

March 27, 2022
Fourth 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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Envision God puttering about in a ‘puff’ wheelchair, the kind quadriplegics drive with their breath.” Nancy Eiesland

PRELUDE	<i>Intrada</i> from <i>Miniature Suite</i>	John Ireland
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

CHIMES

INTROIT *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord our God! Be in our midst today!

All: Extinguish our vanity, defiance and despair.

One: Replace them with your greatness, goodness and mercy!

All: Make us yours today and every day! Amen.

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

* HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line being the main melody and the subsequent lines providing variations or continuations. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred
- ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diancy
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no
o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.
- sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**Dear God,
On the cross, you reveal
your hiddenness.
Or perhaps, we cannot stand to see you.
Your appearance startles us.
We wish your presence in our lives was *reasonable*.
We think you are spiritual,
then you come to us as a God who bleeds.
How odd, how wonderful,
to feel the awesome distance between us
by your very nearness.
Forgive our resistance to you.
Come close. Stay with us.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School.
Teachers will lead them to their classrooms. If you would like to
walk your children to class, you are welcome to go and come back.*

* RESPONSE

Just As I Am

1. Just_ as I am,____ with - out____ one plea But
2. Just_ as I am,____ thou wilt____ re - ceive, Wilt

that_ thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause thy prom - ise

come to thee,____ O Lamb of God,____ I come, I come!____
I be - lieve,____ O Lamb of God,____ I come, I come!____

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto part providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano staff. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, the second system contains the next two lines, and the third system contains the final two lines. The piano part includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and rests.

SCRIPTURE

Wayne Parman

First Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. It's written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where can you find someone who is truly wise in this age? How about someone truly intelligent, or truly educated? Has not God exposed the world's wisdom as pretentious nonsense? After the world in its wisdom failed to know God, he in his wisdom chose to save all who would believe through the foolishness of our preaching. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

* 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

Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
2. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? _____ Were you
3. Were you there when he rose up from the tomb? _____ Were you

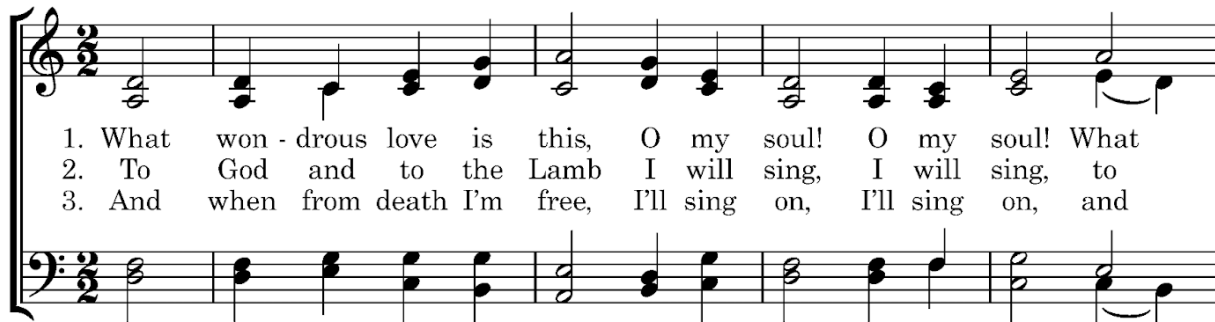
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!
there when he rose up from the tomb?

Some-times it cau - ses me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. _____

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? _____
Were you there when he rose up from the tomb? _____

* HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav - y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav - y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

OFFERTORY

Greater Love Hath No Man
Chancel Choir

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love
Neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this
That a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified,
Ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
That ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
Holy acceptable unto God,
Which is your reasonable service.

