

June 19, 2022
Baptism 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 admonition to *Fear not* or *Do not be afraid* appears 365 times in the Bible.
Once for every day of the year.

PRELUDE

Adagio
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Daniel Gawthrop

INTROIT

O How Glorious Full of Wonder
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 46*

One: God is our refuge and strength

All: A very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change.

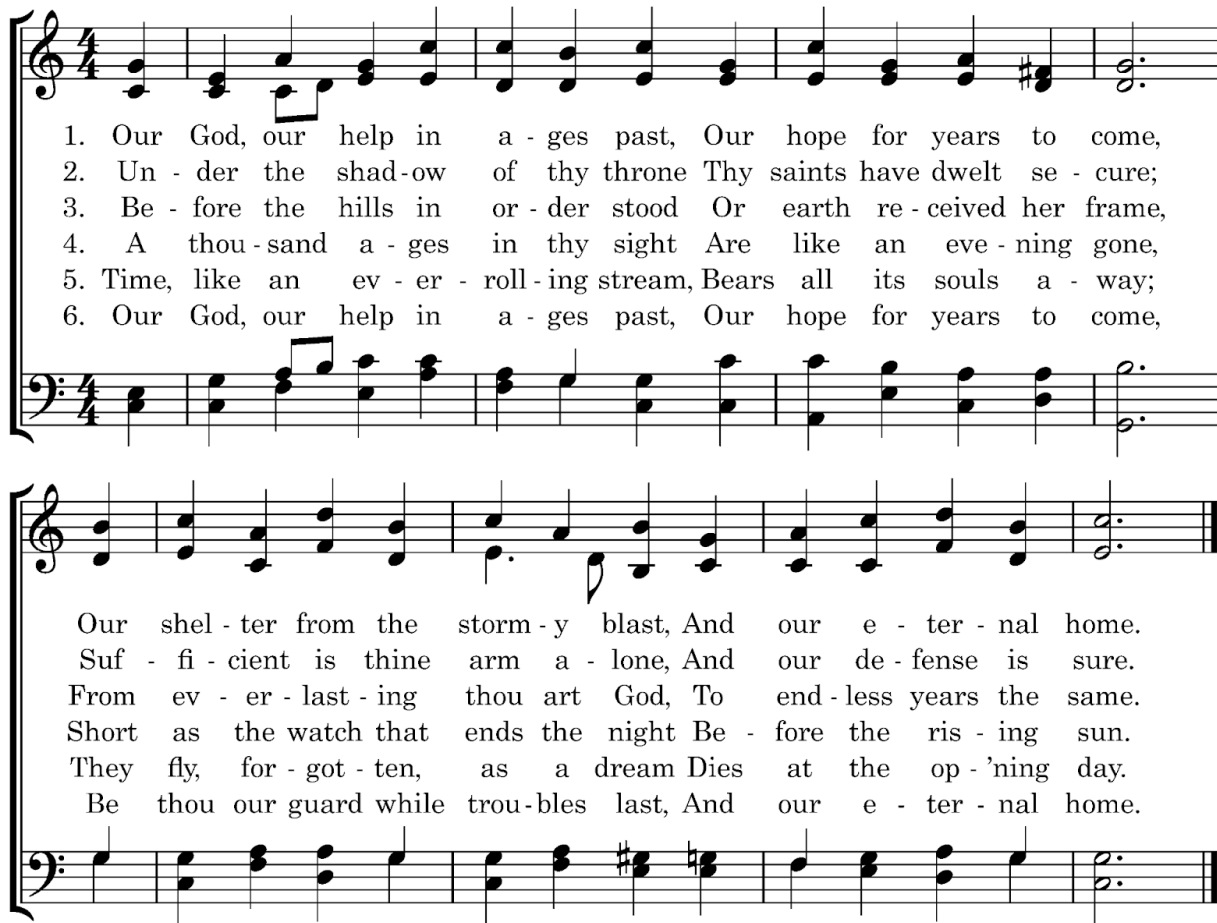
**All: Be still and know that I am God.
Our refuge and our strength.**

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

* HYMN

Our, God Our Help in Ages Past

vv. 1-4, 6



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its souls a - way;
6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
Be thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, we come before you as often scared and fearful people. We turn our focus away from you and toward the things that frighten us. We fret over the little things and try to ignore the big things. But those are always with us, causing us constant anxiety and making the small things seem even bigger and more daunting. Our God, forgive us and give us the strength we need to be the faithful people you would have us be. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

v. 1

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign;
 2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came,
 3. Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Julien Joseph

Pastor: Julien, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as a child of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Julien is now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your child, Julien. Inspire his life. May he sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for his parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with this family as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.

