

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

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

"In the corpse's core, the stone fist of his heart began to bang on the stiff chest's door, and breath spilled back into that battered shape. Now it's your limbs he comes to fill, as warm water shatters at birth, rivering every way." Mary Karr

PRELUDE

*Finale* Igor Stravinsky  
from Firebird Suite arr. Mark Swanson  
Flute, Organ, Brass, Piano and Percussion & Kurt R. Hansen

CHORAL INTROIT

*Call to Worship* John Rutter  
Chancel Choir  
Breanna Coe, conductor

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

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

\* HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

vv. 1-3

arr. Chip DeStefano

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav - en!

We with all the an - gels say:—  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
Praise to thee by both be giv - en,

Raise our joys and tri - umphs high,  
Once He died, ours souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply:—  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,  
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**New life springs up all around us Lord;  
but we are earthbound still;  
distracted, numb,  
worried and despairing,  
held down by doubt,  
trapped in fear,  
suspicious and sophisticated.  
Forgive us, Lord!  
Renew us in the resurrection light!  
Make us alive to Christ  
and to the gift of our own lives.  
Amen.**

\* MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

\* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Christ is Risen!  
**All: He is risen indeed!**  
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**All: He is risen indeed!**

\* RESPONSE

v. 4

See previous hymn

SCRIPTURE

Benny VanDerburgh

*Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. They were perplexed about this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again?" Then they remembered Jesus' words.

They left the tomb and told all this to the eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women kept telling these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**\* 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)*

**ANTHEM**

*What a Fool Believes*  
St. Arbucks Quartet  
Kris Hansen, soloist

Michael McDonald &  
Kenny Loggins

But what a fool believes he sees  
No wise man has the power to reason away  
What seems to be  
(if love can come and love can go, then why can't love return once more?)  
Is always better than nothing  
(fool's got the power)  
There's nothing at all  
But what a fool believes he sees

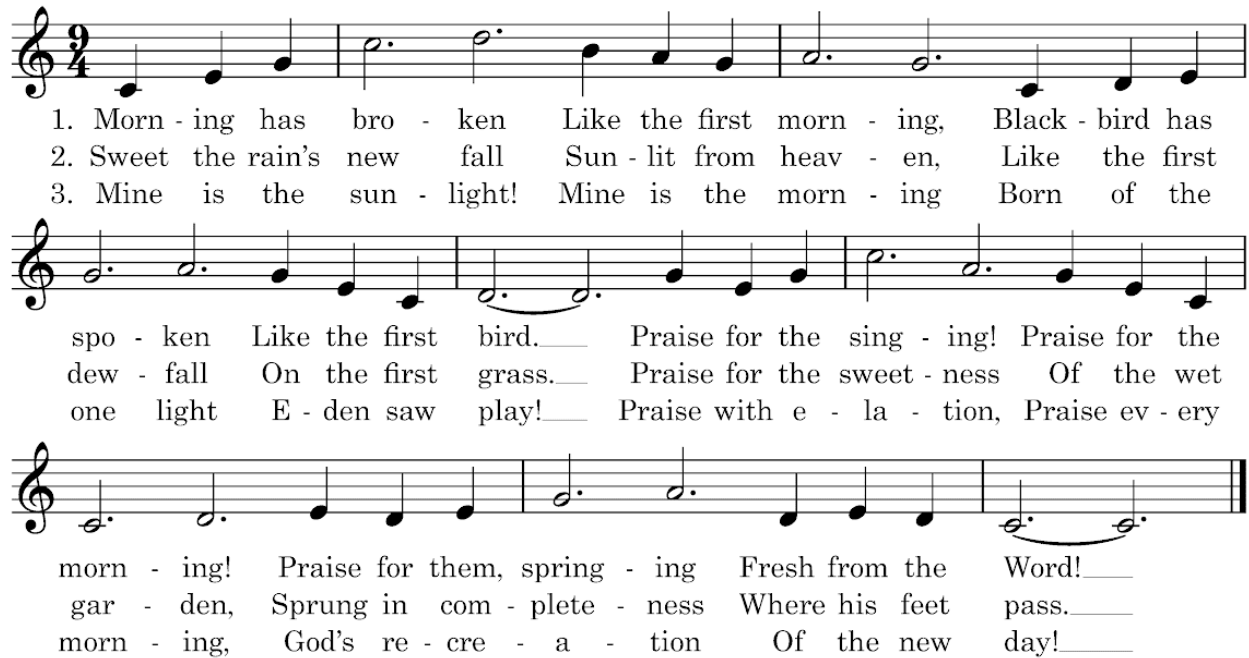
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To reason away  
What seems to be  
Is always better than nothing  
And nothing at all

SERMON

Jeff Carlson, 9 a.m.  
Matt Fitzgerald, 11 a.m.

\* HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the  
spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery  
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

OFFERTORY

*I Was Glad!*

C.H.H. Parry

Chancel Choir, Brass, and Organ

arr. Mark Swanson

I was glad when they said unto me,  
We will go, we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem  
Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.

Christ is risen! Amen!

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee,  
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
(Text from Psalm 122: 1-3, 6, & 7)

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**\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Bread	<i>On Wings of Song</i> in E Major from <u>Songs Without Words</u> Op.19b No. 1 Jeffrey Wagner, piano	Felix Mendelssohn
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Wine	<i>The Creator Has a Master Plan</i> St. Arbucks Quartet Kris Hansen, soloist	Pharoah Sanders
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The Creator has a working plan  
Peace and happiness for every man . . .

The Creator has a master plan  
Peace and happiness for every man . . .

The Creator makes but one demand  
Peace and happiness through all the land . . .

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All things have been made new! All the seas and dry lands.  
All the forests and the fields. All the cities and towns.  
Everything that swims or flies, even you, and even me!  
All have been made new today! Oh God we thank you!  
For love is more powerful than fear. Life is triumphant over the grave.  
You have just defeated death. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**



\* HYMN

*Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

arr. Richard Webster

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;  
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;  
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav'n - ly grace,  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;  
Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;  
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;  
That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!  
Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.  
And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

## \* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
from Messiah

# George Frideric Handel

## Chancel Choir, Organ, Trumpets and Timpani

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom  
Of our Lord and of his Christ;  
And he shall reign forever and ever.  
KING OF KINGS,  
AND LORD OF LORDS.  
And he shall reign forever and ever.  
Hallelujah!  
from *Revelation*

## POSTLUDE

*Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare*

Richard Strauss  
arr. Joseph Thalken

Brass, Percussion, and Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Prelude is the ***Finale*** from the ***Firebird Suite*** composed in 1909 by Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971), a true icon of 20th century music. The score was composed for a ballet in Paris by the famous Ballets Russes, lead by impresario Sergei Diaghilev (1872-1929) and lead dancer and choreographer Vaslav Nijinski (1889-1950). The story of the *Firebird Suite* is taken from Russian folklore, but the glorious climax of the *Finale* can also remind us of the ascension of Christ and the flight of the Holy Spirit.

The ***Call to Worship*** was composed in 1982 by John Rutter (b. 1945) who also composed the text based on psalms of praise. John Rutter's music was introduced to this country by Mel Olson, who was the Director of Music at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, NE, where our music director grew up and sang in his choirs.

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known and is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

***What a Fool Believes*** was composed by Michael McDonald and Kenny Loggins and was recorded by the Doobie Brothers in 1978 with McDonald singing lead vocals. This recording won the 1980 Grammy Awards for both Song of the Year and Record of the Year. Although the original text is not directly religious, the terms "fool" and "foolishness" are often referred to in the Epistles as a positive description of a believer in the resurrection, someone who has faith even if it doesn't seem logical.

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

***I Was Glad!*** was composed in 1902 by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), on a commission for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria. Parry, along with Charles Villiers Stanford and Edward Elgar, were pillars of Victorian music. Parry's music gained great popularity during his lifetime, but his reputation suffered after many scathing attacks by George Bernard Shaw, who was also a music critic. Parry wrote oratorios, five symphonies, as well as chamber music. He also wrote a solo song, *Jerusalem*, which has become an unofficial English anthem. Parry's music is now gaining popularity again.

Our ***Festival Doxology*** is sung to the German hymn tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*, dates from 1623, and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

***On Wings of Song*** in E major from Lieder ohne Worte Op. 19b No. 1 (Songs Without Words) was composed by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) from 1836 to 1837. The larger collection was composed over a long period, 1829 to 1845. They were composed in eight books of six pieces each over that 16-year period. His sister Fanny (1805-1847), and later Edvard Grieg (1843-1907), also composed a set of songs without words. The hallmark of the pieces is a Romantic sense of lyricism.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoah Sanders (b. 1940). He was born Farrell Sanders and changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating “spiritual jazz,” as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra, featuring it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote the text for ***Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven***. He wrote more than 120 hymn texts and was also the nephew of the famous poet William Wordsworth. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887), composed when he was only 19.

