

May 1, 2022
Communion 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

"The nearness of the animal to the human irrevocably means that when we kill a
beast, we do something which is at very least similar to homicide." Karl Barth

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude Modal</i>	J. Langlais
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

CHIMES

INTROIT	<i>Alleluia</i>	Henry Purcell
	Chancel Choir	

WELCOME	Matt Fitzgerald
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wind was once the voice of God!

**All: Grain and grape carried God's presence
simply because they existed.**

One: Eve and Adam were creatures in God's creation.

All: Let us find such wonder at Christ's table today!

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

* HYMN

I Come with Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, _____ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, _____ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends, _____ The love that made_ us, makes us one, and
near, _____ And join our hearts and sing with joy that
stay, _____ And go with joy _____ to love the world and



love laid down for me, _____ in love laid down for me. _____
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, _____ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread. _____
strang - ers now_ are friends, and strang - ers now_ are friends.
Christ is ris - en here, _____ that Christ is ris - en here. _____
live the way_ we pray, _____ and live the way_ we pray. _____

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jeff Carlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
maker of heaven and earth,
we have sinned against you
and against your good creation
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, weakness,
and deliberate decisions.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

*Please come forward for communion.
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.
Return to your seat by the side aisles.
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

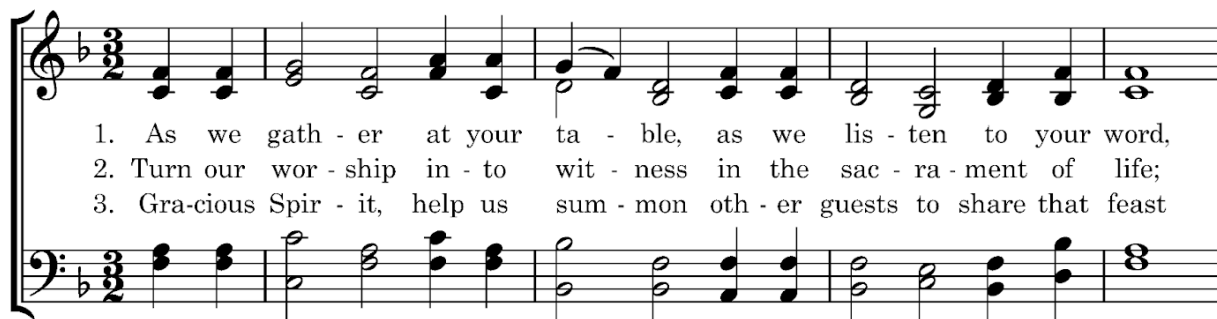
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Oh God, we thank you for living with us, and for coming to us. We thank
you for blessing this earth with your own footsteps and blessing this
meal with your own presence. Let your nearness change us!**

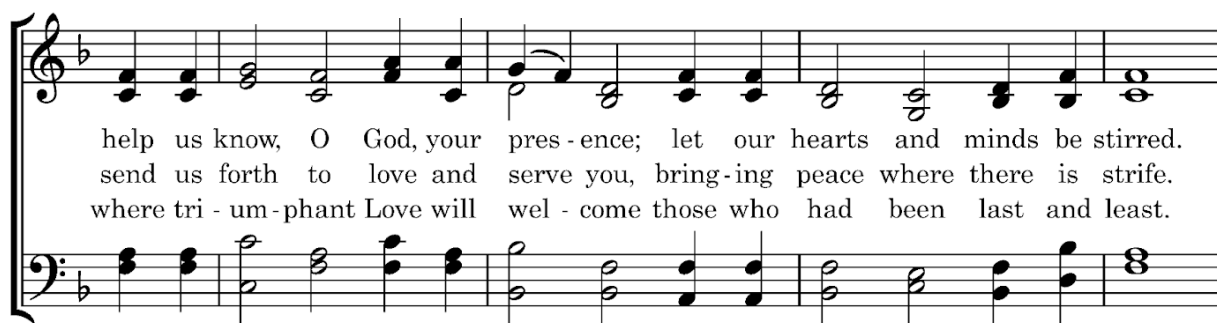
*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School.
Teachers will lead them to their classrooms. If you would like to
walk your children to class, you are welcome to go and come back.*

