

August 7, 2022  
Communion Sunday

No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
On life's journey,  
You are welcome here.

***Please silence cell phones.***

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.  
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The miracle is not to walk on water or fire. The miracle is to walk on the earth."

Thich Nhat Hanh

PRELUDE

*Intrada - A Fanfare*

Johann Christoph Pezel

arr. Walter Barnes

*Diademata*

Sir Geotge J. Elvey

*(Crown Him with Many Crowns)*

arr. Walter Barnes

St. Pauls Brass with Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 50*

One: God summons us from sunrise to sunset.

**All: Out of perfect beauty God shines forth.**

One: God gathers us to listen to God's word.

**All: The heavens declare God's justice.**

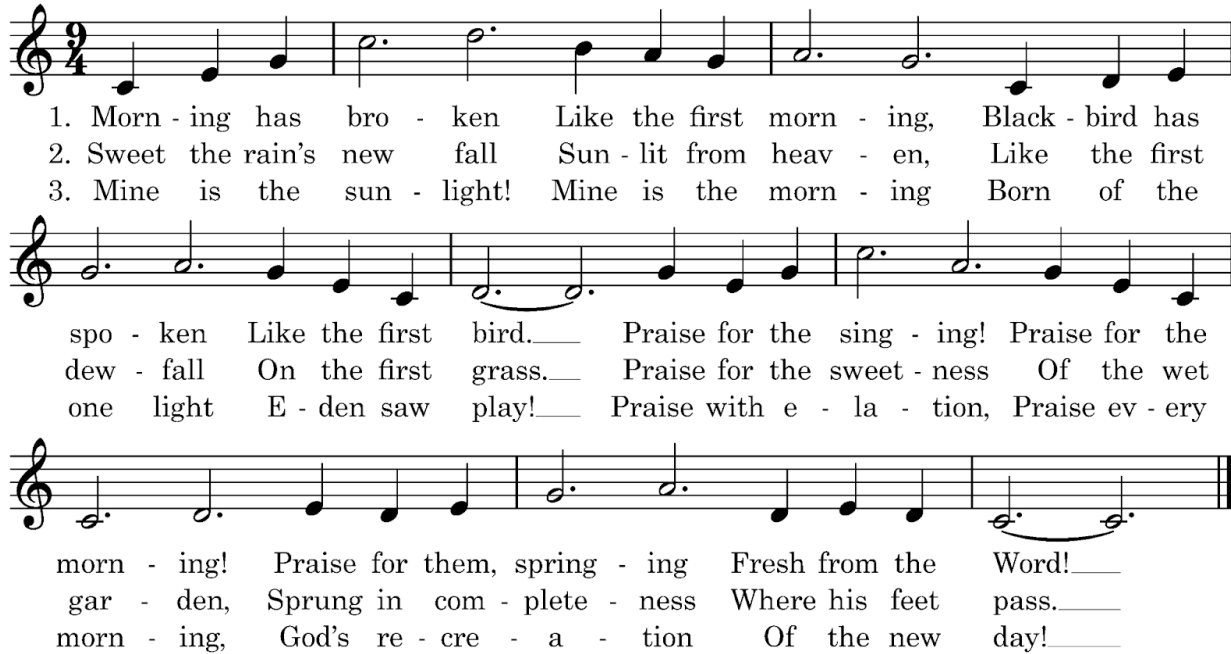
One: Every animal of the forest and bird in the sky belongs to God.

**All: Let us honor God with a sacrifice of praise!**

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

\* HYMN

*Morning Has Broken*



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird.\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass.\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play!\_\_\_\_ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!\_\_\_\_  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.\_\_\_\_  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!\_\_\_\_

