

Communion Sunday  
January 29, 2023

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

***Please silence cell phones.***

***There is no Sunday School this week. The Nursery is open for children ages 0 to 4.***

***Kids can join us in the Social Hall downstairs for B.O.B. practice!***

*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

"It was men who could not quite handle what it meant:

Christ, blessed by a great joke,

going to his knees, saying 'mercy,' saying, 'please.'"

Judson Mitchum

#### PRELUDE

*Adagio*, Op. 159 No. 1

Alexandr Grechaninov

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

#### CHIMES

#### INTROIT

*Great Spirit God*

Chancel Choir

#### WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

#### \* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord our God! Be in our midst today!

**All: Extinguish our boredom and resentment.**

One: Replace them with wonder!

**All: Make us yours today and every day! Amen.**

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

\* HYMN

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store,  
 2. Skills and time\_ are ours for serv - ing, that your will on earth be done;  
 3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace con - ferred;  
 4. Lend your joy\_ to all our giv - ing, let it light our pil - grim way;

Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door:  
 All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the Church made one.  
 Ours to use\_ for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel Word.  
 From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to gen - erous day.

Gift - ed by\_ you, we turn to\_ you of - fering up\_ our - selves in praise;  
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self\_ a - lone;  
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing as we heed Christ's age - less call,  
 Then when years on earth are o - ver, and we've lived our hu - man span,

Thank - ful song\_ shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
 God, ful - fill\_ be - yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are great, high and holy.  
Yet you have not forgotten us.  
You have not rejected us.  
You have accepted us.  
In return, help us give you more than praise,  
and feel more than relief.  
Challenge us with your grace.  
And help us give you our sorrow, rebellion,  
bitterness, divided hearts, and sin.  
We place these things in Christ's outstretched hands.  
Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

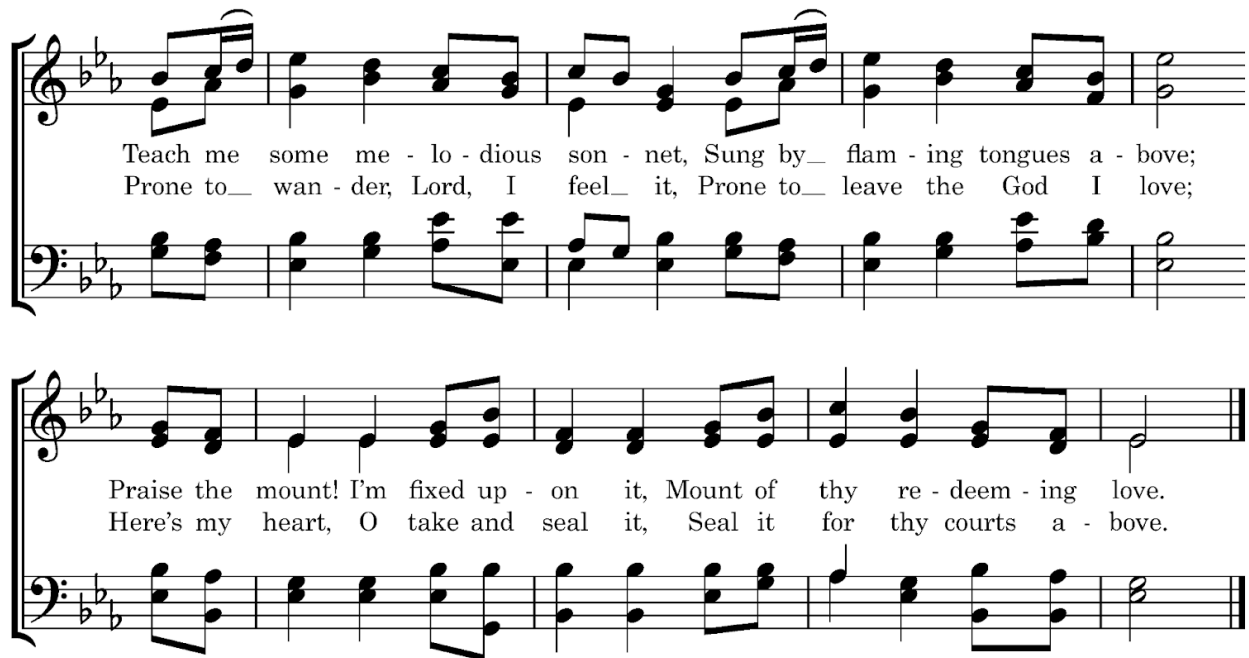
### RESPONSE

### *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

v. 1

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter Bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