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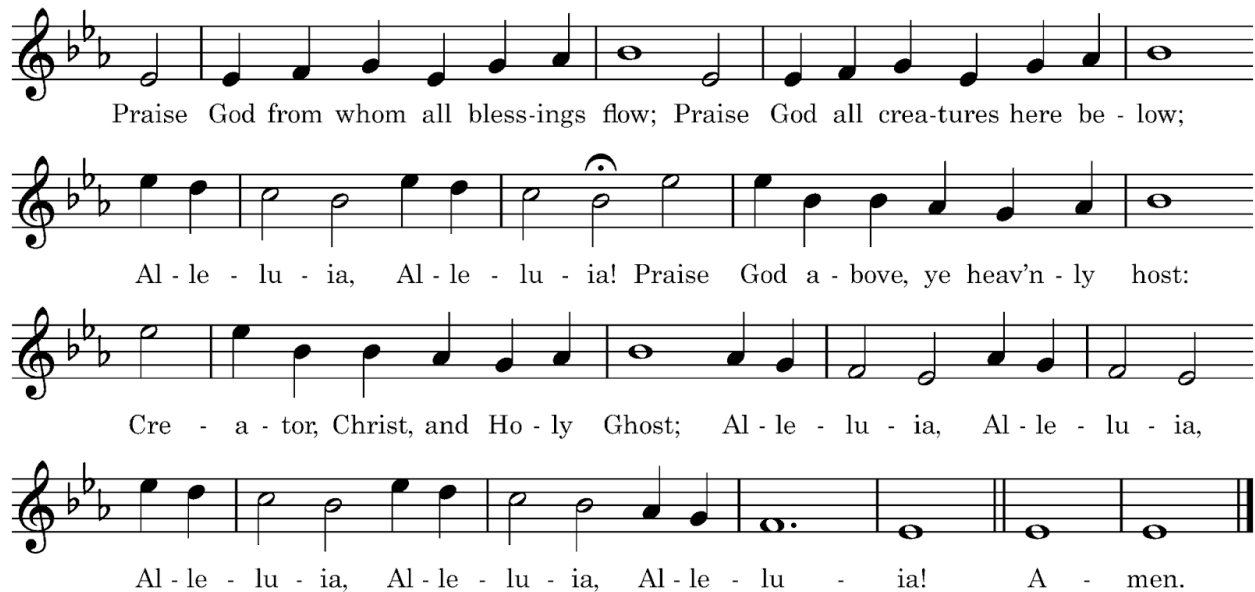
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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

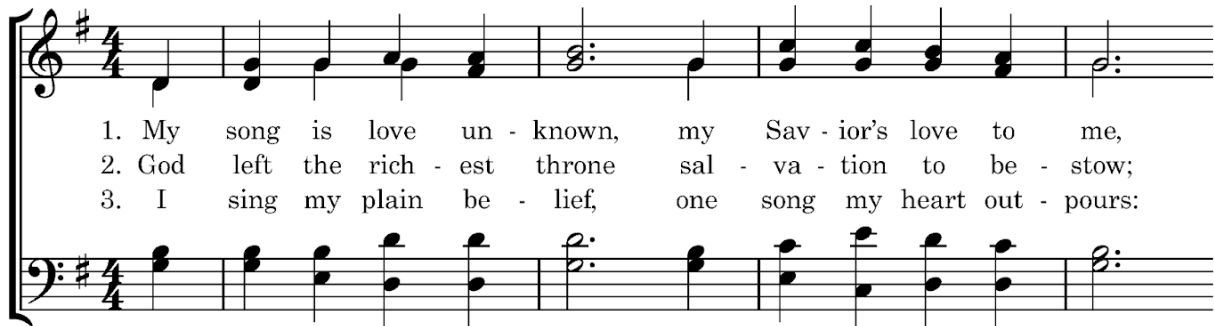
Jeff Carlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