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *by Hafiz*

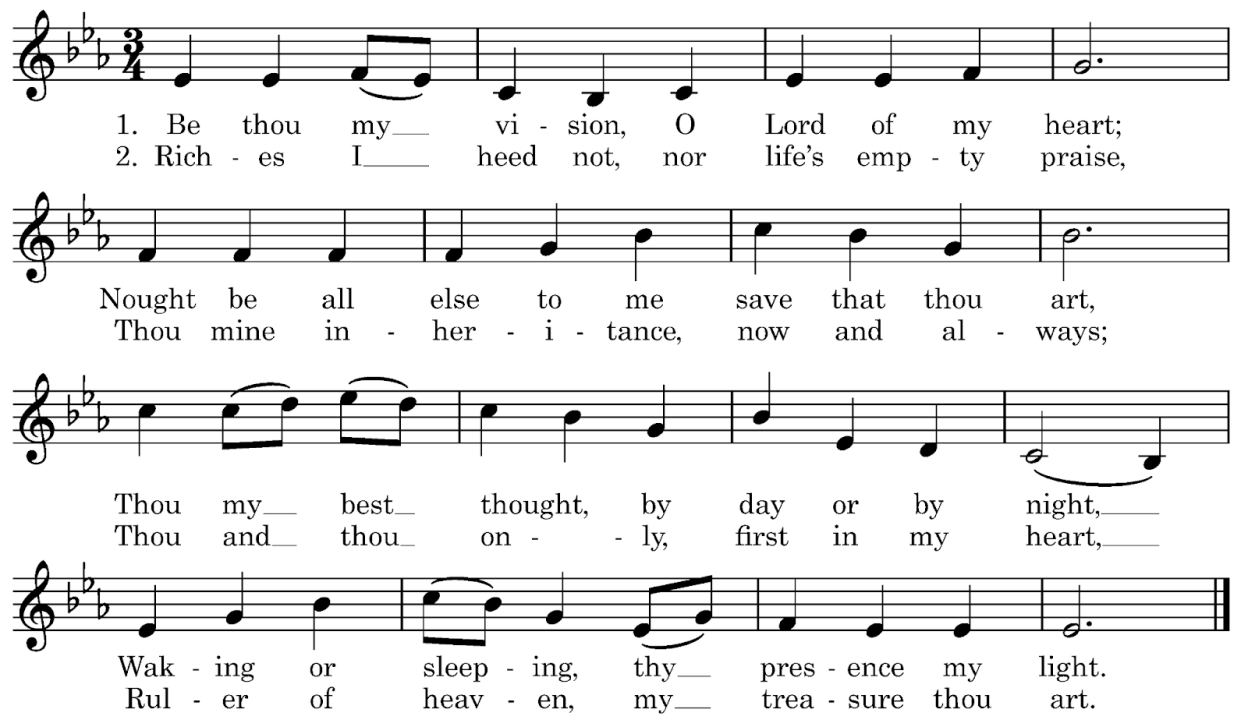
**I sometimes forget  
that I was created for Joy.  
My mind is too busy.  
My Heart is too heavy  
for me to remember  
that I have been  
called to dance  
the Sacred dance of life.  
I was created to smile  
To Love  
To be lifted up  
And to lift others up.  
O Sacred One  
Untangle my feet  
from all that ensnares.  
Free my soul.  
That we might  
Dance  
and that our dancing  
might be contagious.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Be Thou My Vision*



1. Be thou my\_\_ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Rich - es I\_\_\_ heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art,  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;

Thou my\_\_ best\_\_ thought, by day or by night,\_\_\_  
Thou and\_\_ thou\_\_ on - - ly, first in my heart,\_\_\_

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy\_\_ pres - ence my light.  
Rul - er of heav - en, my\_\_ trea - sure thou art.

## SCRIPTURE

Marti Pechnyo

*Luke 12:32-40*

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

## \* 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.**

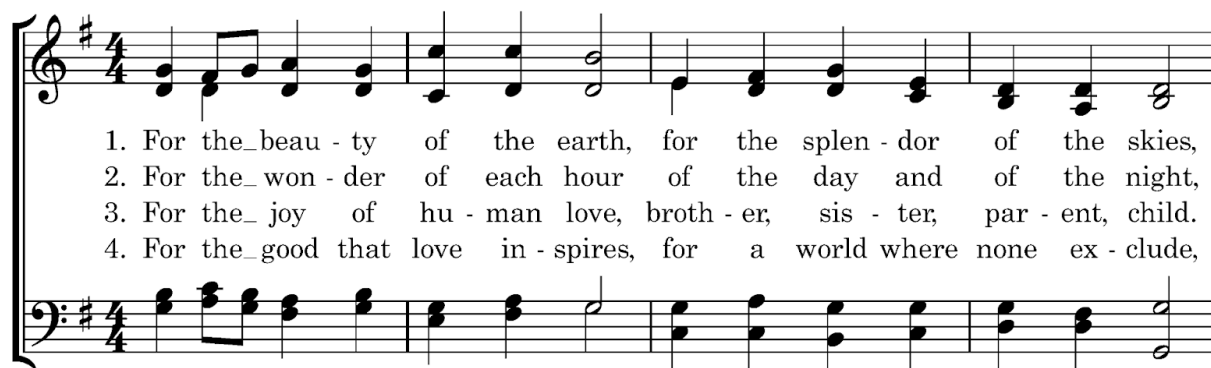
**We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

