



Baptism Sunday  
July 17, 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

"Jesus was not in any sense a reformer, championing new orders  
against the old ones."

Karl Barth

PRELUDE

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
St. Arbucks

Traditional  
arr. Brendan Henry

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice!

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

One: Be glad!

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made!**

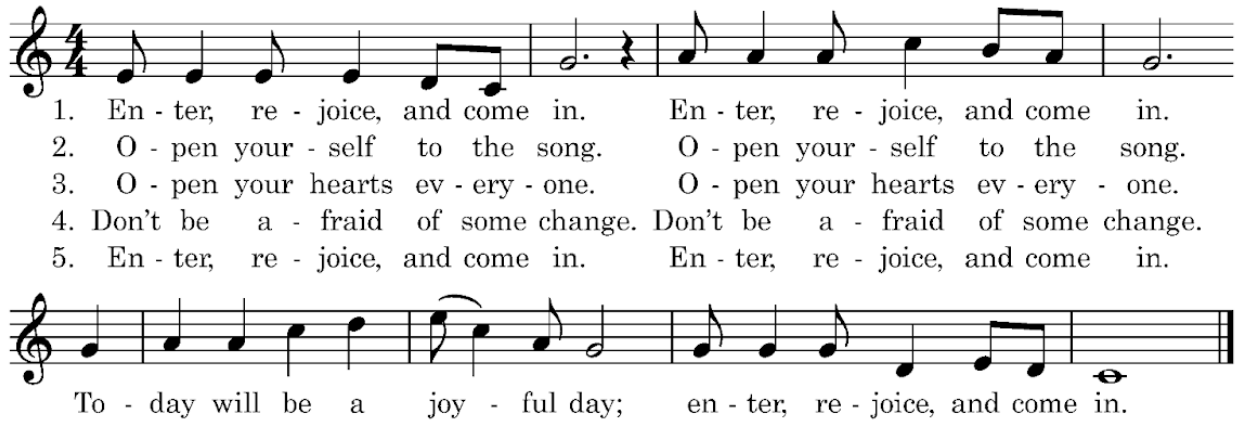
One: Rejoice and be glad!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

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

\* HYMN

*Enter Rejoice and Come In*



1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.      En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
2. O - pen your - self to the song.      O - pen your - self to the song.  
3. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.      O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.  
4. Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.  
5. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.      En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day;      en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are made to praise You,  
But devotion goes sideways  
and we wind up worshiping  
strength, skin,  
self, intellect, wealth.  
Redirect our adoration  
until, returned and redelivered  
love for You rolls through us like a river.  
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

Ruth Lydia Bryant

Pastor: Ruth, 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. Ruth 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, Ruth. Inspire her life. May she sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for her 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: Ruth, 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*

vv. 2 & 3

See previous hymn

SCRIPTURE

Marti Pechnyo

*Mark 12:13-17*

They sent some Pharisees and followers of Herod to bait him, hoping to catch him saying something incriminating. They came up and said, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, that you are indifferent to public opinion, don't pander to your students, and teach the way of God accurately. Tell us: Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

He knew it was a trick question, and said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Bring me a coin and let me look at it." They handed him one.

"This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

"Caesar," they said.

Jesus said, "Give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."

Their mouths hung open, speechless.

\* 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)*

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 man's emp - ty praise,  
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

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;  
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SERMON "Jesus is Inconsistent because Jesus is Incommensurable"

Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

vv. 2-4

See previous insert

OFFERTORY

*This Will Be the Day*

Brianne Bryant

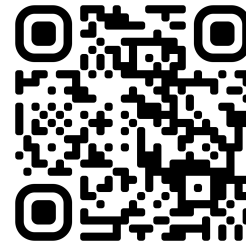
Kecia Waldschmidt and St. Arbucks

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*Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,*