* COMMUNION HYMN

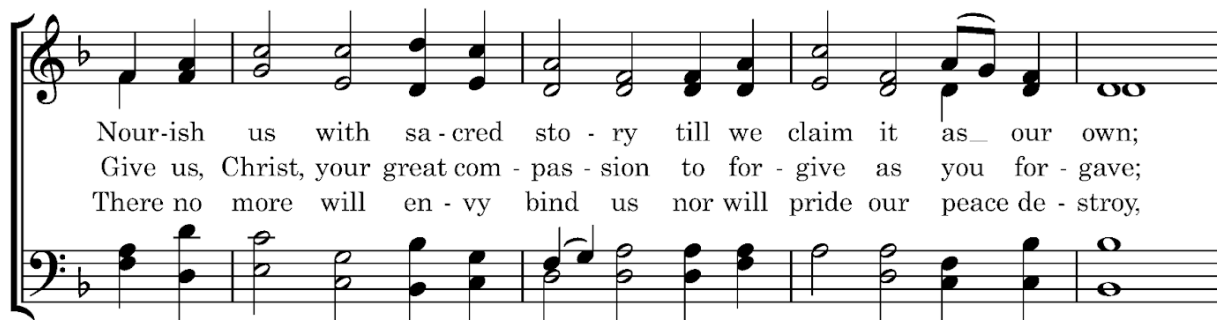
As We Gather at Your Table



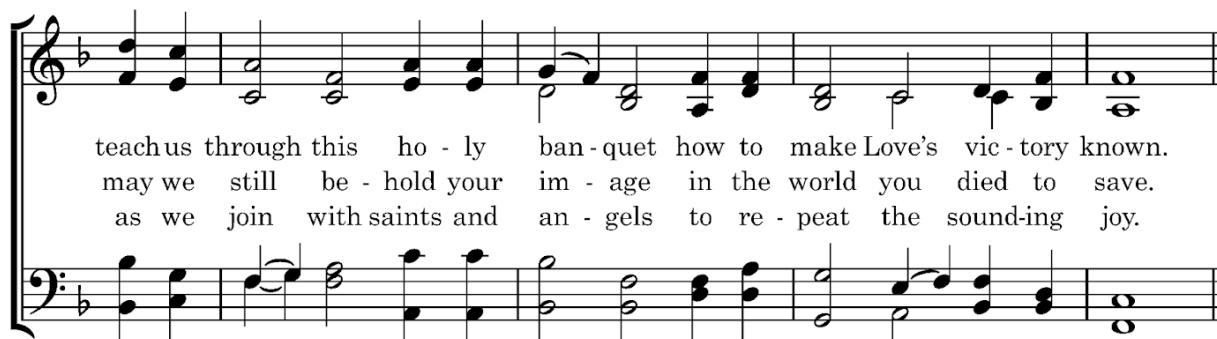
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

SCRIPTURE

Marti Pechnyo

Genesis 3:21-24


God said, "The Man has become like one of us, capable of knowing everything, ranging from good to evil. What if he now should reach out and take fruit from the Tree-of-Life and eat, and live forever? Never—this cannot happen!"

So God expelled them from the Garden of Eden and sent them to work the ground, the same dirt out of which they'd been made. He threw them out of the garden and stationed angel-cherubim and a revolving sword of fire east of it, guarding the path to the Tree-of-Life.

* RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

v. 1



1. Be thou my__ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my__ wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I__ heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 Thou my__ best__ thought, by day or by night,__
 Moth - er__ and__ Fa - ther, thou art both to me,__
 Thou and__ thou__ on - - ly, first in my heart,__
 Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy__ pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, thy__ child I shall be.
 Rul - er of heav - en, my__ trea - sure thou art.

SERMON

“Did God Kick Adam and Eve
Out of Paradise to Protect a Tree?”

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Mark Mosley, oboe
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd;
Therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in green pastures,
And lead me beside the still waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul
And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
For his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalms 23