## SCRIPTURE

Todd Coe

### *First Corinthians 1:18-25*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. It's written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where can you find someone who is truly wise in this age? How about someone truly intelligent, or truly educated? Has not God exposed the world's wisdom as pretentious nonsense? After the world in its wisdom failed to know God, he in his wisdom chose to save all who would believe through the foolishness of our preaching. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

\* HYMN

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2. God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3. I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.  
Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail  
But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?  
life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.  
glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

SERMON

"Moltey Cüre"

Matt Fitzgerald

\* RESPONSE

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
See previous hymn

v. 2

OFFERTORY

*Ninye otpushayeshi and Gloria Patri* Alexandr Grechaninov  
(Sung In Old Church Slavonic) and George Matterling  
Chancel Choir

Now let thy servant depart in peace, O Lord, according to thy word.  
For my eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou has prepared before the face of all peoples.  
A light as revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory of thy people Israel.  
*Luke 2: 29-32*

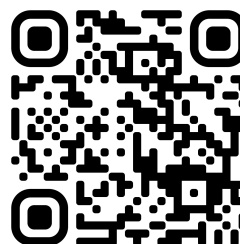
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen

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\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

A musical score for a single voice part, written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. 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." The music consists of four lines of notes, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The final line ends with a double bar line.

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

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

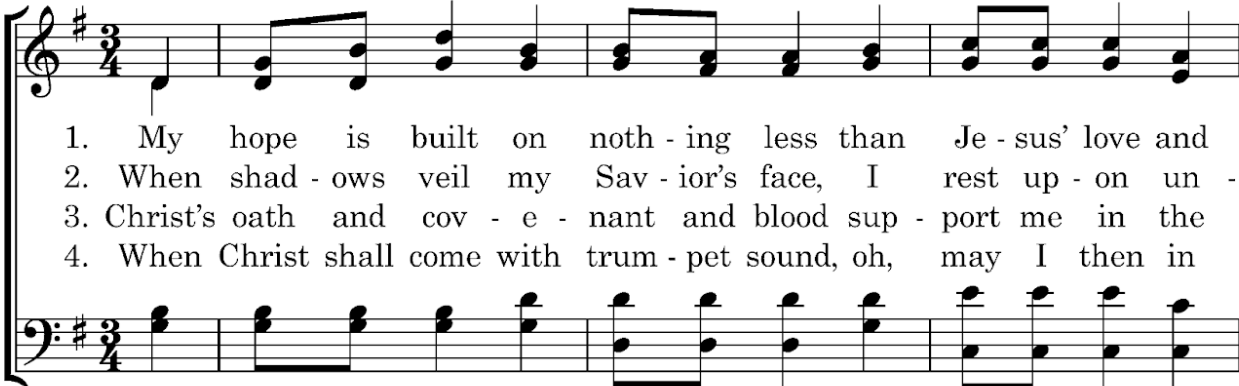
*Please come forward for communion.  
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.  
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.  
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.  
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.  
Return to your seat by the side aisles.  
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

