



May 29, 2022

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

"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder
of the world." Karl Barth

PRELUDE

That's the Way God Planned It
St. Arbucks Quartet

Billy Preston

Why can't we be humble
Like the good Lord said
He promised to exalt us
For love is the way
How men be so greedy
When there's so much left
All things are God given
And they all have been blessed

That's the way God planned it
That's the way God wants it to be, didn't He
Well, that's the way God planned it
That's the way God wants it to be, for you and me

INTROIT

When the Morning Stars Together
Chancel Choir

Jean Slates Hawk

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Scripture said Jesus would suffer and die

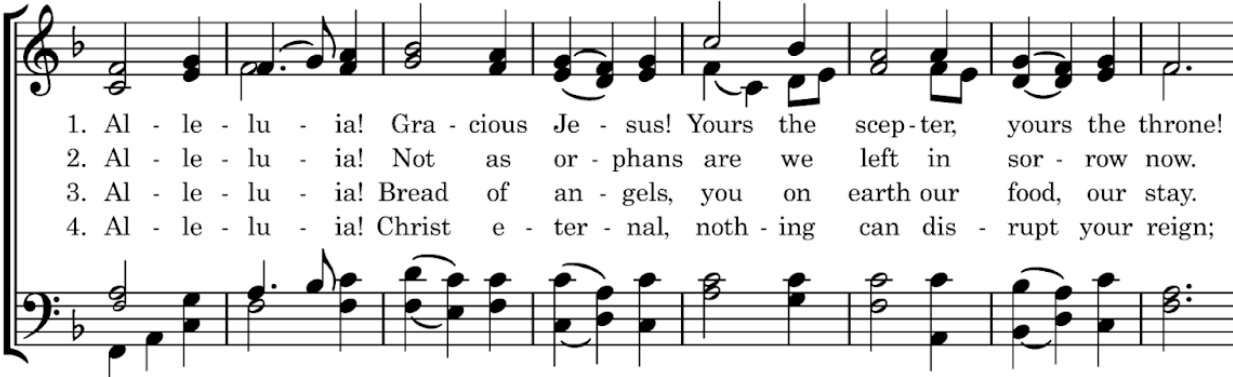
All: only to rise again on the third day!

One: Forty days later he was raised to heaven,
and enthroned at God's right hand.

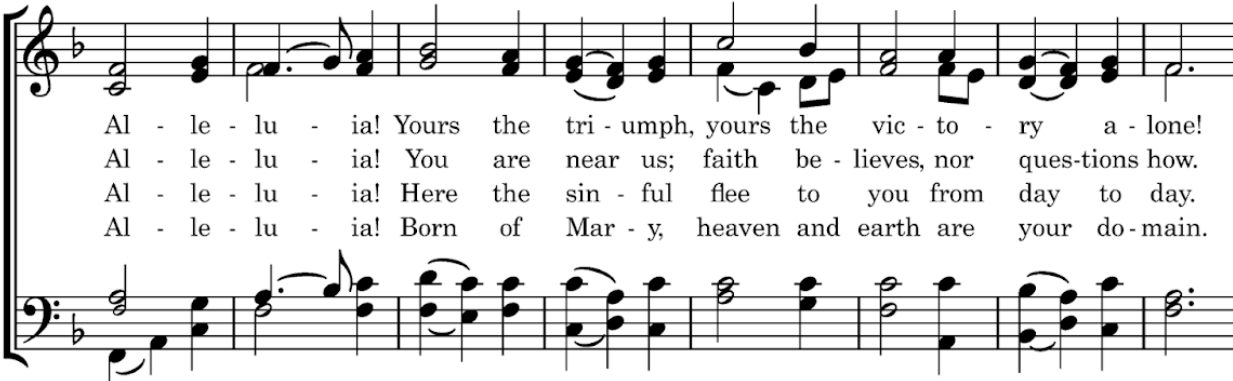
**All: There he sits: loving us, knowing us,
Comforting us, and building for us**

An eternal sanctuary where all God's people are free. Amen.