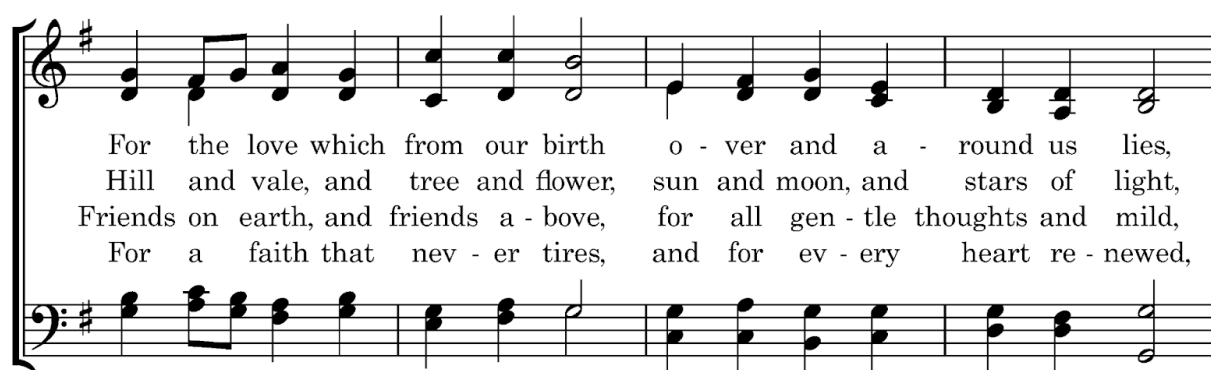
\* RESPONSE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

v. 1



1. For the\_beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,  
2. For the\_won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the\_joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.  
4. For the\_good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

ANTHEM

*Ave Maria*  
from All-Night Vigil, Op. 37  
St. Pauls Brass

Sergei Rachmaninov  
arr. Walter Barnes

SERMON

“Treasures in heaven, thieves in the night,  
and the urgency of now”

Cynthia Lindner

\* HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
See previous hymn

vv. 2, 3 & 4

NEW PASTOR UPDATE

Nancy Curotto

OFFERTORY

*Adagio*  
from The Limpid Stream, Op. 39  
Chris Bettler, tuba; and Carrie Bettler, piano

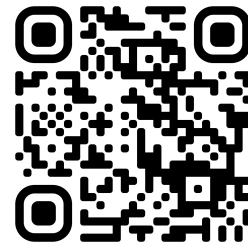
Dimitri Shostakovitch  
arr. Bobo/Miettunen

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\* 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.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.*

\* MUSIC DURING COMMUNION      *Taste and See*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the". The second staff contains: "Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ O, taste and see, taste and see the". The third staff contains: "good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord." The music consists of quarter and half notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ O, taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\* HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*

1. O\_\_\_ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,

And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;

For\_\_\_ we can on - ly won - der At\_\_\_ ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be\_\_\_ filled with good or ill,

At\_\_\_ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:

We\_\_\_ lift our hearts be - fore\_\_\_ you And wait up - on your word,  
To\_\_\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,

We\_\_\_ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE    *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*    Peter Christian Lutkin  
St. Pauls Brass

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

**WELCOME TO TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER: REV. CYNTHIA LINDNER**

**Cynthia Lindner** was born and raised in central Illinois. She received her theological education at the University of Chicago's Divinity School, earning both a master's and a doctorate in divinity, with emphases in biblical studies, ethics, and psychological studies. She also completed a master's degree in marriage and family therapy at Northwest Christian College while pastoring congregations in Oregon.

Cynthia has worked as a parish pastor, hospice chaplain, and pastoral psychotherapist for more than thirty years. She has served as the Director of Ministry Studies and Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Care at the Divinity School since 2002 and is one of the directors of the Divinity School's Chicago Commons Project, an early-career pastoral leadership development program funded by the Lilly Endowment.

Rev. Lindner is also a pastoral psychotherapist at the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy, where she conducts clergy groups and offers congregational consultation in addition to her work with individuals and couples. Lindner explores pastoral multiple-mindedness in her book, *Varieties of Gifts: Multiplicity and the Well-Lived Pastoral Life*, published in 2016 by Rowman and Littlefield, and is currently developing two new research projects: one on the narrative experience of congregational life and another on multi-religious ways of knowing.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

**The Chancel Choir is on summer break and will return on September 11.**

***Intrada-A Fanfare*** - Johann Christoph Pezel (1639-1694). Pezel was an early German Baroque composer, violinist and trumpeter. He was born in Silesia, and converted to the Lutheran Church after leaving a seminary in 1672. He worked in Leipzig from 1661 to 1681. Leipzig became the primary post for Bach in 1723. He is principally known for his works for brass and wind instruments.

