



April 3, 2022  
Fifth 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

"If I love you, I have to make you conscious of the things you don't see."

James Baldwin

#### PRELUDE

*Lord, Don't Move That Mountain*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Doris Akers &  
Mahalia Jackson  
arr. Brendan Henry

#### CHIMES

#### INTROIT

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
Chancel Choir

Dutch Hymn

#### WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

**All: Our God, who makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,**

One: Who formed us all for herself, so that we might praise her together,

**All: Who reconciles, renews, and ever-moves**

One: This God proclaims, today and every day:

**All: I am about to do a new thing! Alleluia. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3. Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease  
4. Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given

The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!  
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**God who makes all things new through your love,  
We confess that we have forgotten you. That we forget you. In the daily  
Deluge of selfish tasks and distractions, we confess that we would rather  
Give our thanksgiving to you only in life's dramatic moments:  
Births and death, on those rare perfect days, when at our lowest places.  
We edit your presence. Forgive us for forgetting you even as you seek us out,  
You the ever-forgiving parent, we the wayward children.  
Forgive us and have mercy on what healing we have neglected.  
Embolden us to call your name every day.  
Embolden us to find you in our acts of care. 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

*Give the World a Smile*  
Kurt R. Hansen, Nathan Streeter, Todd Coe,  
Lee Lichamer, quartet and Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Otis Deaton  
& M.L. Yandell

Give the world a smile every day,  
Helping someone on life's true way  
From the paths of sin bring the wanderers into  
The master's fold to stay.  
Help to cheer the lone and sad.  
Help to make some pilgrim glad.  
Let your life so be that all the world might see  
that you are serving Jesus with a smile.

Are you giving to the world a smile?  
Helping lessen someone's dreary mile?  
So you greet the world with song  
As through life you pass along?  
Cheering those whom you may meet  
Along life's smile?

Give the world a smile . . .

## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 13:31-35*

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;  
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

## \* 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


*Amazing Grace*



1. A - maz - ing\_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a\_\_  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my\_\_



wretch like me!\_\_\_\_\_ I once\_\_\_\_\_ was\_ lost, but  
fears re - lieved;\_\_\_\_\_ How pre - cious did that



now\_\_ am\_ found, was blind but\_ now I see.\_\_\_\_\_  
grace\_\_ ap - pear The hour I\_\_ first be - lieved!\_\_\_\_\_


SERMON

"Grace Notes"


Benny VanDerburgh

\* RESPONSE


*Amazing Grace*



3. Through man - y\_\_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing\_\_



- ready - y come;\_\_\_\_\_ 'Tis grace\_\_ has\_ brought me  
as the sun,\_\_\_\_\_ We've no\_\_ less\_ days to



safe\_\_ thus far, and grace will\_ lead me home.\_\_\_\_\_  
sing\_\_ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.\_\_\_\_\_

OFFERTORY

*Crucifixus*  
(Sung in Latin)  
Chancel Choir

Antonio Lotti

He was crucified for us  
Under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.

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*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

*At [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving),*

*Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto: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

Jeff Carlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

*A Ukrainian Prayer*  
Rev. Jeff Carlson, cantor  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Lord God, we pray, protect Ukraine.  
Grant her strength, Lord, hope, faith, and salvation.  
Lord God, we pray, protect Ukraine.  
Hear our prayer. Amen.  
Lord God, we pray, protect Ukraine.

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

*O God Beyond All Praising*

1. O\_\_ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,

And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;

For\_\_ we can on - ly won - der At\_\_ ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be\_\_ filled with good or ill,

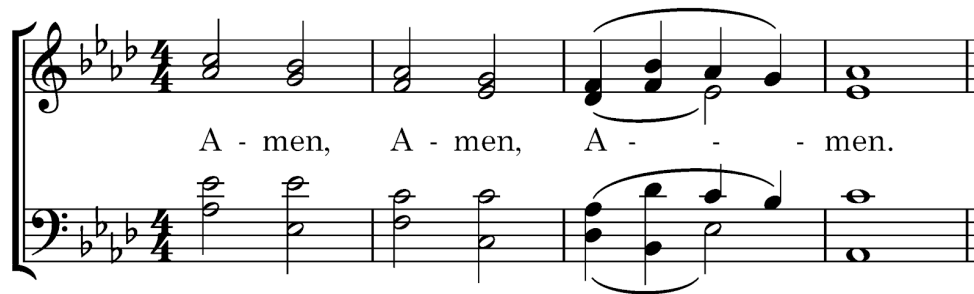
At\_\_ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:

We\_\_ lift our hearts be - fore\_\_ you And wait up - on your word,  
To\_\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,

We\_\_ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Antiphon V*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Marcel Dupré

***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, with cake from Mark and Sarah Good Mosley in celebration of Mark's retirement.***

### TODAY'S MUSIC

***Lord, Don't Move That Mountain*** - Lyrics and music were written by Doris Mae Akers (1923-1995), a famous African American gospel composer, arranger and singer. This is another gospel song that Mahalia Jackson sang, and this arrangement is by Brendan Henry.