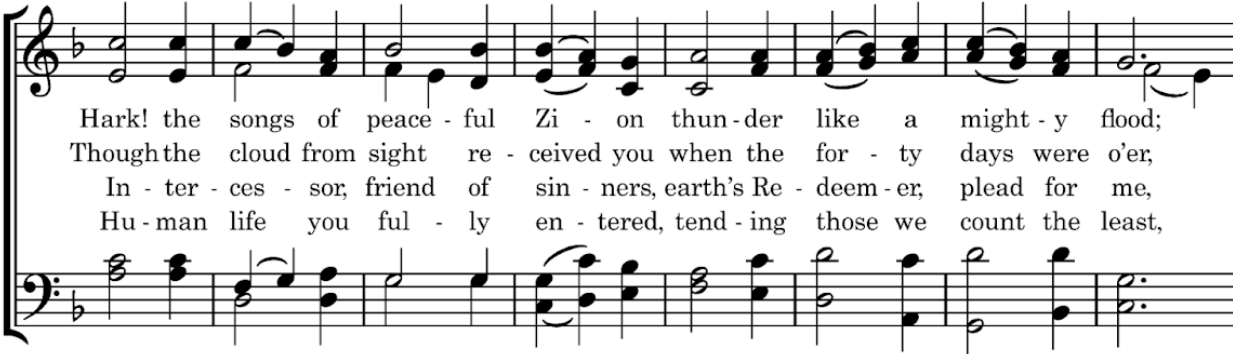
** Please stand if you are able to do so.*



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the scep-ter, yours the throne!
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on earth our food, our stay.
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing can dis - rupt your reign;



Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!
 Al - le - lu - ia! You are near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do-main.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun-der like a might - y flood;
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you when the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered, tend - ing those we count the least,



Je - sus, out_ of ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.
 shall our hearts for - get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."
 and the songs that sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.
 serv - ing both as Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Benny VanDerburgh

**O Lord, how hard it must have been for your first followers
to watch you float up and out of their lives.
Two thousand years later we're still irritated
because you won't come back down to earth.
Instead, you insist that the church is your body in this world.
Your wounded, grieving, body. At odds with itself
and in great pain this week.
As we reckon with ourselves,
our siblings, and our own complicity
in the violence that surrounds us,
we confess that in our lack of language
we forget you are impossibly near.
Let us not let this body be numb in our inadequacies.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us
and hold us in your healing light. 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

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

vv. 1 & 2

1. I want Je - sus _____ to go with me; _____
 2. In my tri - als, _____ O com - fort me; _____
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, _____ O stay with me; _____

I want Je - sus _____ to go with me; _____
 In my tri - als, _____ O com - fort me; _____
 When I'm in trou - ble, _____ O stay with me; _____

All a - long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____
 When my heart is _____ al - most break - ing _____
 When my head is _____ bowed in sor - row, _____

O I want Je - sus _____ to go with me. _____
 O I want Je - sus _____ to com - fort me. _____
 O I want Je - sus _____ to stay with me. _____

SCRIPTURE

Chuck Mize

Luke 24:36-53 selections

Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be to you all!" But they shrank back in terror for they thought they were seeing a ghost. "Why are you so worried?" said Jesus, "and why do doubts arise in your minds? Look at my hands and feet—it is really I, myself! Feel me and see; ghosts have no flesh or bones as you can see that I have." But while they still could not believe it through sheer joy and were quite bewildered, Jesus said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and part of a honeycomb which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he opened their minds so that they could understand the scriptures, and added, "It was inevitable that Christ should suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day. This is why the change of heart which leads to the forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

Then he led them outside as far as Bethany, where he blessed them with uplifted hands. While he was in the act of blessing them he was parted from them and was carried up to Heaven. They worshiped him, and turned back to Jerusalem with great joy, and spent their days in the Temple, praising and blessing God.

