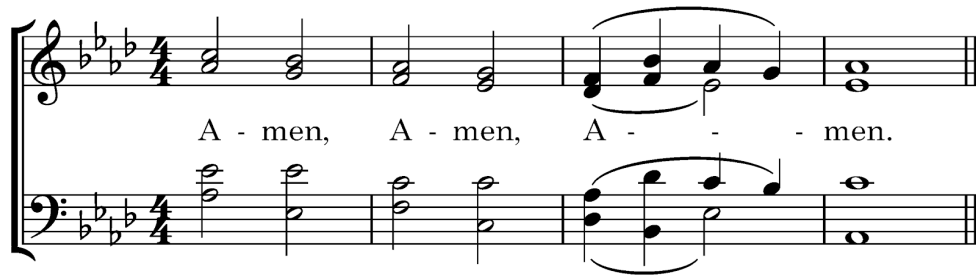
The third system contains five verses of the hymn. The treble staff begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a half note G4-A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note G4-F#4. The bass staff begins with a G2 half note, followed by a half note G2-A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note G2-F#2. The lyrics for the five verses are written below the staves.

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
on the___ brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has___ brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
-neath the___ shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
to the___ Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The fourth system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4-A4, a quarter note B4, a half note G4-F#4, and a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G2-A2, a quarter note B2, a half note G2-F#2, and a half note G2. The lyrics for the fourth system are written below the staves.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE *I'm Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song* Thomas A. Dorsey
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
downstairs in the Social Hall.***

TODAY'S MUSIC

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639 (I cry to you, Lord Jesus Christ) is a chorale prelude, an organ work based on a Lutheran hymn composed by J.S. Bach (1685-1750). He included this work in his *Orgelbüchlein*, as well as basing a cantata, BWV 172, on the same chorale and text. The hymn melody, *cantus firmus*, was composed by German Reform theologian, Johann Agriola (1494-1566).

The text for ***Forty Days and Forty Nights*** was written in 1856 by George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870). He was an Anglican clergy and also composed a few small volumes of poetry. The tune, HEINLEIN, was composed in 1676 by Martin Herbst (1654-1681). He was a German Lutheran pastor.

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

Precious Lord was composed by Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993). He began his career as a blues pianist and songwriter. Later, he became a church choir director at Pilgrim Baptist Church here in Chicago and was a co-founder of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. Widely known as the "father of the gospel song," he played an important role in the development of African American gospel music. This is his best known song and was composed following the tragic double death of his first wife, Nettie, and their newborn son in 1932. It was a great comfort to Mr. Dorsey in his grief, as well as countless others who have sung it. Among those who sang it with Dorsey was Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972).

We're All Together Again was published in 1963 and composed by Satis N. Coleman (1878-1961). The text is unattributed and labeled "traditional." It couldn't be more perfect as a joyful outburst after two years of not hearing our youth in worship. Coleman was a very progressive music educator. In 2010, she was posthumously inducted into the National Association of Music Educators Hall of Fame.

Both the text and tune, ENDLESS SONG, of ***My Life Flows On in Endless Song*** was composed by Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Lowry was a preacher and scholar with a musical background from his childhood.

The ***Pie Jesu***, from *Requiem* by John Rutter (b. 1945), was completed in 1985. It is dedicated to the memory of his father, who died in 1984. He chose texts in Latin from *Missa pro defunctis* (Mass for the Dead), *Liber Usualis*. Other liturgical texts in English were taken from the Burial Service, 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. This movement is a beautiful homage to the setting of the same text and from the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), a composer and work that John Rutter deeply admired, as well as creating a definitive edition of that oratorio. We are so happy to welcome Margot Frank to sing this solo with the Chancel Choir.

Lift High the Cross - George William Kitchin (1827-1912) was the original author of the text, but there is a second "contributor" referred to as an "alterer," Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956), who added to and improved upon the Kitchin text. The tune, CRUCIFER, was composed in 1916 by Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947) at the height of The Great War. He was Organist/Choirmaster at Westminster Abbey in the 1920s and had a deep influence on English hymnody.