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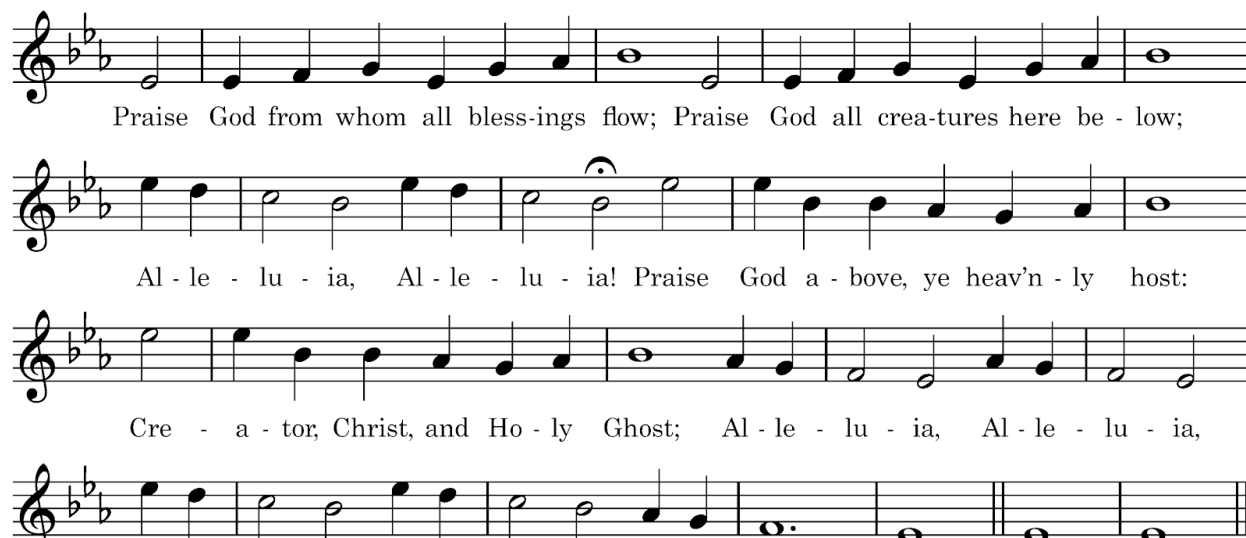
Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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

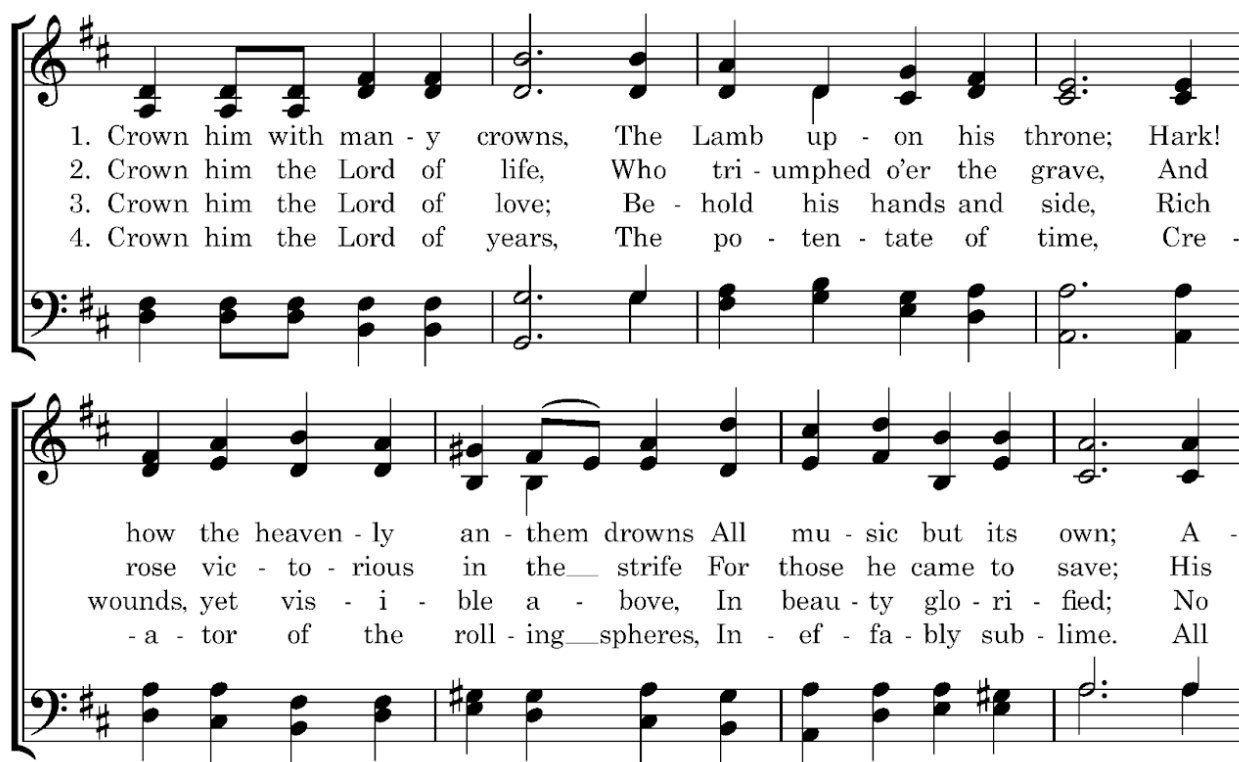
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