The ***Hallelujah Chorus*** is arguably the most often performed and well known of the works of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). This chorus closes Part Two of *Messiah*. Although it is most often associated with Christmas performances, it actually announces the victory of Christ over death. Handel composed the entire *Messiah* in a two-week flurry of creativity in 1741. The tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* dates to King George II standing at a performance in London. It isn't clear if, as tradition suggests, he was deeply moved or perhaps just needed to stand. No matter the reason, the tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* is a long established way to honor Handel's genius and the victorious text.

Our Postlude, ***Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare*** was composed in 1924 for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra brass section by Richard Strauss (1864-1949). The original score called for 22 brass players and two timpani. It was composed for the first benefit ball held to raise funds for the Vienna Philharmonic musician's pensions. Our transcription was commissioned by Joseph Thalken (b. 1962), who has also composed a number of choral anthems for our Chancel Choir.

## 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

**Easter Instrumentalists:** Tom Madeja & Kris Hansen, trumpet; Matthew Oliphant, French horn; Mary Tyler, trombone; Christopher Bettler, tuba; Monty Adams, flute; Ralph Wiser, timpani; Jeffrey Wagner, piano; Sarah Good Mosley & Mark Mosley, percussion

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

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers, 9 a.m.:** Colin Murray, Tom Murray

**Communion Servers, 11 a.m.:** David Burnett, Carrie Bettler, Carrie Bruggers, Char Damron, Larry Damron, Micki Fayhee, Lorne Frank, Marcia Frank, Mead Gifford, Joe JaQuay, Karen Johnson, Cheryl Kennedy, Mark Mosley, Sarah Good Mosley, Wayne Parman, Michael Toomin

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

**Head Ushers:** Beatrice Jaji, David Baker, Mary Brown

**Ushers, 9 a.m.:** Doug Clark, Fred Pearson, Rebecca Sandoval

**Ushers, 11 a.m.:** Barb Arsenault, Mary Brown, Mead Gifford, Gloria Joseph, Cheryl Kennedy, Rebecca Sandoval, Peg Wander

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Acolyte Coordinators:** Rebecca Sandoval

**Acolytes, 9 a.m.:** Colin Murray, Hannah Fitzgerald, Val Schimp, Coco Schimp

**Acolytes, 11 a.m.:** Claire Nitzsche, Spencer Weil, Eleanor McGuire, Samantha Fayhee

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Pew Literature Racks Organizer:** Mary Brown

**Easter Altar Decorators:** Gretchen Althen, Doug Clark, Barbara Kaiser, Marcia Knudson, Jill Minetz, Marcia Opp, Bev Petrunich, Doug Roewer, Cres Roewer

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

### **EASTER FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION OF . . .**

JANE NUGENT from Larry and Char Damron  
KEVIN DZIERZAWSKI from Kurt Hansen  
CHANCEL CHOIR from Kurt R. Hansen  
LORRAINE MARIE and LEONARDO D'AQUINO from Aunt Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
KURT HANSEN and the CHANCEL CHOIR from Allen Heinemann  
OUR GRANDCHILDREN – ANNIKA and OSCAR HULL; SOPHIE, NATHANIEL, and  
MARGOT RIX; ELLERY and ANDERSON EKDAHL, from Marcia Opp and Jon Ekdahl  
THE BIRTH OF PETER JOSEPH SIMPSON from The Arsenault Family  
TODD, BREANNA, and CHARLIE COE from Doug and Sue Coe

### **EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF . . .**

MR. & MRS. HENRY DAMRON from Larry and Char Damron  
MR. & MRS. LEONARD MCFAIL from Larry and Char Damron  
LARRY BUTCHER from Kurt Hansen and the Chancel Choir  
NICHOLAS & BERTHA BRANCACCIO from The Hansen Family  
LISA CORNWELL from The Hansen Family and the Chancel Choir  
GRIGG FOUNTAIN from The Hansen Family  
PATRICK FULLER from Kurt Hansen and the Chancel Choir  
KERMIT & MARY HANSEN from The Hansen Family  
MIKE KOSSACK from The Hansen Family  
WILLIAM "BILL" PARKS from Kurt Hansen  
LOLA & ALEX RAND from The Hansen Family  
GORDON FISHBURN from the Chancel Choir  
DONNA BRANCACCIO SEGSCHEIDER from Terry Brancaccio Hansen  
VIRGINIA & ROBERT BORDEN from Allen Heinemann and Bill Borden  
VIRGINIA & WILTON HEINEMANN from Allen Heinemann and Bill Borden  
LEROY & HENRIETTA DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
EDWARD SEELEY DAVIS from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
LEE KENTON DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
ELIZABETH DYKSTRA DEVOS from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
VIRGINIA & W. A. AMERSON from Lydia and Tom Murray  
THEDFORD & ASHLYN MALLARD from Lydia and Tom Murray  
HERBERT & ANNA BEECK from Barb, Peter and Paul Kaiser and families  
DOROTHY & FRANK MYNARD from Suzanne and Frank Mynard  
LOUISE & BEN YUNKER from Suzanne and Frank Mynard  
DELBERT ARSENAULT from The Arsenault Family  
JOSEPH & BERNIECE BUTTINGER from The Arsenault Family  
WARREN & MABEL ARSENAULT from The Arsenault Family