I'm Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song was also composed by Thomas A. Dorsey in 1955. Dorsey composed more than 3,000 songs, one third of them gospel music. In fact, Dorsey is credited with creating gospel music, a fusion of jazz, blues, and deep spirituality. His most famous song is *Precious Lord*. Mahalia Jackson made the first recording of *I'm Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song* in 1956.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

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: Chuck Mize

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from the Miller Family, in honor of Lucille's upcoming baptism.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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.

Mar 20 Andrew Winking, Ben Johnson, David Campbell, Elena Cata

Mar 21 Joe Kornick, Laura Grosshans

Mar 22 Robert Colosi-McCann, Scott Lawrence, Brooks Beeson

Mar 23 Marti Pechnyo, Mike Vahey, MJ Rogers

Mar 24 Kristen Lightfoot

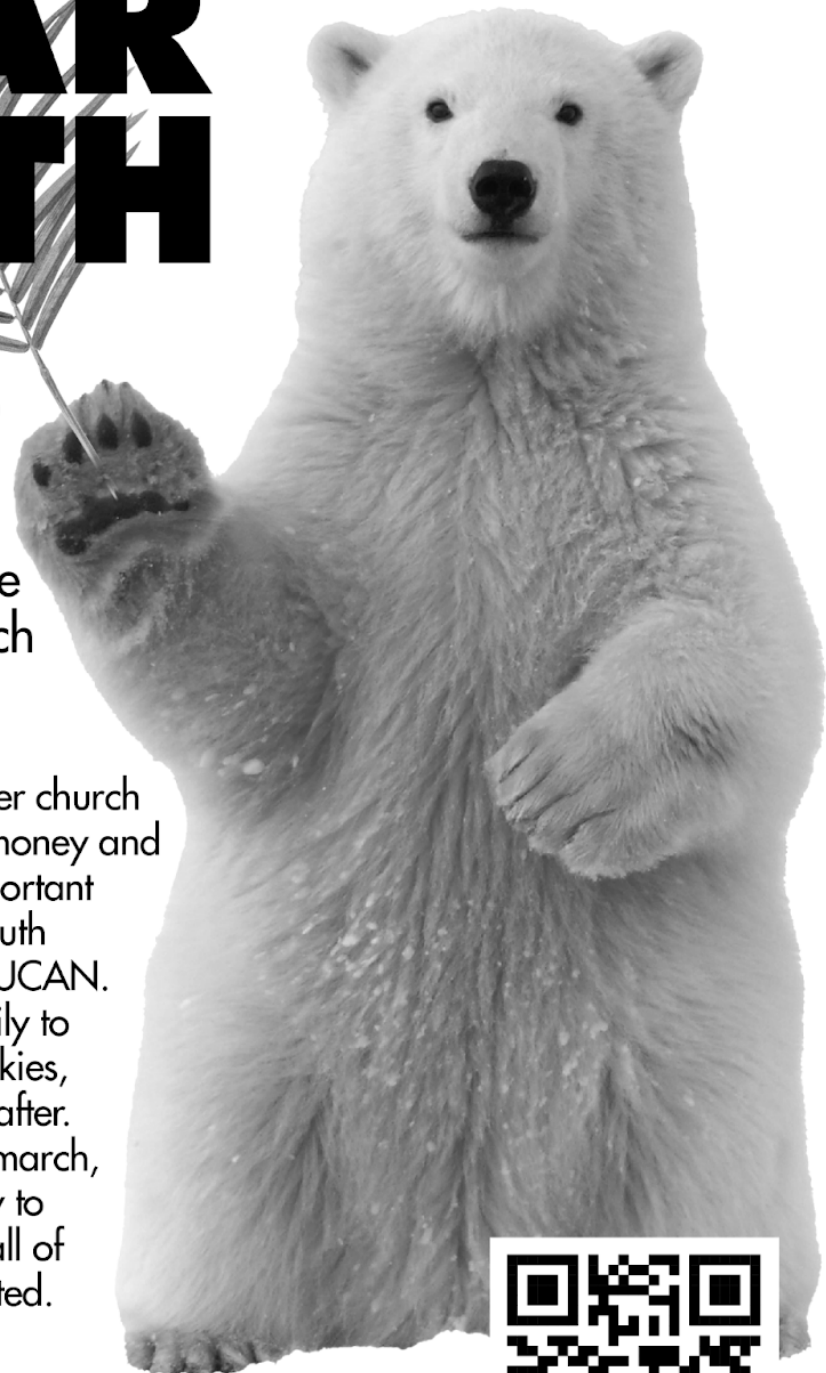
Mar 26 Anna Titcomb, Bill Rodriguez, Mark Swanson, Matthew Scholes,
Molly Dierks, Andrew Hein, Nick Richardson, Toby Smedley