Pastor: Julien, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

All: Amen

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE

Allen Heinemann

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up to the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came he was alone, but by this time, battered by the waves, the boat was far from land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost." And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter answered him: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said: "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened and began to sink. He cried out, "Lord save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying, "You of faith, why did you doubt?" When they got back in the boat the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of 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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
St. Arbucks Quartet

Anon.
arr. Brendan Henry

SERMON

“Don’t Sit on the Cat!”

Tom Henry

* HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

vv. 1, 2 & 5



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

MISSION MOMENT

“The Night Ministry”

Ninon Freeman
Outreach & Benevolence

OFFERTORY

How Excellent Thy Name
Chancel Choir

Howard Hanson

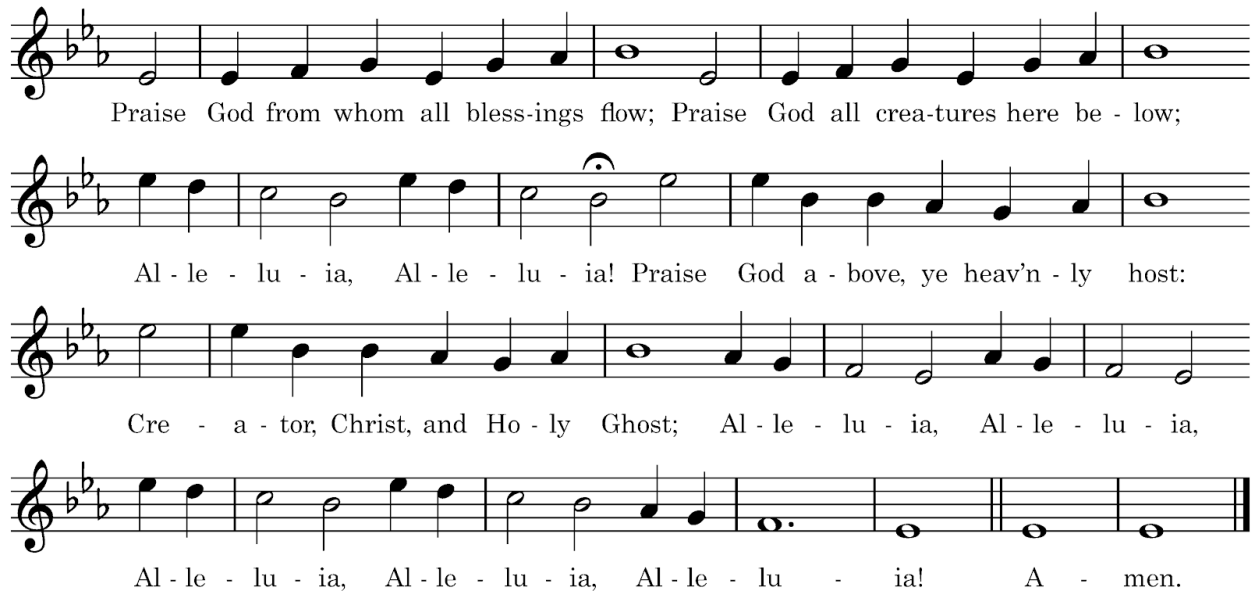
O Lord our Lord, how excellent Thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.
When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
The moon and stars, which Thou hast ordained;
What is man that Thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?
For Thou has made him a little lower than the angels, Alleluia!
And has crowned him with glory and honor.
Thou madest him to have dominion over the work of Thy hands;
Thou has put all things under his feet, Alleluia!
Lord our Lord, How excellent Thy name in all the earth, Alleluia!
from Psalm 8:1, 3-6

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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and a final whole note. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men."