NORMA MACK from Kyle, Kristin, Alayna, Eva and Thea  
GRANDPARENTS WARREN & CHARLOTTE, CARRIE & WILRAY, DENNIS & ANN  
from Kyle & Kristin  
GORDON & MARGARET BALL from Bob and Cindy Zinn Ball  
ROBERT, LAINI, and RICK ZINN from Bob and Cindy Zinn Ball  
GRANDMA CAROL from Elsie, Isla and Eva  
DOTTIE FLETCHER from Sally Fletcher  
WANDA ELLITHORPE-FLETCHER from Sally Fletcher  
SCOTT REICHARD from Sally Fletcher  
LANCE NOGLE from Sally Fletcher  
ALL OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED from Annie, Jeff and Charlie Johnson  
SAM HILL from Liz Raiman  
CHARLES & ELSBETH WASSMER from the Raiman and DuPont families  
RIP LUERSSSEN from Jen Luerssen  
MARCIA TOOMIN HILL from Michael P. Toomin  
HON. CLIFFORD MEACHAM (RET.) from Michael P. Toomin  
CARL PALETTI from Michael P. Toomin  
PHILIP & PAULINE TOOMIN from Michael P. Toomin  
MR. & MRS. JOHN M. & KATHRYN J. GIFFORD from their children, Mead, Judith,  
Jeanette, and Alyce  
POLLY PALMER SIPPY from Rod Sippy and Family  
WES SALSBURY from Marcia Knudson  
EDWARD ZASADIL from Larry Simpson  
FRANCES & FRANK WANDER from Peg Wander  
KATHIE J.R. BETTLER from Christopher, Carrie, & Warren  
PARENTS JEAN & ROBERT REED FREI SR.; FRED & FAITH WILK from Jennifer Frei  
and Gerald Wilk  
WILLIAM & LEMPI MARIE KANTOLA from daughter Hazel Vespa  
ROGER KANTOLA from sister Hazel Vespa  
CARL VESPA from Hazel Vespa  
DANIEL & IRMINGARD "BUNNIE" KORBELAK from Hazel Vespa  
COLLEEN HENRY from Tom Henry and his family  
MARY YODER PAYNE from the Henry, Kompare, Honeysett, Yoder, and Hunter families  
JOSEPH KOMPARE from the Henry and Kompare families  
GEORGE & SHIRLEY MOSLEY from Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley  
SAMUEL GOOD from Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley  
WES SALSBURY from Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley  
MARCIA LOU FETTERS from the Bail Family  
PHIL & KAY BAIL from the Bail Family  
BILL & VIOLET GOTTSCHALK from the Bail Family

## BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.*

April 17 Bill Beck, Deon Fayhee, Linda Riportella, Avery Vahey, Charlie Busker,  
Eric Cittadine  
April 18 Betty Voice, Jessica Ashley, Nathaniel Weglarz, Olivia Weglarz, Grant Mutch  
April 19 Tom Scrivner  
April 20 Andrea Reed, Daniel Nowack, Ella Javorcic, Sebastien Millard  
April 21 Aileen Schloerb, Alex Baker, Mason Saltarelli, Bennett Grosshans  
April 22 Jack Lyons, Kyle Nitzsche  
April 23 Preston Schwab

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOTHER'S DAY MISSION TRIP MEAL BOX

Order a Mother's Day Mission Trip Meal Box to support our youth mission trip this summer, providing home repair with the Appalachia Service Project. 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. Please purchase a box in advance after worship today or on upcoming Sundays, or you can order and pay online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452). Pickup on Mother's Day, May 8, after worship. Contact Sue Finkle [sue@suefinkle.com](mailto:sue@suefinkle.com) with any questions.

### JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

**Take Action to Protect Black Maternal Health** – Around the world, maternal mortality rates have been steadily decreasing for most countries. In the United States, however, the rates of pregnancy-related death and injury are actually increasing with the most severe consequences for Black women, who are dying at rates 3-4 times higher as compared to their White counterparts. Please join us here in urging Congress to pass the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act.

### CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Earth Day is April 22. [EARTHDAY.ORG](http://EARTHDAY.ORG)'s mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide. Since the first Earth Day in 1970, more than 150,000 partners in more than 192 countries have been mobilized for positive action. As an individual, you wield real power and influence as a consumer, voter and community member. When your voice and actions are united with millions, we create a powerful movement that is inclusive, impactful and impossible to ignore. The 2022 Earth Day theme is "Invest in Our Planet." Please choose at least one positive change for our planet you will make beginning this Earth Day. Invest now!

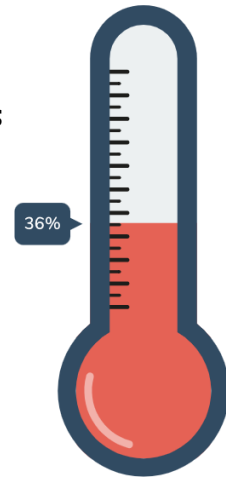


## **PLEASE DONATE TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!**

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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project).

**GOAL: \$10,000**



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **APR 20 - 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **APR 23 - REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY - 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Chicago West Side**

Join us for "Rebuilding Together Day" to rebuild a family's home on the west side. We need people to patch and paint, people to landscape and clean out a basement, and more. Working with union electricians and plumbers, we will transform a home in one day. Anyone 10 and older can participate. Sign up at the link below or email Pastor Matt with questions, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1263765](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1263765)

### **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](https://chicago.gov/dds) or call 311. Deadline for registration is April 18.

**MAY 1 - GREEN TEAM: "ARE WE DROWNING IN PLASTIC? WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW" - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room.**

Originally from Edinboro, Pennsylvania, Tim Hoellein completed a B.S. in Biology from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Notre Dame. He is an Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago, where he has taught since 2010. Dr. Hoellein's research focuses on the sources, fate, and biological interactions of pollutants including dissolved chemicals (i.e., nitrogen and phosphorus) and particulate material (i.e., microplastic and trash) in urban aquatic environments. Dr. Hoellein's goals are to contribute to a greater understanding of freshwater ecosystems, incorporate students into research, and to communicate results to colleagues, policy makers and the general public.

**MAY 12 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL COOKING CLASS - 6 p.m., Church Kitchen**

Join St. Pauls Social and professional chef Molly McGrath for an in-person cooking class in our own St. Pauls kitchen. We will learn and practice some basics of Asian dumplings by making steamed bao and wonton soup. Cooking along is welcome but certainly not required! Cost is \$10/person. Please **RSVP by May 1** to Molly at [mollymcgrath906@gmail.com](mailto:mollymcgrath906@gmail.com).

**MAY 13 - JOURNEYS WITH WINDY CITY WINDS - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Join Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", for their spring concert, *Journeys*. Enjoy the world premiere of *Journey to Eagle Peak* by composer Joon Park, inspired by Yosemite National Park, along with *Homecoming* by female composer Alex Shapiro, and concluding with *Armenian Dances* (Parts 1 and 2) by Alfred Reed. The band will be conducted by music directors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. The concert will take place at St. Pauls and will also be streamed over the internet. Learn more at [windycitywinds.org](http://windycitywinds.org).

**MAY 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL BIRD WATCHING - 7-9 a.m., Montrose Point**

Join David Baker and St. Pauls Social to observe the spring bird migration at Montrose Point. David has been birding the lakefront for 30 years and welcomes both beginners and avid birders for this two-hour experience. May is the best time to see migrating warblers, the tiny jewels of this annual exhibition of nature's wonders. Dress in layers, wear good walking shoes and bring binoculars. To get to Montrose Point, exit Lake Shore Drive at Montrose and drive east to a "T" turn south by the green bait shop on the right, and park along the street. You now have to feed the parking kiosks. David will meet you at the entrance on the east side of the street. RSVP here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1259498](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1259498).

**MAY 22 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR - 11:15 a.m.,**

Join St. Pauls Social and Nancy Curotto, clinical psychologist, for a discussion about reentering life following a pandemic and ways to cope with stress. Nancy will discuss how stressors can manifest in one's body and demonstrate ways to cope with unforeseen stress, persistent stress and frustrations.

**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).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – 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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**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 Jen 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** – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors:  
[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.

**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).

**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](http://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](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)** 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 [cindyinn11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyinn11@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 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.*

- Jeanne Heard, Shannon Castle's mother, for swift and full recovery from health issues.
- A friend of the Combs family who has suffered a serious fall.
- 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, at home in hospice care.
- 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.

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.