BEAR WITH US.

COVID
made us move the
Polar Peace March
to Palm Sunday.

We'll be marching after church
on April 10, to raise money and
awareness for the important
peace-making and youth
development work of UCAN.
Bring friends and family to
march, and enjoy cookies,
coffee and hot cocoa after.
It's our eighth annual march,
and an important way to
remind Chicago that all of
our streets are connected.

REGISTER TO MARCH:
polarpeacemarch.org



LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- SUN, APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
Palm branches, songs, Polar Peace March
- THU, APRIL 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Details to come
- FRI, APRIL 15 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.
Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SAT, APRIL 16 EASTER EGG HUNT - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Egg hunt, crafts, photos, please RSVP
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1200283
- SUN, APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Communion, choir, brass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BOOK NOOK IS (COMING) BACK

Love to read? We are restarting the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share with others. Since we are rebuilding, donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com.

EASTER BUNNIES NEEDED

Help the Connectors visit and distribute Easter lilies, cookies, cards and palms to the people on the Connectors’ “Senior/Care List.” This involves picking up their Easter gifts at church and making a visit to their home or nursing home prior to Palm Sunday. You may go with one of the Connectors or on your own. For information and to volunteer, call or email Marcia Volk at (773) 307-6866 or marcia@volkonline.com.

PICKLEBALL

Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor?

Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6pm and 6-8:30pm, Fridays: 2-3pm

spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

PLEASE DONATE TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Support St. Pauls youth fundraising efforts for their service trip to repair homes and serve others in Appalachia this June. We need to raise \$10,000! Your donation helps fund the tools and supplies, their van and gas, and other expenses for their week away. St. Pauls has a history of working with Appalachia Service Project and greatly trusts the integrity of their organization. Please give if you are able to support our emerging congregational leaders, youth who have just spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid restrictions. Donate here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project

UCC EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The United Church of Christ is appealing for support for people displaced within Ukraine and unable to leave. UCC support is being targeted to people most in need through humanitarian relief partners with a history of working in the region. Aid is also being extended through Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, the relief agency of the Reformed Church in Hungary. The UCC's long-term relationship with the Reformed Church in Hungary is held through the Europe and the Middle East Office of Global Ministries. You can find out more and donate here: tinyurl.com/yc2ha84f.

A MUSICAL GIFT FOR YOU!

Our own St. Arbucks Quartet has recorded an album, *Mid-Winter Gifts*, featuring music they have played during our worship services. It is available FREE to you and everyone online. Here is a link to the album on Spotify:

open.spotify.com/album/5FEG6gRZPMTNBvaBjNborm.

And here is a link to the same album on Apple Music:

music.apple.com/us/album/mid-winter-gifts-ep/1611741689. It is exactly the same music on both sites, simply choose your preferred platform. Please feel free to share these links with your friends. You do NOT have to join either Spotify or Apple Music to listen.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. You can order a flower for pickup after the 11 a.m. Easter Service, or donate flowers to be delivered to our senior members and neighbors. Registrations must be completed **by April 8** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin.

