

Communion Sunday July 3, 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

"A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."

Martin Luther

PRELUDE Materna C. Callahan

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we are here to call on you, to bring all that moves within us before you.

All: Come to us now! Awaken us! Give us your Light!

One: Be our teacher! Be our challenge! Be our rock!

All: Give us clear minds and joyful hearts.

^{*} WELCOMING EACH OTHER

st Please stand if you are able to do so.

* HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God bul - wark nev - er 1. Α might - y for - tress our God, Α is____ Our 2. Did strength con - fide, striv - ing would be we in our_ own ils filled, Should threat - en 3. And though this world, with dev -4. That word bove all earth - ly powers, a -Nothanks to them, a help - er Of fail - ing; Our the flood mid he. а los ing, Were the right side, The not man on___ our - do. us, We will not fear,_ for God_ hath willed His ours - bid eth; The Spir - it and_{-} the $gifts_{-}$ are Through vail ing. For still our an - cient Doth mor - tal ills foe pre man of God's own choos ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We him who with eth. Let This us sid goods and kin - dred go, His craft and power are seek to work us And woe; great, Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From trem - ble For for His can en dure, not him; rage we mor - tal life al so; The bod - y they may kill; God's armed with cru - el hate, On earth isnot his e qual. must win the tle. age to age the And he bat same, lo, his doom is lit - tle word shall him. sure: One $fell_{-}$

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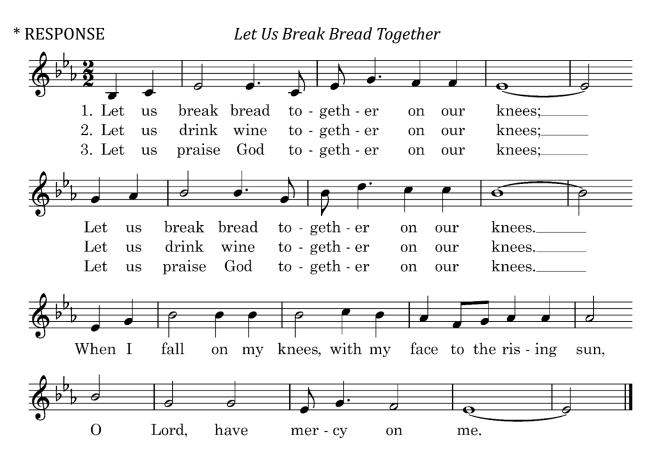
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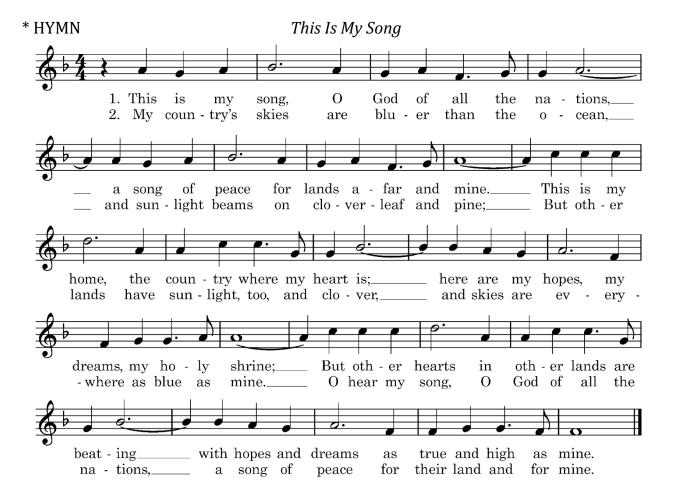
SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13-17

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?



SERMON "Lavish Lifestyle" Matt Fitzgerald



OFFERTORY

The Resting Place Upon the Hill from Our Town

Jeffrey Wagner, piano

Aaron Copland

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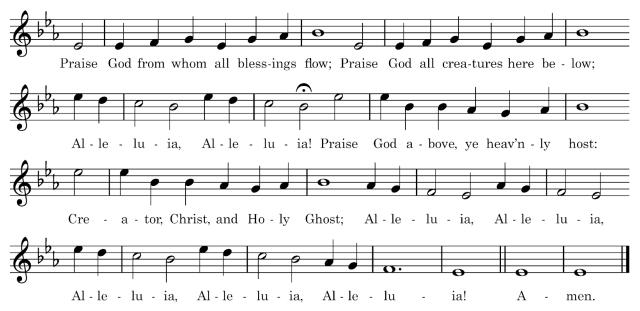
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amen.

Righteous and merciful God, take away our vanity.

Take away our fear of justice.

Take away the deceit riddling our thoughts and words.

We live in error and confusion.

We inflict pain.

All the while, your strong hand holds us.

You do not reject or forget any of us.

Let us believe this promise!

Let it change our lives!

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Truth

Kamasi Washington

St. Arbucks Quartet

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN

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Battle Hymn of the Republic

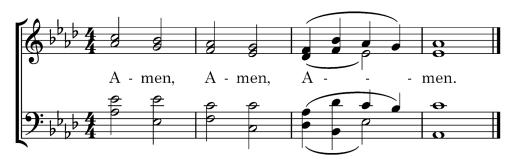


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* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

America, the Beautiful St. Arbucks Quartet

Samuel A. Ward

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

Materna is the melody we associate with *America, the Beautiful*. The tune MATERNA was composed by Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903) in 1882. He was a New Jersey born organist and composer. The tune was originally intended for the hymn *O Dear Mother* (Materna), *Jerusalem*. Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is a native of Cambridge, MA, and a well-known organist, composer, and choral conductor. He has a catalog of more than 300 published compositions.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God is arguably the greatest Martin Luther (1483-1546) hymn and encapsulates the theology of the Lutheran Church. The original version is almost dance-like in rhythm. The processional hymn presents a more majestic march.