*** 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**

I Want Jesus to Go with Me
See previous hymn

v. 3

SERMON

"The Change of Heart"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Beautiful Savior

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Cre - a - tion's sov - 'reign
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, O'er all the na - tions,

One with God and one with us! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
Bright the spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
One with God and one with us! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

MISSION MOMENT

Three Angels

Jenny Benefield

OFFERTORY

Hal'luyah
(Sung in Hebrew)

Max Janowski

Nancy Pifer, Breanna Coe, Nathan Streeter, and Lee Lichamer; soloists
Chancel Choir

Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;
Praise him for his acts of power,
praise him for his magnificent greatness;
Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;
Praise him with castanets and dance,
praise him with banjo and flute;
Praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum,
praise him with fiddles and mandolin.
Let every living, breathing creature praise God!
Hallelujah!
Psalm 150

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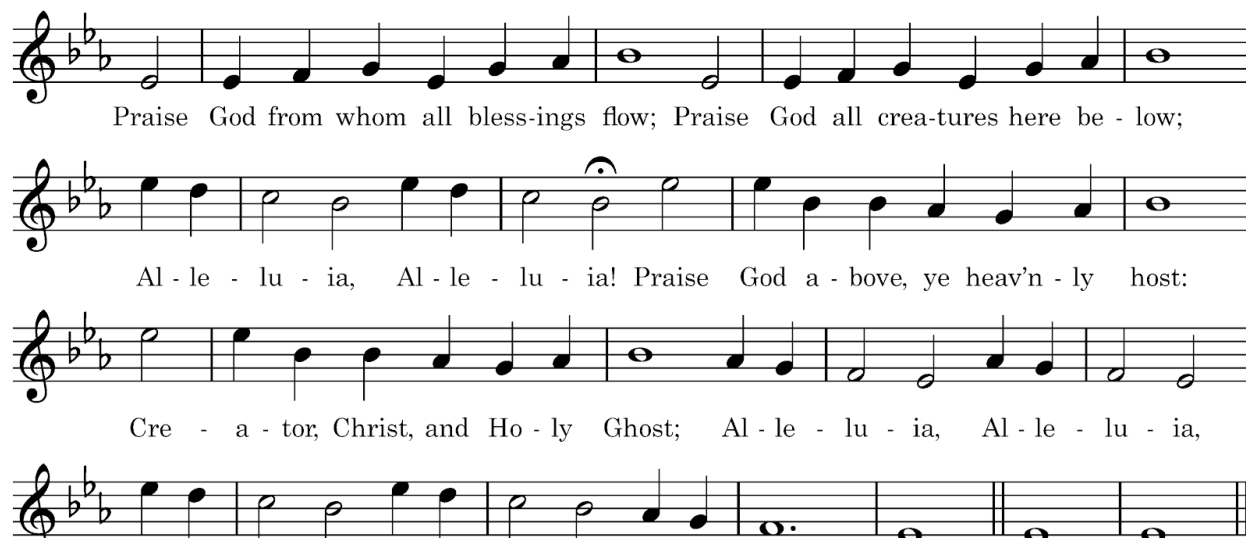
Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Benny VanDerburgh

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

Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise

Black Hymnal No 260



1. Hail the day that sees Christ rise,
2. Christ, for you high tri - umph waits,
3. See! The nail - marked hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Christ for us still in - ter - cede,
5. Now, though part - ed from our sight,



To a throne in par - a - dise;
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates!
Sing of God's re - deem - ing love; Al - le - lu - ia!
By your suf - fering for us plead;
In the depths of star - ry night,



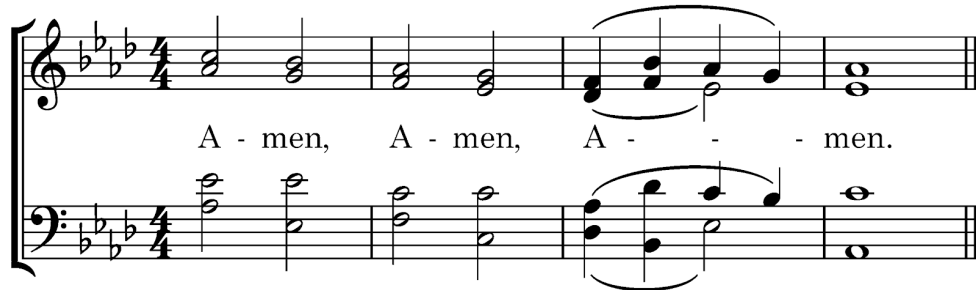
Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given,
You have con - quered death and sin;
Hark! Christ's words our hearts as - sure; Al - le - lu - ia!
Make us wor - thy of the place,
May our souls with you a - rise,



En - ters now the high - est heaven,
You, our Sov - ereign, en - ter in!
"I will send a Com - fort - er!" Al - le - lu - ia!
Which you of - fer us by grace.
Seek - ing whole - ness at your side.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Benedetto Marcello

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

That's the Way That God Planned It was composed in the 1970s as part of a group of gospel songs. Billy Preston's (1946-2006) work encompassed R&B, rock, funk, soul, and gospel music. He was also the only musician ever to be credited to have recorded with, but not a member of, the Beatles on *Get Back* in 1969. He continued to collaborate with George Harrison and also with Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones.