The tune, ***DIADEMATA***, was composed in 1868 by George P. Elvey (1816-1893) specifically for the text *Crown Him with Many Crowns*. Elvey became the organist for St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune we know so well, BUNESSAN, is a Gaelic melody.

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

***Ave Maria*** is an arrangement for brass of the motet choir from the *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 37 composed in 1915 by Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943). Those that look for melodies that remind them of Rachmaninoff's great symphonic or piano works will find this style very different. Rachmaninoff faithfully uses the Russian Orthodox Church chant melodies to create a great composition that is a "musical icon." Here the term "icon" refers to the style of religious art that is different from Western religious art. Written two years before he fled Russia, Rachmaninoff's belief in his *All-Night Vigil* was such that he asked to have a copy buried with him.

The text for ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** was written by Folliott S. Pierpont (1835-1917). In the spring of 1863, Pierpont sat on a hill above his home of Bath, England, and this text flowed from his gratitude for the wonders of nature. The tune DIX was composed by German composer Konrad Kocher (1786-1872). He was trained as a teacher and eventually founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart.

*The Limpid Stream*, Op. 39, is a ballet in three acts by Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975) and was premiered in 1935 in Leningrad. The story reflects the struggles faced by artists having to glorify the Soviet Union to avoid running afoul of

the KGB. The ballet lifts up the harvest festival on the Soviet collective farms. Shostakovitch created an orchestral suite, *Op. 39a*, of five movements from the ballet. The ***Adagio*** is one of those movements. The oppression that often surrounded Shostakovitch never dimmed his musical vision and brilliance as a composer.

***Taste and See***, both the text and tune, I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES, were composed and written by James E. Moore (b. 1951) and was first published in 1983. Moore is a Black Catholic composer. A native of Virginia, he now resides, teaches and conducts a professional choir in Vienna. The text is a contemporary communion hymn.

***O God Beyond All Praising*** is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. It is truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted "Thaxted" as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942–1996). He began studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

***The Lord Bless You and Keep You*** was composed in 1900 by Peter Christian Lutkin, (1858-1931). He was the founder and first dean of the School of Music at Northwestern University in 1895. He was organist at St. Clement's Church, as well as one of the founders of the American Guild of Organists. Along with F. Melius Christiansen at St. Olaf College, Lutkin was one of the leaders of the American *a capella* choral movement in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Kurt R. Hansen's maternal grandfather, John Mahard Rosborough, received his Bachelor of Music degree in 1905 at Northwestern under Dean Lutkin and was his first accompanist. This benediction was composed while Kurt's grandfather was a student of Lutkin.

***Jerusalem*** is a hymn composed in 1916 by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918). The text was inspired by a poem by the English Romantic, William Blake (1757-1827). The hymn was also famously and majestically orchestrated by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934). Parry composed in a heroic style and in the twilight of the Victorian age. His most famous work is the choral anthem *I Was Glad* which was composed for the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. We would now consider the text of *Jerusalem* to embody the hubris of nationalism, comparing England to the "shining city on the hill" and predestined by God to be the modern Jerusalem. Nonetheless, it is musically uplifting and inspiring.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Cynthia Lindner, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

**St. Pauls Brass:** Kristofer Hansen and Jim Brandt, trumpets; Tom Clancy and Rick Peterson, French horns; Nancy Pifer, tenor horn; Mark Swanson, trombone; Chris Bettler, tuba; Mark Mosley, conductor

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

**Scripture Reader:** Marti Pechnyo

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Marti Pechnyo, Jill Wachholz

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** John Balevic, Mary Brown, Jen Luerssen, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are in celebration of St. Pauls Brass.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST**

*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.*

Aug 7 Amy Beck, Moe Kelly, Robert McMillan, Wayne Bradley

Aug 8 Jim Javorcic, Owen Bunch

Aug 9 Pat Grose, Eleanore McGuire

Aug 10 Sally Connolly, Scott Hibbard, Nate Davidson

Aug 11 Anna-Kate Trubilowicz, Nathan Streeter, Steve Schwartzberg, Ben Smith

Aug 12 Natalie Douglass Grana, Rick Newbury

Aug 13 Oriana Gannello

## WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has been hired as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



Liz is organized, creative, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm for St. Pauls. She is a gifted preacher, who won the award for pulpit excellence upon graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. She knows how to plan and follow through, skills built in her time and training as an architect. She is collegially minded, and eager to join our team. She and her husband are raising their family in our neighborhood, and understand the challenge and promise of ministry in Lincoln Park. Her years of pastoral experience leave her with a thorough sense of what it takes to revitalize and lead our Sunday School.

