

Baptism Sunday  
February 19, 2023

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

We have to have our own transfiguration, and we have to walk down the mountaintop into the ordinary world, on the path of suffering, and the path of love—which are, in the end, the same. Richard Rohr

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Craig Curry  
St Arbucks Quartet

INTROIT *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*  
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of dazzling light, you have called us here this morning

**All: God of fresh flowing streams, you wash away our stains**

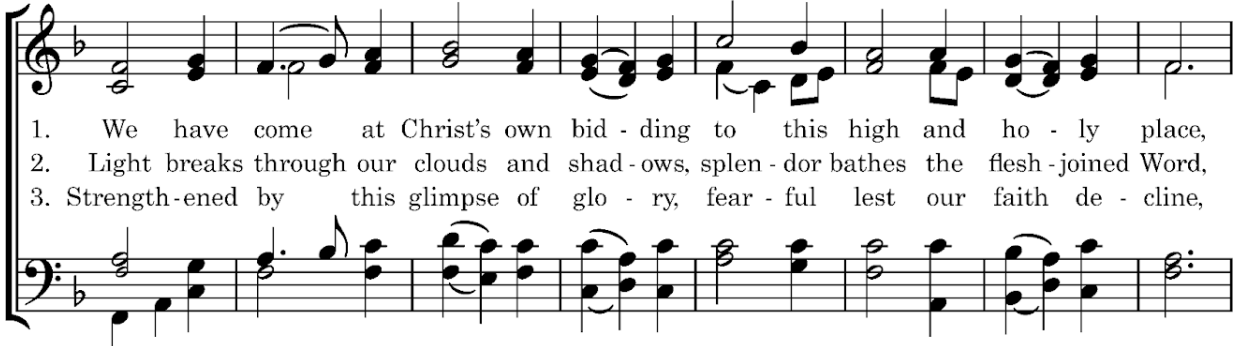
One: God of the impossible, you challenge our human understanding

**All: God of all things, open our eyes to see you in our midst.**

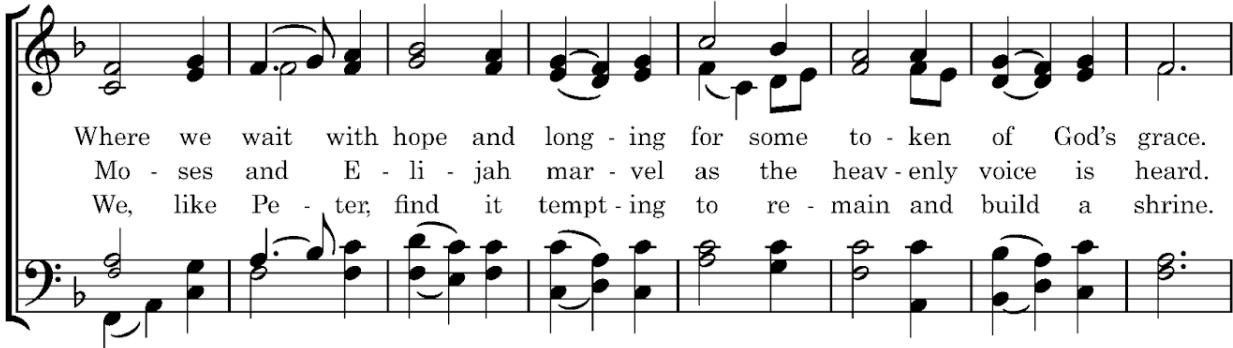
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\* HYMN