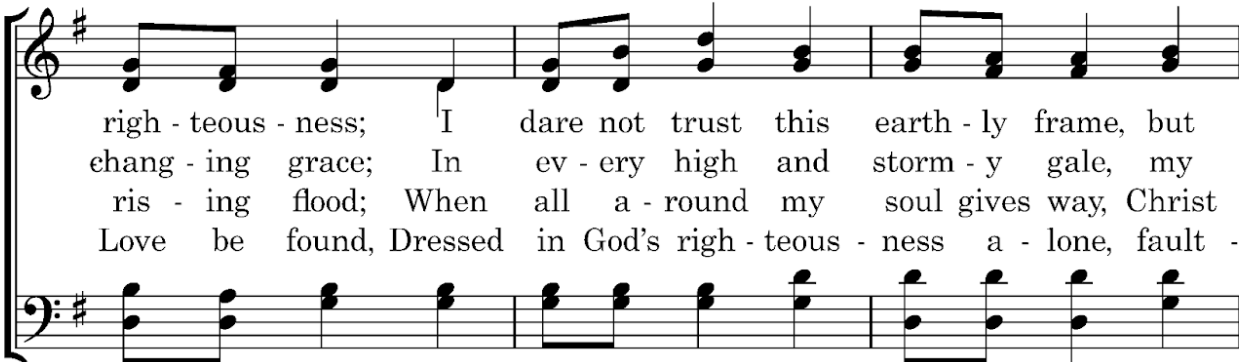


\* HYMN

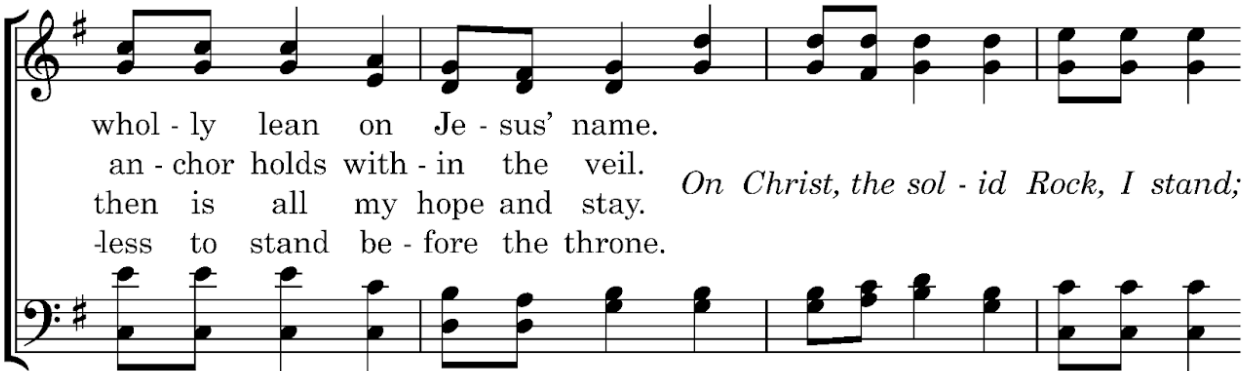
*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



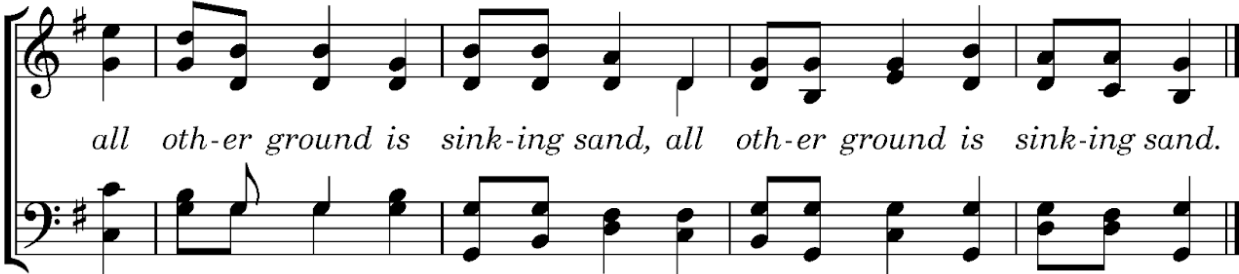
1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' love and  
2. When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
3. Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
4. When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in



righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. *On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;*  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



*all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*  
Chancel Choir

George Materling

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen

POSTLUDE

*I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Billy Taylor

***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 Gym.***

### TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude today, ***Adagio***, was composed by Alexandr Grechninov (1864-1956), who also composed our offertory anthem. More information about him can be found below at *Ninye otpushaiyeshi*. This is the first movement of his *Three Pieces for Organ Op. 159* composed in 1938. His organ composition was deeply influenced by the French symphonists Vierne and Widor. He studied composition in Imperial Russia with Rimsky-Korsakov. He died in New York City and is buried in a Russian community in New Jersey.

The text of ***Great Spirit God*** was written in 1842 by Joseph R. Renville (1779-1846). His mother was Dakota and his father was French. He was an explorer and Congregational minister. This text and tune became known as the *Dakota Hymn*, and was sung by 38 Dakota prisoners of war as they were led to their execution in Mankato, Minnesota on December 26, 1862. This is the largest mass execution in American history. The English translation was made in 1993 by Sidney H. Byrd, "Hok'sila Wašte" (1918-2016) for our New Century Hymnal. He was also a member of the Dakota nation. A veteran of World War II, he became an ordained Presbyterian minister. LACQUIPARLE is a native American Dakota melody.

The text for ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** was written in 1834 by Edward Mote (1797-1874). British born Mote wrote a number of hymn texts after a spiritual awakening as a result of the preaching of an evangelical preacher. He also authored a number of Christian pamphlets. SOLID ROCK was composed in 1863 by the prolific hymn writer William Bradbury (1816-1868). He was raised on his father's farm in Maine. He developed a love for music as a child and began playing the organ in church by age 15. Among the best known of his hymns is the children's hymn, *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*.

***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*. The text was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who began his professional life as an apprentice to a hairdresser before committing himself to a religious life.