Liz will join the St. Pauls staff full-time on October 1. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff. **On Sunday, September 11, Liz will join us for worship** as we kick off our Fall programming. Mark the date, and plan to meet your new pastor as we welcome her to St. Pauls together!

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### ABOUT THE PROCESS

Hiring decisions for Associate Pastors at St. Pauls are made by the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Senior Pastor. This effort began in January with a job description written by the Youth and Children's Ministry Revitalization Task Force. This description and our Local Church Profile were posted on the UCC's national job board.

We received interest from more than twenty pastors. Applications were reviewed and applicants were screened in three phases by Pastor Matt and our Interview Team. The Interview Team members were Nancy Curotto, Sharon Collins, Ben Emmrich, Renae Bradshaw, Justin Hartanov, and Pastor Matt.

After receiving enthusiastic feedback about Pastor Liz following the first two steps in this process, the Interview Team viewed several of her sermons and met with Liz for group interviews. These concluded with the Team's unanimous agreement that she would be an excellent Associate Pastor for St. Pauls. The Executive Committee shared the Interview Team's excitement and agreed, unanimously, to extend a call, inviting Rev. Liz Nickerson to serve as an Associate Pastor as the third member of St. Pauls pastoral staff.

*Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: [mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome\\_pastor\\_liz](mailto:mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PICKLEBALL**

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small court version of tennis, with paddles and wiffle balls, and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S. We're holding pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. All you have to do is add your name to the ChurchCenter link below and then show up at one of the allotted times! We even have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.

Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.

[spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball)

### **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).

### **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

**REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE.** Air conditioners and heaters use the most energy in your home and comprise a large part of your electricity bill. They use even more energy when the air filters are dirty. Make an effort to clean and/or replace filters as recommended.

### **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

**How can you empower communities for greater public safety?** Community Renewal Society, of which St. Pauls is a member, has worked for years to establish civilian oversight of the Chicago Police Department. The Empowering Communities for Public Safety Ordinance passed the City Council one year ago. What has been accomplished and what remains? Read the CRS article ([tinyurl.com/36e5d7rv](http://tinyurl.com/36e5d7rv)) for ways you can support police accountability.

## 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

### **TODAY - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP** - After Worship, Social Hall

If you enjoy handwork, you're invited to continue our time with each other by sitting together in communion and community on the first Sunday of the month at a drop-in handwork group. We will gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. Bring along a sandwich if you wish. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project.

### **AUG 10 - 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).

### **AUG 13 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION** - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Parlor

This month's gathering of Lighthouse member congregations will focus on "Event Evangelism." Interested in hosting events about causes, fundraising, and more?

Learn tools for how to turn people out to events and justice actions that matter to you. We will practice these skills during the CARE session by promoting LF's OCT. 8 Revival and Gospel Drag Brunch. Register at [bit.ly/LFCARE](http://bit.ly/LFCARE).

### **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).

### **AUG 20 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT LUNCH** - 9:30 a.m., 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 the 600 W. Fullerton location to serve at 11:30 a.m. Learn more and sign up for one or both dates here:

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250)

**AUG 27 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL: MOVIE IN THE PARK - 7:30 p.m., Oz Park**

Join St. Pauls Social and host Carrie Bruggers to watch *The Wizard of Oz* at Oz Park (2021 N. Burling St). What could be more perfect than this movie in its namesake Oz Park? Bring a blanket/chair to sit on and a snack and beverage to share. If you're driving, feel free to park in the St. Pauls lot on Kemper! Please RSVP here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1389350](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1389350)

**SEPT 4 - MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL BY NATHAN LAUBE - 2 p.m., Sanctuary**

Nathan Laube, internationally renowned organist and longtime friend of St. Pauls, will present a free organ recital in memory of his friend, our beloved Larry Butcher. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Chapel Recital and Piano Maintenance Fund which was started by Larry. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear a great artist on our Phoenix organ. For more information contact Kurt R. Hansen at [KurtSingsBach@gmail.com](mailto:KurtSingsBach@gmail.com).

## **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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**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 the 2022/23 school year. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**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.*

- Pat Ruch and Al Cernak as they navigate complicated medical care issues.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Family, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27 at 2 p.m.
- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's passing. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on October 16.
- 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.