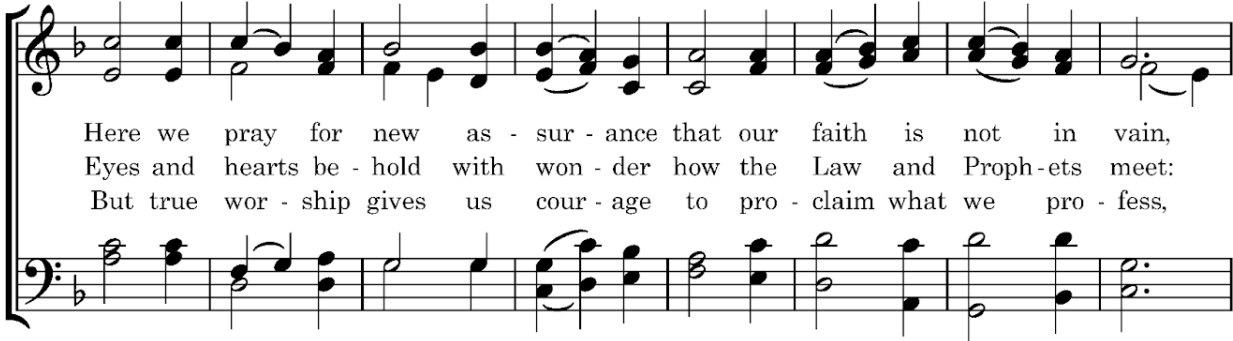
*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,  
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined Word,  
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,



Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.  
Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav - enly voice is heard.  
We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in vain,  
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet:  
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,



Search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
That our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you love us, but we do not love you fully.

You call us, but we don't always listen. We often walk away from our neighbor in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone hatred, warfare and greed. Help us to see our faults, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we repent and turn to you. You who lead us to life, as it is meant to be lived.

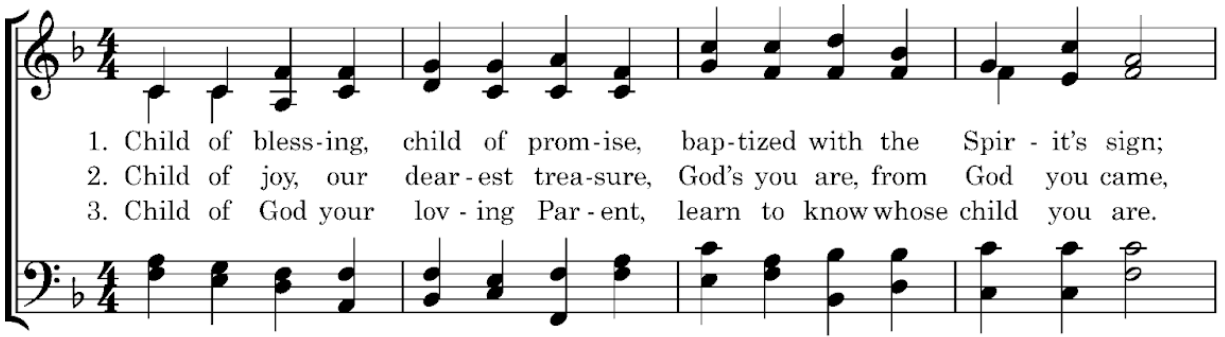
## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

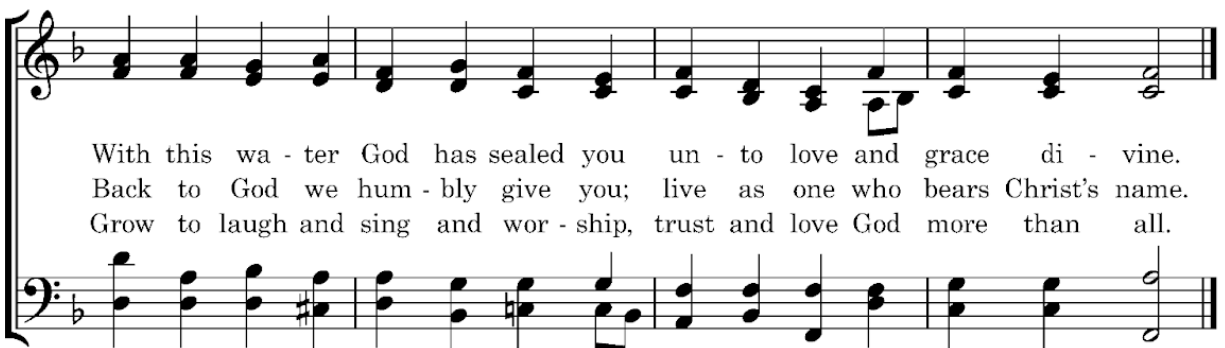
### RESPONSE

### *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

Ava Louise Grosshans, Wynne Evangeline Emmrich

Pastor: Ava and Wynne, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as children of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Ava and Wynne are 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 children, Ava and Wynne. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with these families as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.**