The text for ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*** was written in 1862 by Fredrick William Faber (1814-1863). Faber was an Anglican clergy who converted late in life to Roman Catholicism. He wrote more than 150 hymns. The tune, IN BABILONE, is a traditional Dutch melody first published in 1710. It was adapted as a hymn by Julius Röntgen (1855-1932), a Dutch Romantic composer and pianist. Brahms chose him to debut his *First Piano Concerto*.

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*** is a text written in 1739 by the famous Methodist hymnist and theologian Charles Wesley (1707-1788). It is said that he wrote more than 6,500 hymns. The tune, AZMON, was composed in 1828 by C. G. Glaser (1781-1829) and was later adapted to the melody we know by Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Glaser was a German composer who was educated at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, the home church of and in the generation following the death of Bach. Dr. Mason was considered as the "Father of American Church Music." He was born and educated in New York.

***Give the World a Smile*** was composed in 1924 by Otis Deaton and M.L. Yandell (no dates for either) when they were both students at Stamps School of Music in Jacksonville, Texas. It became well known almost immediately because it was recorded and released by The Stamps Quartet. It sold more than a million copies. The publishing and performance rights were purchased by V. O. Stamps for only \$5.00 each because he convinced Deaton and Yandell that their work was too similar to another piece. It has been recorded and performed numerous times over the years.

The text for ***Amazing Grace*** is by John Newton (1725-1807), who was a slave ship captain, but became an Anglican clergy and fervent abolitionist. He once said that writing this text saved his soul. The tune, NEW BRITAIN, is most likely an African American spiritual and was first published in 1829.

The setting of ***Crucifixus*** was composed in 1717. Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) was a late Italian Baroque composer who preferred to write in *stile antico*, or the old style of the Renaissance masters. *Crucifixus* is a wonderful example of that style. The text is part of the Nicene Creed, the *Credo*, in the Catholic Mass Ordinary. Lotti was born and died in Venice. He wrote 30 operas and a great deal of sacred music. He became choirmaster at St. Mark's Cathedral, one of the most prestigious church positions in Europe.

***A Ukrainian Prayer*** was composed in one day in March 2022. John Rutter (b. 1945) said, "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music." After attending a service in his old college chapel where they sang a setting of a "lovely" Ukrainian prayer, he was inspired to compose this setting with a "nod" in his own voice to the Orthodox choral traditions. Rutter has made the printed music available free for the asking. On very short notice, more than 300 singers showed up in England to record this work with Rutter conducting. It is available on YouTube. We add our voices to countless others saying, "*Lord God, we pray, protect Ukraine.*"

***O God Beyond All Praising*** is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. It is truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted "Thaxted" as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942–1996). He began studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was one of the preeminent organists and composers for that instrument of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was the organist for many years at St. Sulpice in Paris, following Widor in that position. His ***Antiphon V*** is part of a larger set of 15 antiphons composed in 1919. The "melody" is based on the chant of a particular antiphon. The 5th Antiphon is translated, "*How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou.*"

## **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

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

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Brown, 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