When the Morning Stars Together is a text written by Albert Bayly (1901-1984), a British ship builder who later became a minister in the United Reformed Church. He also provided libretos for cantatas by William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982), the composer father of Andrew Lloyd Webber, the famous music theater composer. The tune, OFFERING, was composed by Jean Slates Hawk (1925-2004) in 1991. She was a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. In addition to becoming a life-long church musician, she was also a music therapist.

I Want Jesus to Go with Me is another great Black Spiritual from the wealth of that tradition. The date and place of its origin is uncertain. The tune, SOJOURNER TRUTH, is named after a freed slave woman (1797-1883) by that same name, who spoke with passion about freedom and equality for all.

Beautiful Savior was originally a German hymn, *Schönster Herr Jesu*, first found and attributed in a 17th century hymnal. The English tune name is CRUSADER'S HYMN. The translation was provided by Joseph Augustus Seiss, (1823-1904), who was a Lutheran pastor in this country in the mid-1800s. *Beautiful Savior* also became the alma mater of St. Olaf College and is sung at the close of every concert and important event at St. Olaf and other colleges.

Hal'luyah is one of Max Janowski's (1912-1991) most joyful works. Max Janowski was Cantor and Director of Music at KAM-Isaiah Israel Congregation in Chicago for 50 years. Kurt and Terry Hansen sang with him for his last 17 years. Mr. Janowski was truly one of the "great lights" of Jewish music of the 20th century. This anthem is part of a recently completed recording project of the Max Janowski Music Foundation led by its Chair, Cantor Cory Winter. Members of our Chancel Choir joined the chorus for that recording. Kurt R. Hansen is a member of the board for the Foundation.

Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise is a hymn text composed in 1739 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Wesley was the great hymn writer, composing no fewer than 6,500 hymns. He was the youngest of 18 children and became popularly known as "The Bard of Methodism." The tune LLANFAIR was composed in 1817 by Robert Williams (1782-1821). Williams was a blind basket weaver with an innate musical talent. It was said that he could write down a tune having heard it only once.

The Heavens Declare is inspired by Psalm 19. Because of the proximity of the year of his birth, the composer, Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739), can be included in the "Class of 1685," which includes such music luminaries as J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel and Alessandro Scarlatti. All three were born in 1685. Marcello was born into the nobility of Venice. His brother, Alessandro, was also a noted composer who composed opera, oratorios, and other chamber music.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Benny VanDerburgh

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Scripture Reader: Chuck Mize

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary 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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Mary and Dodd Brown's 45th wedding anniversary.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY & JUNE

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 29 Jennifer Byrne, Larry Kearns, Alexandra Beck, Nora Penniman, Molly Terborg

May 30 Angi Miller, Margaret Palm, Grayson Charlton, Leo Patton, Brooklyn Singles

May 31 Michael Mosley, Anaïs Jarzebowski, Charlotte Bunch, Marnee Lumm, Wesley Panko, Terry Breitwiser

June 1 Alison Schwab, Bryan Chamberlain, Phil Hamp, Clay Canfield, Thomas Mix

June 2 Brendan Noonan, Shane Gentzen

June 3 Kimberlee Schmahl, Mark Mosley, John Schmitz

June 4 Carolyn Stoner, David Palm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CHURCH CHILD CARE – SUNDAY MORNINGS

If you plan to have your 2-year-old and under child(ren) attend Summer Church Child Care from June to August 2022, please register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306425. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

NEXT SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. St. Pauls helped found the pantry in 1967. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution to the folks they serve (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container). Items can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

Needed Items: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

COMMON PANTRY



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

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Thank you to all who supported St. Pauls' youth fundraising efforts for their service trip to repair homes and serve others in Appalachia this June. Your generosity has raised more than \$10,000! Your donations help fund the tools and supplies, their van and gas, and other expenses for their week away. Thank you for helping to support our emerging congregational leaders, who have spent the last years of their adolescence altered by Covid-19.