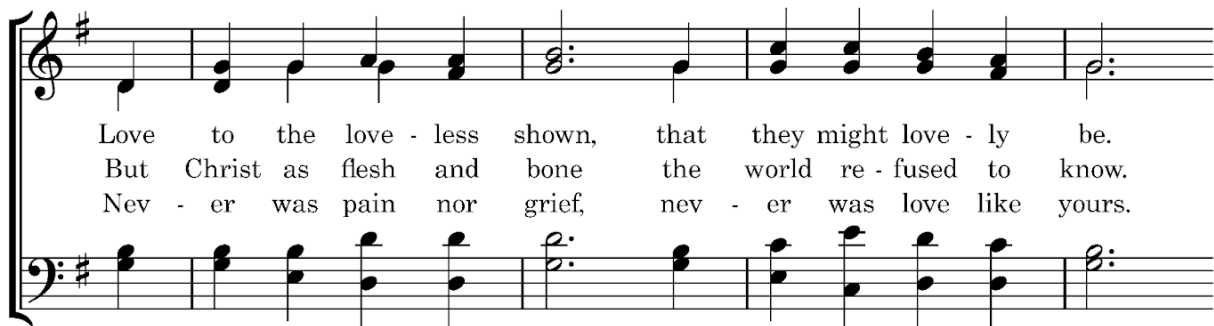
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

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.



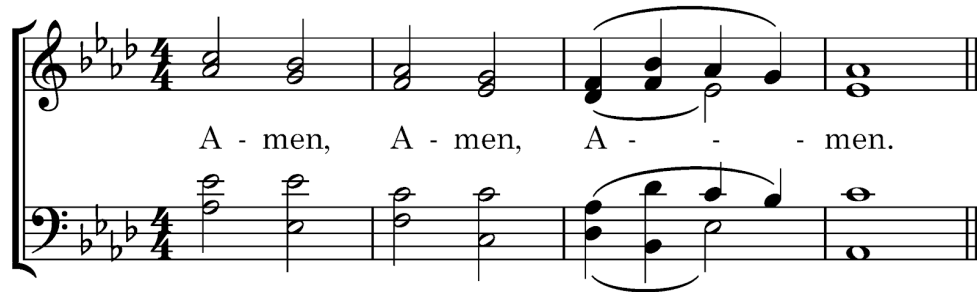
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could



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.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Rejoice!
St. Arbucks Trio

Richard Smallwood

***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.***

WHY PINK? - This is *Letare* (Rejoice) Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Both Advent and Lent are considered penitential seasons, but the early church leaders decided that each of those seasons need an uplifting break. That is why on *Laetare* Sunday the liturgical color changes from purple to pink or rose.

TODAY'S MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross originally had another title, *Crucifixion to the World by the Death of Christ*. The text is by the English poet Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who famously set the entire Book of Psalms poetically. The tune ROCKINGHAM was composed and harmonized in 1790 by Edward Miller (1735-1807). He was born to a stone paver and became a flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra. He published a great deal of music and even detailed history of antiques from his birthplace of Doncaster.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory is a text written in 1825 by John Bowring (1792-1872). He was an English Unitarian and became a member of Parliament. His text is decidedly Christian. RATHBURN was composed in 1851 by Ithamar Conkley (1815-1867). Conkley was an American of Scottish descent. He became a professional bass and also organist in New York City.

Just As I Am is set to the tune WOODWORTH, which was composed by an American, William B. Bradbury (1816–1868), in 1849. He also composed the children's hymn *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*. The text is by Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871), who was British. Sadly, she was frail and sickly most of her life, which makes her text especially poignant and personal. This hymn is often associated with altar calls in revivals.

Were You There is a deeply moving African American spiritual that asks the believer to put themselves in person at the crucifixion. The believer sings, *O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble*, which makes the suffering of Jesus personal.

What Wondrous Love Is This is another truly great and uniquely American hymn. Neither the author nor composer of the tune, WONDROUS LOVE or CHRISTOPHER, is known, and it was first published in *Southern Harmony* in the same early 19th century era as the *Sacred Harp*. Musically, it has both a spiritual slow swing and an open harmony with very few major chords.