## **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 3 Laura Schalekamp, Terra Johnson, MacKenzie Rogers

April 4 Peter Doerr, Kyle DuPont

April 5 Mandy Key, Alexis Palkon, Livia Sanders

April 6 Jennifer Kew, Will Jackson

April 7 Anita Wiebe, Lois Basil, Nancy Hanson, Jason Wu

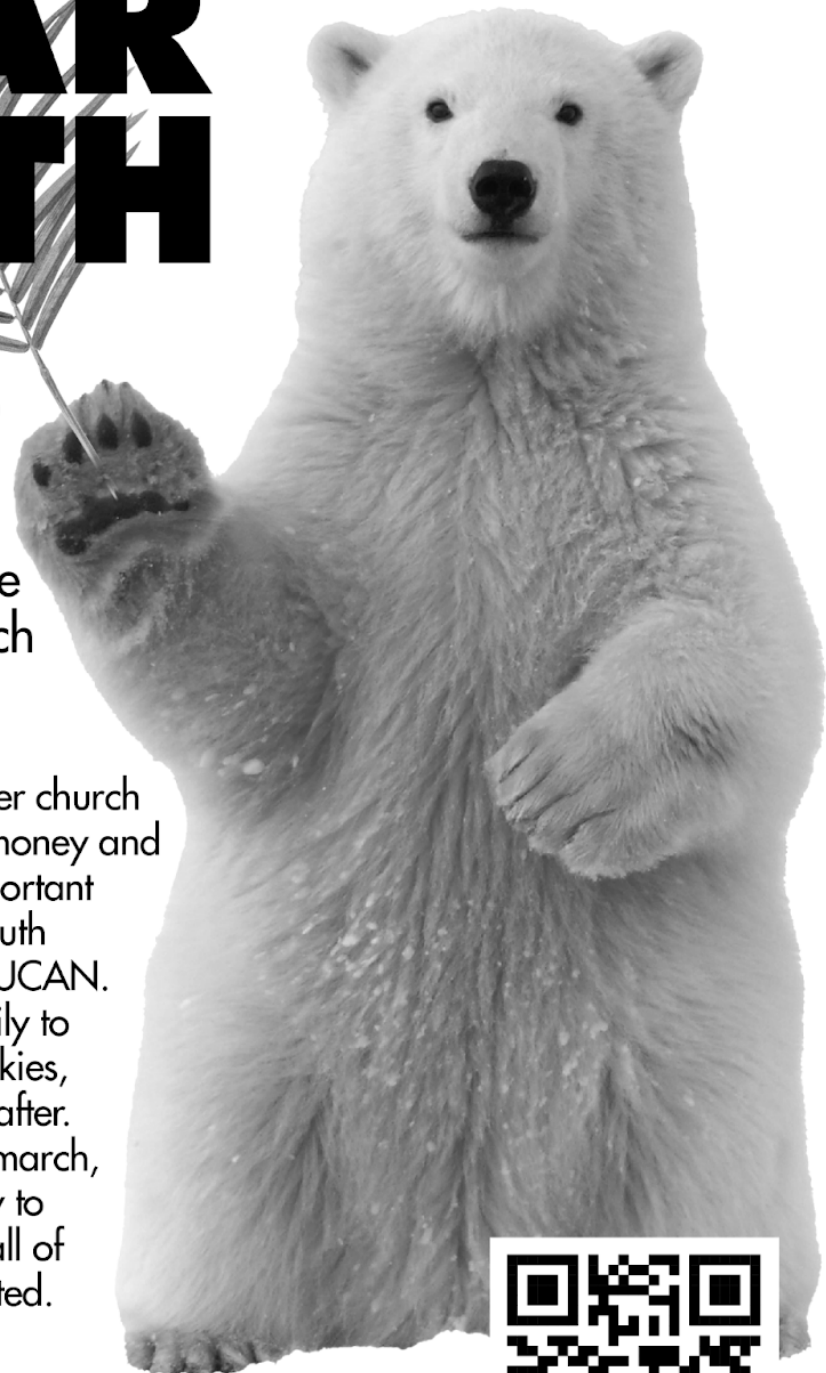
April 9 Andrea Koepke, Daniel Vaughn, Gay Kelly, Ben Fenstermacher

# 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](http://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](http://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 by Monday, April 4**  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1200283](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1200283)
- SUN, APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Communion, choir, brass

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 next week, 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](mailto:marcia@volkonline.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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1212341), or, fill out and return the paper form at the end of the bulletin.

### **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](https://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.

### **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](https://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 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](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

### **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).

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

Changing lighting to Energy Star-qualified bulbs can use up to 80% less energy, reducing your electricity use and costs. The life of the bulb is much longer and there will be much less waste of discarded bulbs. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, replacing only one bulb with an energy-efficient bulb in every home in the U.S. would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 9 billion pounds, or about the amount from 800,000 cars. Generally, the most energy-efficient lighting is the Light Emitting Diode (LED). A quality LED produces the most light with the least electricity.

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

**Racial Justice Is a Lifestyle** - Jemar Tisby: "Fighting racism doesn't consist of a set of isolated actions that you take; rather these actions must flow from an entire disposition that is oriented toward racial justice. Racial justice is a lifestyle, not an agenda item. It's a commitment to living in such a way that your entire life is a witness for racial justice. Orienting your life in this way is about helping to shape your society into the one that might be more equitable and just today as well as for the generations that follow. It's about being a good ancestor."

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **APR 4 - GOD IN NEW NOVELS - 7 p.m., Zoom**

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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/god-in-new-novels).

#### **APR 6 - 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 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](http://polarpeacemarch.org), pick up a lawn sign in the Narthex after worship, 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](mailto: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](http://chicago.gov/dds) or call 311. Deadline for registration is April 18.

**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).

**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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](http://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](http://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 [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@gmail.com).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson ([jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

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

### **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](https://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](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.*

- 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.

## 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](http://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):*

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

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

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**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.