You can still donate here:

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

GOAL: \$10,000



JOIN THE MOVEMENT -provided by SPARC

Support Buffalo's Black Community - The recent mass shooting in East Buffalo, NY, that killed 10 community members and injured three occurred in the only grocery store in what is otherwise a food desert. How can we be a source of healing love in the face of ongoing hate? We remember and mourn the victims: Roberta Drury, Margus Morrison, Andre Mackneil, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearl Young, and Ruth Whitfield. And we can send resources to the traumatized survivors. Follow these links to donate to FeedMore WNY (feedmorewny.org/donate), African Heritage Food Co-op (myahfc.com), Open Buffalo (openbuffalo.org/donate), or Voice Buffalo (voicebuffalo.org/donate).

Creation Corner - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

Why **REDUCE**? Plastics:

- Originate from fossil fuels. In all phases of use, plastics contribute to our environmental crisis. Their use degrades our landscape, emits greenhouse gasses contributing to global warming, and causes much harmful pollution.
- Rarely biodegrade so they are always present. Many break into microplastics which leach into our water supply, food and bodies.
- Cause injury to marine life, other animals and humans.
- Recycle very inefficiently so much goes to landfills or incinerators releasing toxins.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

TODAY - GRIEF SUPPORT - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join Pastoral Associate Benny after church for a gathering to acknowledge and hold our grief about the recent mass shootings – as well as the anniversary of George Floyd's murder and similar subsequent events. Specifically, Benny will offer some spiritual resources from our tradition that we can embrace to care for ourselves, our friends and our neighbors. **The session will last no more than 45 minutes and there will be snacks.** Please feel free to RSVP or reach out to Benny at bvanderburgh@spucc.org if you have any questions or concerns. While this space is intended for middle and high school ages and will address the pain of the past few weeks directly, all are welcome.

JUNE 1 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

All are welcome! Email Pastor Jeff for the link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 7 - GOD IN NEW NOVELS: *CENSUS* - 7 p.m., Zoom

Join Pastor Matt and the God in New Novels group to discuss the acclaimed short novel *Census* by Jesse White. The novel is "Unusual ... impressive.. a detailed and moving portrayal of a kind of radical innocence." It will surprise you and move you, and our conversation will be better with you in it. Register here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1316782

JUNE 11 - COURTYARD PICNIC/BYOB - 5 p.m., Church Courtyard

Pack your own picnic (and adult beverages, if you like) and join host Jen Luerssen for a St. Pauls Social picnic/cocktail time in the church courtyard for adults of all ages. You will need to bring your own chairs. Please RSVP to Jen in advance if you'd like to participate, jenluerssen@yahoo.com.

JUNE 11&12 - WOMEN'S FARM WEEKEND AT MARCIA VOLK'S FARM

Please join us at the Volk farm the weekend of June 11 & 12. Carpool to the farm (about two hours southwest) and spend Saturday exploring the farm, relaxing or visiting Bishop Hill. You may enjoy walking forest trails, picking wildflowers (bring a vase), riding the 4-wheeler and zipline, boating in the creek and more. On Sunday, we will attend Marcia's summer UCC church in Lacon. We will have a potluck supper at the farm Saturday night and breakfast and lunch there Sunday. Please bring \$10 to cover expenses, if possible. First 10 people to respond get the beds, two to a bed. All beds require the ability to climb stairs. For information and to reserve your spot respond to Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com or (773) 307-6866.

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 for 2022 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968. There are still many dates available this year!

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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com.
Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

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

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

SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here:
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

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

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

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.

- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's death on Thursday.
- Family and friends of the Ashley Family at Petrine's sister Elizabeth's death.
- Jim Courtright, Big Thinking by the Hour producer of many Saint Pauls videos and worship services, who is awaiting diagnostic test results regarding a serious health condition.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Sharon Phillips, Kathy Freise's stepmom and former St. Pauls youth education director, hospitalized with a lung infection following stem cell transplant surgery.
- Marilyn, Doug Clark's mom, undergoing therapy at home while recovering from a stroke.
- 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 who had 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.

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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 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.