Pastor: Ava and Wynne, 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**

*Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.  
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),  
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
See previous hymn

v. 2 & 3

## SCRIPTURE

Kaili Emmrich

### *Matthew 17:1-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## \* 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

*Beautiful Things*

*Refrain*

The Refrain is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three measures. The first measure contains the lyrics 'You make beau - ti - ful things,\_' with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The second measure contains 'You make\_ beau - ti -' with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The third measure contains '- ful things out of the dust. \_' with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The staff ends with a double bar line.

You make beau - ti - ful things, \_ You make\_ beau - ti -  
- ful things out of the dust. \_ You make beau - ti - ful things,  
\_ You make beau - ti - ful things out of us. \_

*Verse*

The Verse is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains the lyrics 'You make me new, You are mak - ing\_ me new. \_' with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The second measure contains 'You make me new, You are mak - ing\_ me new. \_' with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The staff ends with a double bar line.

You make me new, You are mak - ing\_ me new. \_  
You make me new, You are mak - ing\_ me new. \_

SERMON

“Listen to Him”

Liz Nickerson

\* HYMN

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*



1. Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,
2. What do you want us to see there, that your close com - pan - ions saw?
3. What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
4. Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we, see you glo - ri - fied,
5. We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ,



We are daz - zled by your glo - ry, light as blind - ing as the sun.  
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.  
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:  
Where you shout - ed, “It is fin - ished!” where for all the world you died.  
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;



There pre - pare us for the night by the vi - sion of \_\_\_\_ that sight.  
Clothed in flesh like ours you go \_\_\_\_ matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
“Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery - one, \_\_\_\_ this is my be - lov - ed One!”  
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: \_\_\_\_ “This was God’s be - lov - ed One!”  
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: “You are God’s be - lov - ed One!”



OFFERTORY

*Festival Te Deum*

Benjamin Britten

Jen Kew, soprano

Chancel Choir

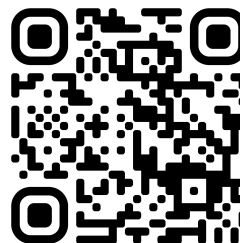
We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers there in,  
To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee,  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee, the Father of an  
infinite majesty;  
Thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When Thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
Thou did'st not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When Thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou did'st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou wilt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
Whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.  
Govern them, and lift them up forever.  
Day by day, we magnify Thee;  
And we worship Thy name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord.  
Let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.  
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

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**\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Matt Fitzgerald

**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

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek thou this soul\_ of  
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sion  
3. And so the yearn - ing strong With which the soul\_ will

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses provided.

mine, And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
long, Shall far our - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, continuing the three verses.

O Com-fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come the place

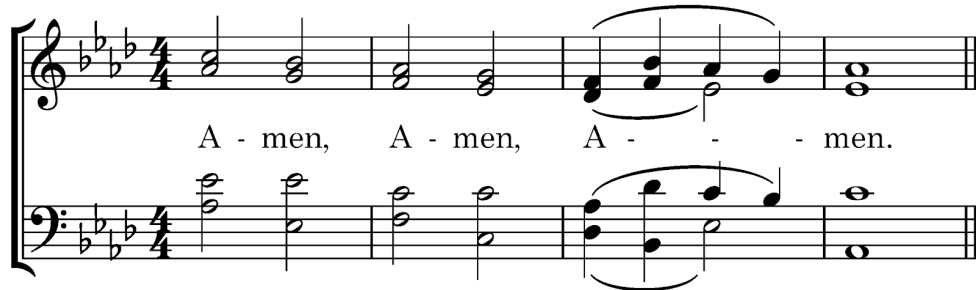
The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, continuing the three verses.