John Ireland (1879-1962) composed ***Greater Love Hath No Man*** in 1912. This anthem is among his most often performed works. He is among the Victorian composers from England that included Stainer, Parry, and Stanford. He is probably best known for his many songs. Benjamin Britten was one of his students. Although his training was nearly exclusively English, Ireland was also influenced by French impressionist composers. Ireland also composed our Prelude, ***Intrada***, the first movement of his *Miniature Suite*, in 1904.

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 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.

Rejoice! - Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) is one of the top composers and performers of Gospel music. His group, The Richard Smallwood Singers, has toured the world. He is a graduate of Howard University, which counts Vice President Kamala Harris, and so many other luminaries, as an alumnus. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

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: Wayne Parman

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Mary Brown

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 in celebration of Hazel Vespa's birthday.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH & APRIL

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 27 Hazel Vespa, Melinda Morrissey, Michael Weiskirch, Emmett Sheehan, Ivy Combs, Katie Sheehan

Mar 28 Adam Houser, Charlotte Crouch

Mar 29 Keeley Chamberlain, Jennifer Poynton

Mar 30 Brendan Henry, Mark Pellegrino

Mar 31 Diana Penniman, Will Quinton

April 1 Susan Schwendener, Cam Roehm, Collin Panko

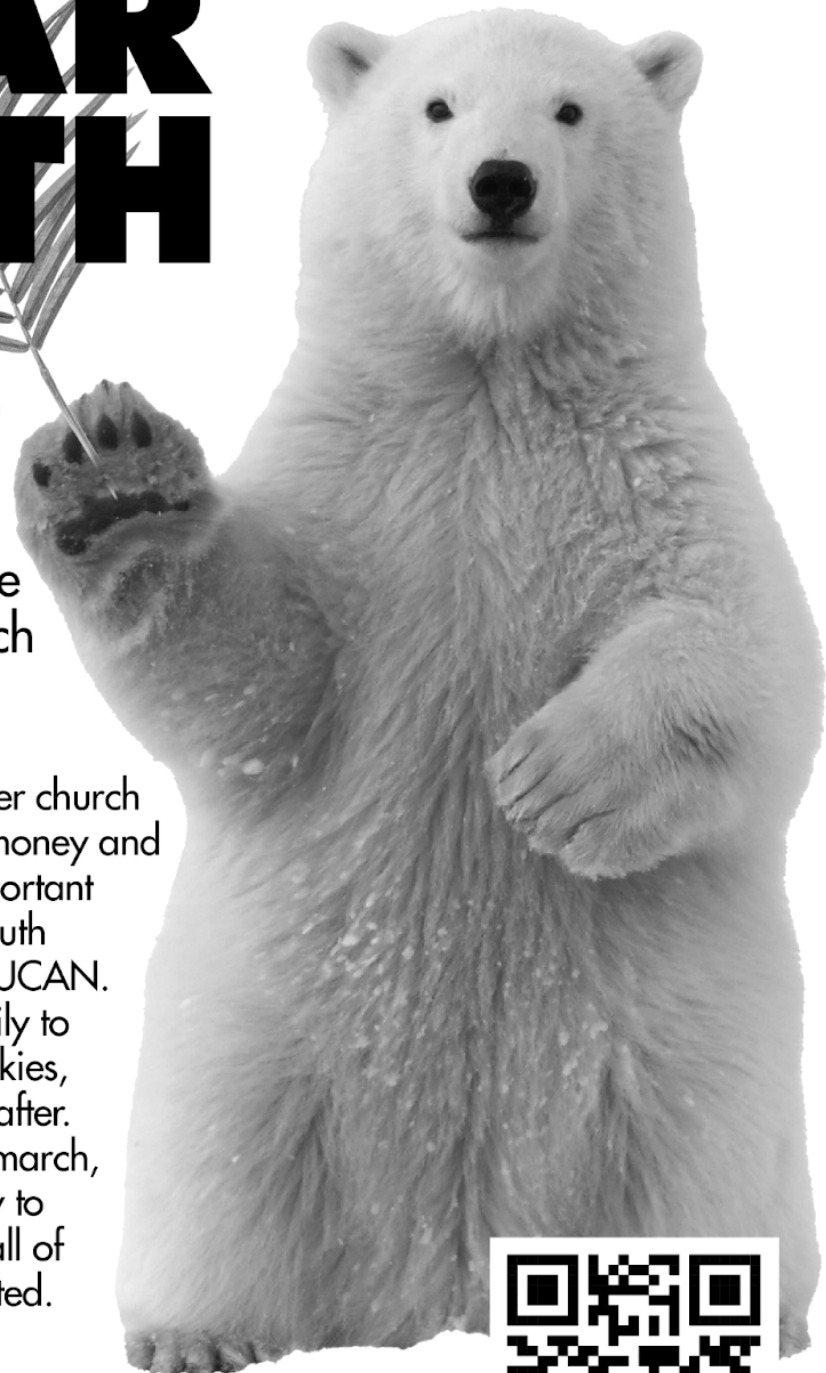
April 2 Alexander Cittadine, Anna Kornick, Aubrey Palkon, Kate Weiskirch, Reese Carter, Peter Wiebe, Sam Riportella, Grady Hartanov