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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

God Is Working His Purpose Out



1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -
2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's
3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of
4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God



-ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the
foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes
Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May
bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till



time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The
forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye
shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To
God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The



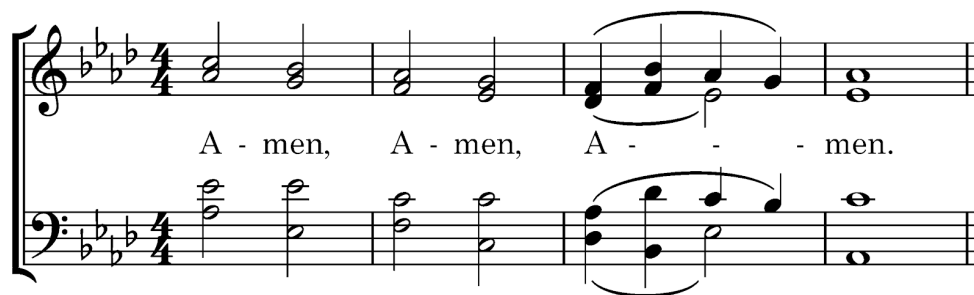
time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the
isles, give ear to me, That the earth may be filled with the
set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the
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glo - ry of God As the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowrey

St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. St. Arbucks Quartet

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 in the Social Hall.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude today, ***Adagio***, was composed by Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949). He was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and is known for his output of compositions for choirs and also the organ. He has been the recipient of more than 100 commissions for his works. He attended both Michigan State University and Brigham Young University. He currently resides in southern Idaho with his wife.

The author of the text for ***O How Glorious Full of Wonder*** was Curtiss Beach (1914-1993). He was Harvard educated and came from a long line of ministers. He wrote this text in 1958 while serving a church in Pasadena, California. 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*.

Issac Watts (1674-1748) penned the text for ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*** in 1719. It is a poetic setting of Psalm 90. We sing Watts' setting of Psalm 23 before and as part of the Offertory Anthem. The tune, ST. ANNE, was likely composed in 1708 by William Croft (1677-1727) in London. He became the organist at Westminster Cathedral. Interestingly, Bach's famous *Prelude and Fugue in E Flat*

Major BWV 552 (1735-36) is often referred to as “St. Anne,” because Bach seems to quote that tune in the final theme of the “triple fugue.” There is no way Bach would have heard or known that tune, but it certainly is an interesting apocryphal story.

The text for ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*** was written in 1981 by a UCC pastor and teacher of theology, Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948). The tune, STUTTGART, was composed in 1715 by Christian Friederich Witt (1660-1716). Witt completed a huge hymnal, *Psalmodia Sacra*, the year before his death. Of the 774 hymns (!!!), he composed nearly 100. He was Kapellmeister of the Gotha court in Stuttgart at the same time that Bach was in Leipzig, just 300 miles north. In an interesting side note, Nathan Laube, world renowned organist and friend of St. Pauls, was until recently on the organ faculty at the Hochschule für Musik in Stuttgart. He is returning to Eastman School of Music in the fall of 2022.

Both the text and tune of ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*** are of unknown origin. It appears in 99 hymnals and was first published in the mid-1940s. On a train trip to Chicago from Kansas City, Kenneth Morris (1917-1989), an African American gospel music composer, heard a porter singing this song. He asked the porter to sing it again so he could write down the melody and words. When it was published, Morris also added some of his own words. It is likely it dates back to as early as post-Civil War days in African American churches. The arrangement we hear today is by Brendan Henry.

God of Grace and God of Glory has, for us, the unusual Welsh tune name CWM RHONDDA. The text we know is by the famous American author and Baptist clergy, Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969). He wrote this text in 1930. The well known tune was composed in 1905 by John Hughes (1873-1932). He had very little formal education and became a deacon and precentor, lay minister positions, in his Baptist church. He wrote this tune for a Welsh Baptist choral festival.

Howard Hanson (1896-1981), the composer of ***How Excellent Thy Name***, was a native of Wahoo, Nebraska. For many years, he was Dean of Eastman Conservatory of Music in Rochester, New York. He wrote a full range of compositions from symphonies to chamber music.