***My Song Is Love Unknown*** is a hymn text written in 1664 by Samuel Crossman (1623-1684). Very little is known about his life beyond the fact that he was clergy. The one observation is how clearly this text speaks to us across four centuries. The tune, RHOSYMEDRE, was composed in 1840 by John David Edwards (1806-1885). He was an Anglican priest and the tune name is taken from one of the parishes he served in Wales.

***Ninye otpushaiyesi***, commonly known in Latin as the *nunc dimittis* or the *Song of Simeon*, was composed by Alexandr Grechaninov (1864-1956). He is primarily remembered for his liturgical music for the Russian Orthodox Church. This is a setting of Simeon's prayer upon seeing the child Jesus. God promised Simeon that he would live to see the Messiah. Grechaninov moved from the Soviet Union to France in 1925, immigrated to the United States in 1939, and spent the rest of his life here. Old Church Slavonic has a similar relationship to modern Russian as Latin does to Italian.

George Matterling added the ***Gloria Patri*** in the style of Grechaninov. While the Gloria Patri is a prescribed response in liturgical western churches to biblical readings or anthems on biblical texts, it is not part of the liturgy in the Russian Orthodox Church. **A note for this time** - The Russian Orthodox Church was said to be founded by St. Andrew, one of the 12 disciples, when he journeyed from Greece to what became Kyiv, Ukraine, but was then known as *Kiyvan Rus'* (land of the Rus').

The text for ***God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** was written in 1961 by Robert L. Edwards (1915-2006). He was a Congregational minister who focused on prison ministry, low income senior housing, and other ministries of social justice. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* and *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.

Billy Taylor (1921-2010) was a great African American jazz pianist, composer, broadcaster, and educator. From 1994, he was the Artistic Director for Jazz at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. He also worked tirelessly to raise funds to replace homes of older jazz musicians in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. ***I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free*** was composed in 1963 at the height of the civil rights movement and became its unofficial anthem. The New York Times called it “one of the greatest songs of the sixties.”

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

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

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Servers:** Annie Johnson, Jeff Johnson

**Scripture Reader:** Todd Coe

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Juanita Barlow

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

### **BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

*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.*

Jan 29 Veronica Tong

Jan 30 Carrie Gleason, Jana O'Brien, Steve Winters

Jan 31 Vanya Weglarz

Feb 1 Rick Sensenbrenner

Feb 2 Karen Spivey, Rod Sippy, Jaspar Stepf

Feb 3 Christie DeForest, Niels Peterson, Lexi Miller, Izzy Smith-Ritchie,  
Katie Moulton, Matt Ross

Feb 4 Marcia Knudson

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*See our full event calendar online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar).*

**TODAY - CHICAGO MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM** - 1:30 p.m., Trinity UCC  
Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC), 400 W. 95th Street, and Community Renewal Society (CRS) are hosting a Chicago Mayoral Candidates Forum. The candidates for the office of Mayor of Chicago are invited to participate. CRS and TUCC, both respectively steeped in an enduring history of social justice and service, also share a longstanding tradition of hosting candidate forums for those seeking public office. For those attending in person, masks are required. To carpool, meet in the St. Pauls parking lot at 12:30 p.m.

**FEB 1 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY *PHILIPPIANS*** - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter while chained in a foul Roman prison, yet it is surprisingly full of joy. Written to a church that was founded and led mostly by women, Philippians gives us a glimpse of how the early Christians were forming a counter-cultural community grounded in the compassion and justice of Jesus in the heart of the Roman Empire. Meets weekly. RSVP to Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**FEB 5 - 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.

**FEB 17 - MUSICAL POTLUCK PARTY** - 6:30-9 p.m., Parlor

Join St. Pauls Social and host Breanna Coe for a potluck and evening of music in the Parlor. Please bring a dish and drink to share. In the tradition of a French salon, attendees are invited to prepare a musical number or dramatic reading to share with everyone, but it is not required. There will also be a show tunes sing-along portion of the evening. Please RSVP to Breanna at [breannacoe@gmail.com](mailto:breannacoe@gmail.com) and let her know if you are planning to perform a number and what dish you are bringing. Join us for a night of gaiety, friends, music, and great food!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHICAGO ELECTION WATCH 2023

Chicago Goes to the Polls. The 2023 Chicago elections will take place in two rounds on February 28 and April 4. Elections will be held for Chicago's mayor, city clerk, city treasurer, all 50 members of the City Council, and 66 members of the newly-created Police District Councils. There are currently nine candidates for Chicago mayor; if no mayoral candidate receives a majority of the vote on February 28, there will be a runoff election between the top two candidates on April 4. Early voting in two downtown locations began this past Thursday, January 26, and early voting in all 50 wards begins February 13. A full list of early voting sites can be found here: [chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html](http://chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html). The next mayoral term begins May 15.