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

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



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

## 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.**

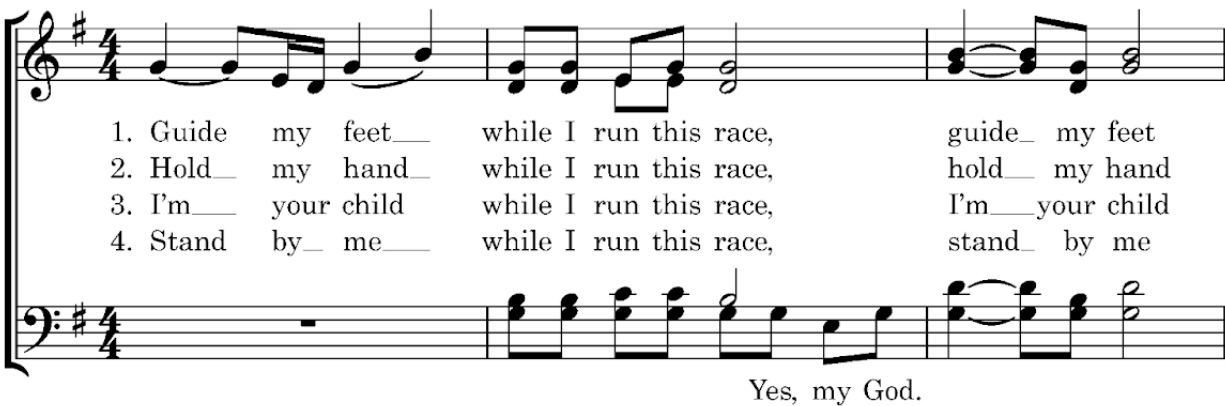
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**


\* HYMN

### *Guide My Feet*



1. Guide my feet\_\_\_ while I run this race, guide\_ my feet  
2. Hold\_ my hand\_ while I run this race, hold\_ my hand  
3. I'm\_\_\_ your child while I run this race, I'm\_\_\_ your child  
4. Stand by\_ me\_\_\_ while I run this race, stand\_ by me

Yes, my God.



while I run this race, guide\_ my feet\_\_\_ while I run this race,  
while I run this race, hold\_ my hand\_ while I run this race,  
while I run this race, I'm\_\_\_ your child\_ while I run this race,  
while I run this race, stand\_ by\_ me\_\_\_ while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

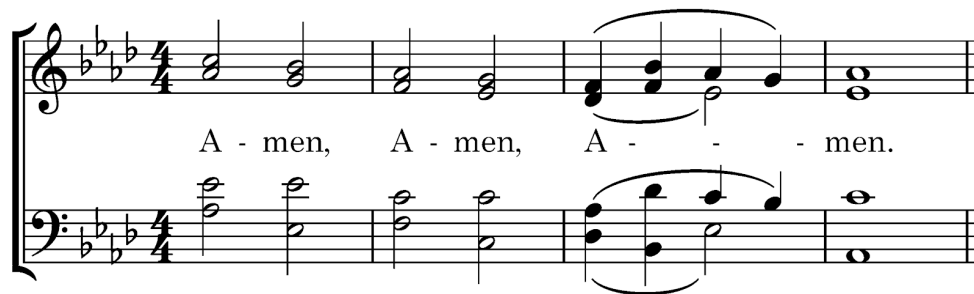


For I don't want\_\_\_\_\_ to\_ run this race in vain.



\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
St. Arbucks

Horatio Spafford  
arr. Colleen Henry

***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 WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**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

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Mary Ann Brown, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in honor of Ruth Lydia Bryant's baptism today from her grandparents, Lois and Greg Basil.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY**

*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.*

July 17 Micki Fayhee, Amelia Hoerr, Madeleine Spainhour

July 18 Jan Womack, Ron Koepke, Stacia Noll

July 19 Chuck Michod, Mary Range

July 20 Benjamin Reynolds, Louise Iverson, Todd Coe

July 21 Donn Schimp, Jim Waldschmidt, Coco Schuster, Jake Nitzsche,  
Sammi Fayhee

July 22 Anton Schuster, Carleton Koldyke

July 23 Nic Mutch, Tom Williamson, Lukas Hecht, Lucy Bashiti

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OKTOBERFEST RETURNS!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1, 3-9 p.m. St. Pauls is excited to announce that our popular Oktoberfest block party will return this fall. If you would like to join the Oktoberfest planning committee, please contact Lorne Frank at [lornefrank@lornefrank.com](mailto:lornefrank@lornefrank.com). The Oktoberfest planning committee will begin meeting in early August, and volunteer sign-ups will start in September. Prost!