God Is Working His Purpose Out is a favorite hymn of Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. The text was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841–1919) in 1894. The text demanded a muscular tune, which Martin Shaw (1916–1999) provided in 1915.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song/How Can I Keep from Singing was composed, both the text and the tune, ENDLESS SONG, by Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Lowry was a preacher and scholar with a musical background from his childhood.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Tom Henry, 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

Scripture Reader: Allen Heinemann

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Mary Brown, Ninon Freeman

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 from Debbie Edwards and John Balevic.

BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.

June 19 Jordan England, Stephen Brach-Spivey, Thomas Jackson, Chris Bettler

June 20 Zoe Montgomery

June 21 Paul Kendall

June 22 Geoffrey Gist

June 23 Benn Hamm, Brian Good, Chris Kohler, Nancy Kintzel, Elise Prangley,
Quinn Houser

June 24 Doug Hoerr, Katie Barkley, Kristin Ammon

June 25 Deborah Bayly, Dianne Witkowski, Renae Bradshaw, Robin Burnett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Eleven of our youth and five adults are in Harlan County, Kentucky this week making homes warmer, safer and drier. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

A JUNETEENTH PRAYER – Even the name “Juneteenth” speaks to the complexity of this holiday and what it means. Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, and two months after the Confederate surrender, African Americans were still enslaved in Texas until—and in some cases long after—the Federal troops arrived in Galveston. Some still stayed in bondage until it was convenient for their enslavers, or until they escaped or died trying. So a prayer for Juneteenth might be a prayer for the emancipation of us all—of the body, of the mind, and of the spirit—emancipation of a whole and healing people.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

Do an inventory of your home, work space and similar areas. Find as many plastic-free substitutes as possible.

- Use only plastic-free, reusable tableware, flatware and glassware. For outdoor events, consider non-breakable, plant-based items which can be used repeatedly.
- Commit to washing and reusing, rather than throwing away items that pile up in landfills.
- Use cardboard egg cartons.
- Avoid plastic wrap in the kitchen. Use beeswax wraps, stretch lids, suction lids, and other non-plastic containers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

JUNE 22 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're following the story of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome!

Email Pastor Jeff for the link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 26 - PRIDE PARADE - After worship

Walk with St. Pauls in the Pride Parade! Meet by the bell after worship and we'll take the L to the parade and meet up with other members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches to share our St. Pauls welcome. Please RSVP here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1338766

JUNE 26 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL PRIDE COOKOUT - 3 p.m., Courtyard

Join hosts Rick Peterson and Doug Heyboer for a St. Pauls Social cookout after the Pride Parade in the St. Pauls courtyard. For adults of all ages, whether you're marching or not. Bring your own food to grill and a side to share, beverages and chairs. A grill will be provided. You can leave your food and chairs at the church during the march. We'll eat in the church in case of rain. Please RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337637

JUNE 29 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL GRANT PARK SYMPHONY - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Millennium Park

Bring your picnic and lawn chair and join adults of all ages to hear the Grant Park Symphony play Benjamin Britten's *Spring Symphony*. Pastor Jeff will arrive early and get a spot in the middle of the lawn near the back. Look for the orange table cloth. (This picnic will not take place if it rains.) RSVP and get updates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1330859.

JULY 24 - SPARC DISCUSSION: *THE ROAD TO HEALING* - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Please join us in discussing *The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward County, Virginia (TRTH)* by Ken Woodley, local newspaper editor. In 1959, Prince Edward County closed its public school system rather than desegregate per the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision. Most White students went to private academies, leaving more than 2,000 Black students without formal education until the federal courts required the public schools to reopen in 1964. *TRTH* traces the steps taken in recent years to redress the wounds of these Black students, resulting in the first civil rights era reparation in the United States. Jim Brandt will lead this two-session discussion after worship on July 24 and August 14, 2022.

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!

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.

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.

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).

SUMMER SUNDAY CHILDCARE

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.

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, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27.
- Family and friends of Jim Courtright – Big Thinking by the Hour producer of many Saint Pauls videos and worship services – at his passing.
- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Family and friends of Margaret, grandmother of Matt Leimann, at her passing.
- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's passing. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on October 16.
- Family and friends of the Ashley Family at Petrine's sister Elizabeth's passing.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- 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.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- 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 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.