### BIBLE OFF BROADWAY IS BACK!

**Rehearsals continue** for this year's production of *Noah and the Ark*, and we need to fill the ark! We're hoping for all of our children and youth to participate and there is something for every interest - singing, dancing, acting, as well as behind the scenes. Join us in the Social Hall for rehearsals at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. The production will be in worship next Sunday, February 5. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA

For the first time since 2020, the St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will again perform in worship on Sunday, March 12, with an all-Brahms program. Orchestra members include pre-teens, teenagers and adults of all ages and abilities! Rehearsals are immediately after church for about an hour in the Oscar Mayer Room on 2/19, 2/26 and 3/5. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or [mwmosley@gmail.com](mailto:mwmosley@gmail.com). If you play an orchestral string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

### YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Make sure you stay in the know with youth events! A weekly email is sent to parents to share activities, including Sunday School lessons and other useful news. If you do not receive this email and would like to be added to the email list, please contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). If you would like to share information regarding youth-related events in an upcoming newsletter, please submit the paragraph or flier to Erin by Wednesday at noon.

## **2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP - BE THE NEIGHBOR IN TUCSON!**

Youth who this year are in 8-12 grades are invited to a Tucson Immigration and Welcome Week, June 10-17. We'll spend the week in education, collaboration, cultural exchange, and hands-on service. We'll learn about immigration in our borderlands. We'll learn to put our faith into service through desert walks, humanitarian aid, preparing and serving meals, building projects, learning about the immigration process, activism and advocacy. Our hope is that this trip will help us apply what we learn in new ways with immigrants when we return home. Cost is \$500, plus we'll do fundraising for the extra expenses and airfare. You can find out more and sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508128](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508128)

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

On January 23, St. Pauls officially signed onto a proposed Chicago ordinance that would establish a permanent Office of Neighborhood Safety in the city. More commonly known as the Office of Gun Violence Protection, this office would be responsible for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive, city-wide strategy to address gun violence. St. Pauls joins a coalition of UCC and other churches and numerous social justice organizations in support of the proposal that may come before the Chicago City Council. For more info, see [livefreeillinois.org/office-of-gun-violence-prevention](https://livefreeillinois.org/office-of-gun-violence-prevention).

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

### **REASSESS FOOD CHOICES/USE**

More ways to avoid food waste.

- Cook at home. This is one of the most sustainable eating habits you can adopt.
- Plan meals. Shop with a list. Buy less. Avoid unnecessary purchases.
- Limit your number of shopping trips. Traveling to buy groceries impacts the total number of miles foods travel to reach your plate.
- Buy local and regionally grown foods. The closer you live to your food supply, the lower its carbon footprint.
- Organize your refrigerator to see use-me-first items before they perish.
- Use leftovers. Don't discard.

## **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).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hal. 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).

**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** – Follow this link for additional information: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@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).

**PICKLEBALL** – Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We 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)

**POLO STAY & PLAY** – This is a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children (ages 0-4) and expectant parents, to meet together and enjoy playtime with your children. Our group will meet in the nursery downstairs by the Social Hall on Fridays from 10-11:30 a.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.



**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at [stpaulssocial@spucc.org](mailto:stpaulssocial@spucc.org). Subscribe to the distribution list below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar: [spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social)

**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)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** – Please register your kids for the 2022-23 Sunday School year at the link below. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery is open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

**THURSDAY BASKETBALL** – Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels are welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@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).

**YOUTH CHOIRS** – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-3rd grade. Rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to hear our youth choirs singing again!

### **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.*

- Diane Massie's niece, Tara, recovering from surgery.
- Family and friends of Darlene Braun at her death. An informal service to remember and give thanks for her life will be held after worship on February 26.
- Friends of the Van Zeyls, Sarah, Timmy, and their daughter Grace, as their older daughter Hannah recovers from open heart surgery.
- Winnie Kearn's mother, Patti, for healing of a wound.
- Justin Hartanov and family at the death of his mother, Betsy.
- For the safety of Steve Schwartzberg's friend, Anthony.
- David, a 28-year-old recovering from an emergency operation.
- Gary and Petrine Ashley for improved strength.
- Al Cerkon on his continuing health journey.
- Kompare family, displaced from their home after a fire in their building.
- Michael Toomin, as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

### **Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources**

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. 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 179 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.