### REFUGEEONE BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

RefugeeOne is holding their annual Back-to-School drive. They are looking for backpacks and supplies for 400 children! Drop off your donations after worship in the Narthex on Sundays, July 17 or 31; or at Unity Lutheran Church (1212 W. Balmoral, Chicago 60640) on Saturday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please use this link, [refugeeone.org/donatestuff](https://refugeeone.org/donatestuff), or scan this QR code:



### JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

**What must reparations look like?** - “[R]eparations should be directed toward building a future where all human beings are respected as the sacred creations that they are and thereby free to live into the fullness of their sacred creation. For faith communities, reparations must not be only an effort to compensate for past harms, they must also chart a pathway to a just future. Otherwise, reparations become little more than a salve for white guilt while the sin of white supremacy continues to thrive.” What steps are necessary? Read *A Christian Call for Reparations* ([shar.es/afHkv0](https://shar.es/afHkv0)) to explore these questions in depth.

### CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

**REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION.** You are invited!

- Prioritize progress over perfection. Make your changes permanent and continue to look for more ways to eliminate plastic in your life.
- “Think about it. Why would you make something that you’re going to use for a few minutes out of a material that’s basically going to last forever, and you’re just going to throw it away. What’s up with that?” – Jeb Berrier in *Bag It*
- Thank you for joining our REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION challenge. Please keep it up! You do make a difference.

## **JOIN BOUNCE HOUSE MINISTRY!**

Our friends at UCAN often rent bounce houses for their events. St. Pauls has a bounce house. Pastor Jeff is looking to form a team that could be a bounce house ministry for UCAN events - set up the house, monitor it during use and then take it down at the end of the event. It could be a great way for us to serve UCAN's kids in North Lawndale. The first event is Foster Parent Appreciation Picnic, 3605 W. Fillmore St., Friday, August 19 from 4-7 p.m. Let Pastor Jeff know if you'd like to be a part of this team at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*See our full event calendar online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar)  
Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door*

### **JULY 20 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom**

Join our study of the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **JULY 21, 23 - WINDY CITY WINDS SUMMER CONCERTS**

Please come hear Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band," perform music by George Gershwin, Percy Grainger, Scott Joplin, and The Beach Boys at one of their free outdoor summer concerts:

- Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m., at Buttercup Park, 4901 N. Sheridan Rd. in Uptown
- Saturday, July 23, 3 p.m., at Washington Square Park, 901 N. Clark St., across from the Newberry Library

### **JULY 23 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT LUNCH - 9:30 a.m., SP 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 11:30am. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1366553](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1366553)

### **JULY 24, AUG 14 - BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE ROAD TO HEALING* - 11 a.m., Oscar**

Mayer Room. Please join us to discuss *The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward County, Virginia (TRTH)* by Ken Woodley, local newspaper editor. As he states, "The narrative unfolds in Virginia but it is a deeply American story. Prince Edward County's ongoing journey of reconciliation blazes a hopeful and redemptive trail throughout difficult human terrain, but the signs are clear enough for a divided nation to follow: We cannot erase the past. The future belongs to someone else. This moment is ours...There can be racial reconciliation. There can be healing." Register and discover more at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337600](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337600).

## OPPORTUNITIES

**ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, [JenniferLKew@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

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

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://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](mailto: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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES** – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas.

**GREEN TEAM** – Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: “God calls us to care for creation.” The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto:jan.fraccaro@gmail.com).

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2022. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**PICKLEBALL** – Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor?  
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball)

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@yahoo.com).  
Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1), or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

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

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

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

**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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306425). Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.*

- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- B.J. Anderson and loved ones at the death of her wife, Shari Melde.
- Family, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27 at 2p.m.
- 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.
- 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.