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

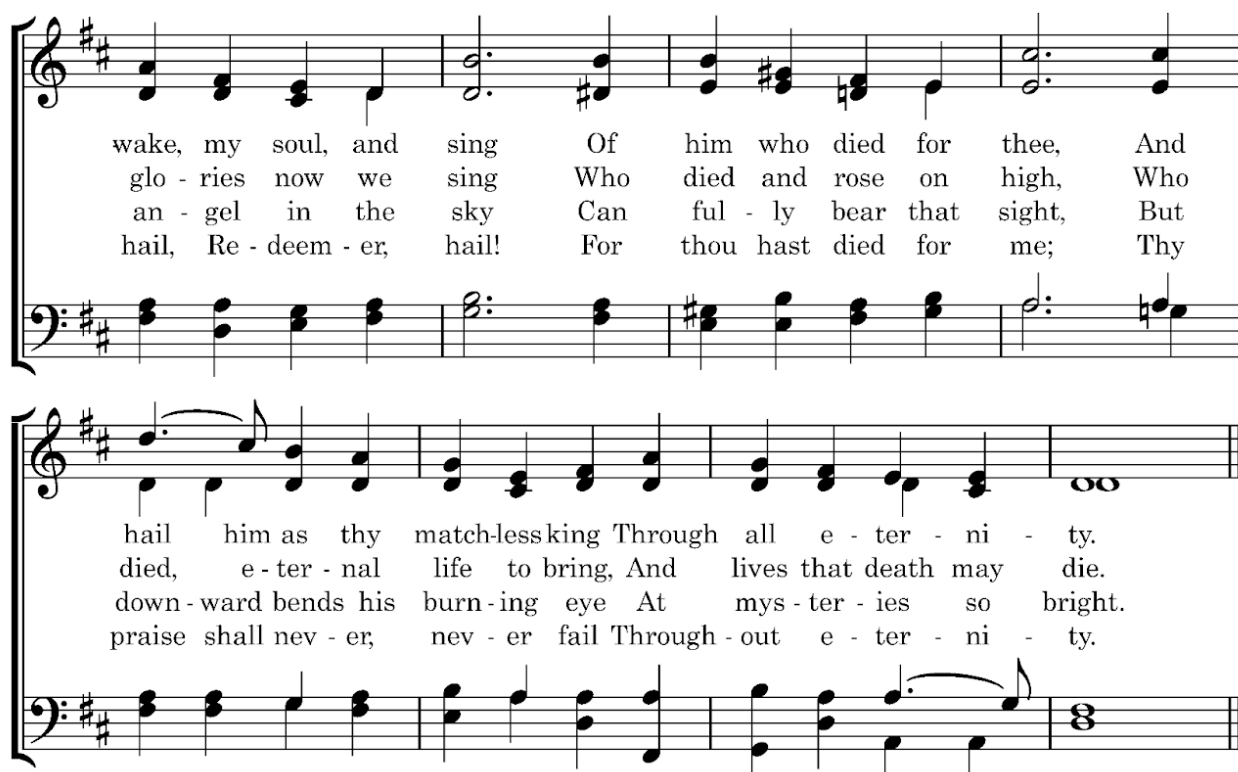
* HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time, Cre -

how the heaven - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own; A -
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save; His
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied; No
 - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy
hail him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Ludwig van Beethoven

St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Craig Curry

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

Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks downstairs in the Social Hall.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Introit ***Alleluia*** is by Henry Purcell (1659-1695). Purcell was one of the great English Baroque composers. He spent his entire short life in London. His father was a musician and singer in the king's court. After his father's death, Henry was raised and encouraged musically by his uncle. Among his famous works are the opera *Dido and Aeneas*. His music is used in film scores and most popular work is his *Canon in C*.

The text of ***I Come with Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, DOVE OF PEACE, from the *Southern Harmony* hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919-2010), who was Organist and Choirmaster for a number of years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

The text for ***As We Gather at Your Table*** was written in 1989 by Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944). Daw is the son of a Baptist minister and also has a Ph.D. in English literature. He has penned a number of hymn texts. The tune, BEACH SPRING, is attributed to Benjamin F. White (1800-1879) and is first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931), who was born in Ireland.