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 - 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dinner church – eat, sing, pray. Please RSVP
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1238314
- 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

TODAY - 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!

MOTHER'S DAY MISSION TRIP MEAL BOX

As a fundraiser for our youth mission trip this summer, providing home repair with the Appalachia Service Project, participating youth and adults will be selling Mission Trip Meals for pickup on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8. A meal box will include dinner for two people including ham (or mac and cheese in the vegetarian version), Southern greens, corn bread, and pecan pie bars. A bowl of mac and cheese can be added for additional food, or to feed a couple of young children. Please purchase a box in advance after worship today or on upcoming Sundays, or contact sue@suefinkle.com to purchase remotely. If you'd rather just make a donation to support our emerging congregational leaders, youth who have just spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid restrictions, you can donate here: spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project.

DOWNLOAD YOUR GIVING STATEMENT FOR 2021 TAXES

If you missed the link to download your 2021 giving statement, sent this January, you can retrieve it online from your giving profile on Church Center. Computer instructions follow below. You can also click this link on a smartphone and it will ask you to open the church center app to download your statement.

- Login to spucc.churchcenter.com with your email address or cell phone number
- Click on your profile photo (or your initials, if you haven't uploaded a photo)
- Click "**Profile**" in the dropdown
- Click "**My Giving**"
- On the left, you'll see a list of choices. Click "**Statements**"
- You'll see the list of all statements available for you to download. Click the arrow on the one(s) you want.

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 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.

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.

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.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

How do we Join the Movement? Visit and sign up at jointhemovementucc.org to share stories, learn from one another and receive calls to action to build a just world for all. See what other congregations are doing and help St. Pauls be part of this national UCC campaign for racial justice and equity.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Please pray for God's creation. Prayers are needed for:

- Efforts to reduce climate change impact throughout our world
- Environmental justice globally as well as locally
- God's guidance of your church's "Green Team-Caring for Creation"
- Other faith organizations to see this as a crucial part of their faith
- Many more hearts to be stirred to embrace their role in climate change
- Your individual role in environmental justice
- Those other needs where the Holy Spirit leads

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAR 30 - 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.

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, 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 participate by welcoming 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.

APR 23 - CHICAGO'S CITYWIDE CLEAN & GREEN

Every year the Streets & Sanitation Department sponsors Clean & Green when neighborhood groups and community organizations team up and beautify various areas throughout the city. Registered groups are provided with brooms, rakes, shovels and garbage bags. Visit chicago.gov/dds or call 311. Deadline for registration is April 18.

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.

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: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.

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

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.

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.

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.
- 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.