The tune and text for *Let Us Break Bread Together*, the well-known communion hymn, are unattributed but became widely known after being printed in 1926 in *The Second Book of Negro Spirituals*, which was currated and compiled by the famous poet, James Weldon Johnson, and equally prominent composer, J. Rosamond Johnson. The history of the text and tune probably predates the Civil War.

This Is My Song uses the final melody from the great orchestral work by Jean Sibelius (1865 -1957) FINLANDIA composed in 1899. *Finlandia* was part of a range of works of that time that were characterized as nationalistic. The general trait was an uplifting of folk melodies. Lloyd Stone (1912-1993) wrote the text in 1934 between the two World Wars as an expression of hope for a peaceful future. Originally, Sibelius disapproved of text being added to his melody, but later relented as he understood the longing for peace, which he shared.

The Resting Place Upon the Hill is a piano transcription of orchestral music composed in 1940 for the film score of Our Town by Aaron Copland (1900-1990). In 1944, Copland arranged an orchestral suite of the music from the film score. Copland was arguably among the most famous and beloved American composers of classical music in the 20th century. Other well-known pieces by him include Fanfare for the Common Man, Appalachian Spring, Billy the Kid, and numerous songs. Our Chancel Choir often sings The Promise of Living from his opera A Tender Land as a communion anthem. You may find a recording of our Offertory by Jeff Wagner on YouTube.

Truth is the opening song on the 2017 EP, *Harmony of Difference*, by Kamasi Washington (b.1981). Mr Washing ton is a jazz saxophonist born and raised in Los Angeles. He studied in the Department of Ethnomusicology at UCLA. As a student, he was invited to play with a faculty quartet. In addition to his solo career, he has collaborated with musicians in jazz, hip-hop and pop music.

Battle Hymn of the Republic hardly needs an introduction. The words were written by abolitionist Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) in 1861 at the outbreak of our Civil War. Its words have inspired generations here and beyond our shores. The tune is attributed to William Steffe (1830-1890), but is thought to be an American camp meeting song, *John Brown's Body*, combined with another song *Oh Brothers!*

The text for *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*, *America the Beautiful*, was written in 1893 by Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929). She was inspired to write this poem while on a hike up Pikes Peak, "the purple mountain's majesty," when she taught at Colorado College. As stated above, the tune MATERNA was composed by Samuel A. Ward in 1882. He was a New Jersey-born organist and composer. The tune was intended for the hymn *O Dear Mother* (Materna), *Jerusalem*, which preceded the poetry of Bates. His tune was coupled with Bates' poetry after his death. He and Bates never met.

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Communion Servers: Char Damron, Larry Damron

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: John Balevic, Ninon Freeman, 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from Larry Simpson, in memory of Ed Zasadil.

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 3 John Miller, Marcia Volk, Paul Haider
- July 4 Christina Cruz Cedeño-Smedley, Ian Cata
- July 5 Holly Good, Laura Clifford, Sean Heffernan, Charlotte Malley, George McMillan
- July 6 Betsy Melton, Jan Exworthy, Lisa Montague, Vicki Kendall
- July 7 Drew Lumm, Hilary Schmitz, Nancy Mayer
- July 8 Eithne McMenamin, Erika Block, Kaili Emmrich, Anna Schloerb, Micah McMenamin
- July 9 Barb Kaiser, Elizabeth Ewing, Sandi Weiskirch, Devin Abraham, Michael Dunham, Sophia Miller, Dana Leo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

On this Independence Day... What does it mean to be free? Variations on the quote "No one is free until we are all free" have been attributed to Emma Lazurus, Fannie Lou Hamer and Martin Luther King, Jr. The linguistic root of "free" means "to love." How do we be a Beloved Community, transforming our systems, society and selves so that we and our nation, our world, can all be free?

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

- Eliminate styrofoam. It will outlive all of us as it doesn't degrade. Don't buy it!
- Decline plastic toothbrushes at the dentist, inviting them to make a change away from plastic. Give your dentist a bamboo toothbrush and silk dental floss in a small glass container. Discuss your concern for sustainability.
- Billions of pens are thrown away annually and live in landfills forever. Environmentally conscious entrepreneurs now offer alternatives made of natural grass, wheat straw, cork or bamboo, as well as refills.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at <u>spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar</u> Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

JULY 6 - NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

We'll resume our study of the Gospel of Luke on July 13. Contact: Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JULY 9 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION -

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parlor. Join Lighthouse Foundation's staff and leaders for an inspirational panel discussion about lessons learned from our three years as an organization. Come be empowered to dream boldly and act intersectionally. We will enjoy a light brunch and mimosa bar followed by a discussion from Lighthouse. RSVP: bit.ly/LFAnniversary

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. Please RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337600

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 ian.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 ienluerssen@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/regist<u>rations/events/1079008</u>

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 cindyzinn11@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 (<u>icarlson@spucc.org</u>), Marti Pechnyo (<u>mpechnyo@gmail.com</u>), or Barb Kaiser (<u>bkaiser2213@gmail.com</u>).

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.

- 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.
- 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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Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, <u>icarlson@spucc.org</u>
Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, <u>emeritushenry@gmail.com</u>

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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.