John Rutter's (b. 1945) setting of Psalm 23, ***The Lord Is My Shepherd*** was written in 1978 for Mel Olson, who was Kurt R. Hansen's church choir director as he grew up in Omaha. Mel Olson was almost single handedly responsible for introducing Rutter and his music to this country. This motet is also included in Rutter's *Requiem*.

Crown Him with Many Crowns was a text composed in 1851 by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). He was born in England, lived in Quebec, and wrote many hymn texts in both English and German. This hymn also has an "alterer," Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), who altered Bridges original text slightly in 1871 to the familiar text we know. The tune, DIADEMATA, was composed in 1868 by George P. Elvey (1816-1893) specifically for this text. He became the organist for St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** (ODE TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his *Ninth Symphony* (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I. Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Marti Pechnyo

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Ann Brown, Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY

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.

May 1 Karen Fisher, Thomas Clancy, Kris Hansen, Sherrie Kobak

May 2 John Schloerb

May 3 Chuck Deters, Adam Kornick

May 4 Michelle Schneir, Alexander Young

May 5 Frank Schmitz, Sonja Rae, Maia Sanders, Jennifer Stuart

May 6 Dave Bueschel, Kent Davidson, Kimberly Cochran, Denise Beitelschmidt, Benjamin Lytal

May 7 Carri Johnson, Myers Emmrich, Owen Waldschmidt

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 you can order and pay online until tomorrow, at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452. Pickup next Sunday, May 8, after worship. Contact Sue Finkle sue@suefinkle.com with any questions.

SUMMER CAMP 2022

Registration for camp at St. Pauls is open! We will have structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym, and outside in the sun.

Children ages 6-12 can register here for a half or full day week of camp, June 20-24:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1273864

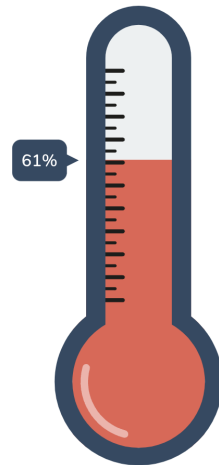
Children ages 2-5 can register here for half-day camp options, July 5-28:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250759

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 help support our emerging congregational leaders, who have spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid-19. Donate here: spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project.

GOAL: \$10,000



CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

National Arbor Day was yesterday, April 30 - Help the Arbor Day Foundation plant trees. Trees provide the very necessities of life itself. They clean our air, protect our drinking water, create healthy communities, and feed the human soul. But these life necessities are threatened around the globe. To address this threat, The Arbor Day Foundation has launched an unprecedented initiative, "The Time for Trees." Go to ArborDay.org.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Cultivate Humility - Phil 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but also to the interests of others." Jemar Tisby: "Humility is a key attitude in the work of racial justice. Humility allows new information to correct old ideas and leads us into better ways of loving one another. Humility forces us to descend from our lofty perches of self-justification to consider how our action or inaction can contribute to racism. Humility undergirds all the actions that orient one's life toward racial justice."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 4 - 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.

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 today, May 1** to Molly at mollymcgrath906@gmail.com.

MAY 12 - PHOTO EXHIBIT & DISCUSSION ON HOMELESSNESS - 6-9 p.m., Chicago Temple. Join the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and the Justice and Witness Ministry of the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the UCC for a photo exhibit, dinner and panel discussion on homelessness. Hear from faith leaders about the scope and nature of the problem, their faith's perspective on the issue, and about solutions you can support. Learn more and register at bit.ly/chifaith.

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.

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.

MAY 14, 28 - CEP SUPPER - 10 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Pauls Kitchen

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP). 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 location to serve at 12:30pm. 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 on-site and wear gloves while handling food. Proof of vaccination is required to serve at the 600 W. Fullerton LPCS facility. Register here for any upcoming meal dates:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250

MAY 15 - DEDICATION OF OUR TWO NEW MUSIC WINDOWS - Join us for the

Sunday morning service. During worship, we will dedicate our two new music windows honoring the historic contributions of **Mahalia Jackson** and **Thomas A. Dorsey** to music history, Chicago's part in the birth of gospel music, and music beloved by our congregation. We will be joined by Pastor Jamie Frazier, the congregation of Lighthouse UCC, and their musicians, The Voices of Light. We will also be joined by members of the Dorsey family and guests from both Chicago home churches of our dedicatees.

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

THE BOOK NOOK – Love to read? We have restarted the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share. 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.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join 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 Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

SARAH’S SIBS are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyball11@gmail.com.

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

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

YOUNG ADULTS – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at youngadults@spucc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- 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.