Register and pay here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341, or, fill out and return the paper form at the end of the bulletin.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Health Equity Points to Ponder, Part 2 – How many People of Color see themselves reflected in their health care providers and educators? Most historically Black colleges have nursing programs, with excellent pass rates of the National Nursing Exam (NCLEX) (*Journal of Professional Nursing*, Vol. 39, March-April 2022). A question arises: where do the graduates go?

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Could You Use a Rain Barrel? A rain barrel is a container that collects runoff from your home's gutter system, connecting to the downspout with a rain diverter or fitting under a modified downspout. A spigot or hose connector lets you drain the water for use around your landscape. Rainwater harvesting provides an alternative to using municipal water or well water for irrigation. Plants benefit from water that's free of the chemicals and minerals in tap water. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District offers low cost rain barrels to Cook County residents (tinyurl.com/ymre4fuu).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAR 23 - BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're in the Gospel of Luke, home to some of the best stories in scripture, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

MAR 26 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT - 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom

Join us for Trivia Night with St. Pauls Social and host Patricia Calore for fun, fun facts, and fellowship. Random teams will vie for the top spot as we explore the trivial side of TV, movies, and more. Breakout room hosts needed as well as players! RSVP to Patricia to be a virtual host or a player at pfcalore@yahoo.com by March 24.

MAR 27 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Join pastors, members, and others curious about Saint Pauls for our Spring 2022 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 meet in the Oscar Mayer Room after worship, lunch will be provided, and childcare will be available as needed. Register here (spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1207210) or contact Pastor Matt with questions at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

APR 2 - CEP MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SPUCC Kitchen

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP) on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a meal together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at 600 W. Fullerton to serve at 12:30 p.m. Volunteers for CEP suppers must be fully vaccinated to participate in meal preparation and serving and may not volunteer with COVID-19 symptoms. Volunteers must wear masks at all times while onsite and wear gloves while handling food. Proof of vaccination is required to serve at the 600 W. Fullerton LPCS facility.

Sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1201953.

APR 4 - GOD IN NEW NOVELS - 7 p.m., location TBD

There is nothing like diving into a good book. The experience intensifies when we find God in its pages and discuss with friends. Join Pastor Matt and others to look for God in contemporary fiction. Our second novel is *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson. We will meet to discuss this eerie novel on Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. If you have not already signed up for the New Novels Group, join here: spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/god-in-new-novels.

APR 10 - PALM SUNDAY (AKA POLAR) PEACE MARCH - After Worship

Our peace march is on Palm Sunday this year as we remember the Prince of Peace's arrival at the start of Holy Week. The march supports the peace-making work of UCAN in Chicago and reminds us and our neighbors that our streets are all connected. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for UCAN and we're already a third of the way there! If you'd like to lend your support, please visit polarpeacemarch.org and pick up a lawn sign after worship in the Narthex, and plan to walk with us after worship on Palm Sunday. If you can't march, you can still take part. Welcome the marchers back to St. Pauls! We'll also need extra cookies and treats for after the march. If you can provide cookies, or for more information, contact Kristin Mack, klanemack@gmail.com.

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.

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 Jen Kew at 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.

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!

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: 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.

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 2022. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at 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, 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 here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at 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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (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.

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.

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 Wednesday.

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.

- Ken Travers, recuperating from a broken hip and surgery.
- Two friends facing cancer surgery: Jeff on April 9 and Rob on April 18.
- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, in the hospital.
- Sharon Phillips, undergoing a stem cell treatment for bone marrow cancer following five months of treatment. Prayers for a healthy and successful transplant and recovery.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Tom Henry, recovering from pneumonia.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- 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.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Please select whether you would like to pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday or donate them to be delivered to our senior members and neighbors. Purchased plants may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Please enclose \$30 or more per plant with this order form, or order and pay online here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341

Please print legibly.

☐ Flower Donation ☐ Purchase for Pickup

In Celebration of *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

In Memory of *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

From *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate or it mail to:
St Pauls UCC
Attn: Easter Flower Order Form
2335 N. Orchard Street
Chicago, IL 60614

This form, along with your payment or gift, **must arrive at the church by April 8** to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

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.