And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The melody and accompaniment end with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the staves, completing the three verses.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in E*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

David N. Johnson

***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, directly below the Sanctuary.***

### TODAY'S MUSIC

Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, ***For the Beauty of the Earth***, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

The text for ***We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*** was written in 1988 by Carl P. Daw Jr, (b. 1944). He is the American born son of a Baptist minister and received his Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Virginia. He is also an Episcopal priest who has served a number of congregations in Virginia. The words were 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*.

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

***Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*** is a text written in 1991 by Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008). He was born in Ohio of Czech parents and became a Lutheran pastor and university theologian. In addition, he was a poet and translated many Slovak texts. SILVER SPRING was composed in 1991 by Carl F. Schalk (1929-1921). He has a deep Chicago connection. He was on the faculty of Concordia University in River Forest, a long time member of Grace Lutheran Church, also in River Forest, and an editor for the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. His master's degree in composition was from Eastman School of Music and he composed countless pieces for worship.

***You Make Beautiful Things*** is a simple folk-like melody named BEAUTIFUL THINGS, with text and music authored by Michael (b. 1980) and Lisa (b. 1981) Gungor. They are a married couple who met as students at Oral Roberts University. Their band, Gungor, comprising three to 10 members, has sought to broaden its appeal beyond just Christian contemporary music.

Benjamin Britten, (1913-1976), composed this truly majestic and mysterious setting of Festival ***Te Deum***, the great Latin hymn, in 1944 for a centennial celebration of St. Marks, Swindon, England. It contrasts chant-like melodic lines at the beginning with an "outburst" from the choir on *Thou art the King of glory, O Christ*. The serene soprano solo is followed by a full-voiced plea from the choir, *Let me never be confounded*. The text is from the 6th century and of anonymous origin. An interesting note is that *Te Deum* was one of the very few non-biblical prayers to survive and be retained in the review by the Council of Trent held between 1545 and 1563. One of the main objectives of that council, beyond sparking a counter-Reformation movement, was to reduce or eliminate non-biblical parts of liturgy. It is a tribute to the power of this prayer that it survived that review.

The text for ***Come Down, O Love Divine*** was originally composed in Italian by Bianco de Siena (c. 1350-c. 1434) and translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890). Siena was a poet and wool worker who became a non-ordained Jesuit in 1367. Irish born Littledale became both an Anglican priest and lawyer. Due to lifelong illness, he spent much of his time writing. The tune, DOWN AMPNEY, was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in 1906. He was one of the greatest English composers of the 20th century. He composed nine symphonies, operas, numerous oratorios, and choral works.

***Trumpet Tune in E*** was composed by David N. Johnson (1922-1987), an American organist. He was a lecturer at Syracuse University and earlier the organ professor at St. Olaf College. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army Signal Corp in India, Burma and China. He was decorated for his service.

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

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

**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

**Scripture Reader:** Kaili Emmrich

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Doug Clark

**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 Catherine Myers on the anniversary of her passing. Thinking of this beloved wife, mother, and grandmother as we baptize her great-granddaughter, Wynne Emmrich today.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.*

- Feb 19 Simon Baurer
- Feb 20 Sonya Brizzolara, Sami Due, Sophia Riportella
- Feb 21 Albert Ettinger, Mike Fenstermacher, Andrew Dickson, Richard Koldyke, Jen Luerssen
- Feb 22 Jeff Braun, Mark Chernansky, Nathan Cata
- Feb 23 Andrew Razeghi, Colleen Scrivner
- Feb 34 Annie Jaussi, Char Damron, Dan Charlton, Joy Klaben, Hannah Hafner

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

### **FEB 22 - 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 26 - AED TRAINING - 11:15 a.m., East End of the Social Hall**

**Sponsored by the Connectors** (will repeat periodically based on interest)

Do you know what an AED is? Do you know where AEDs are located in your church? Most important, could you use one rapidly to possibly save a life? Come to the social hall following worship and learn.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a medical emergency that occurs when a sudden electrical malfunction causes the heart to stop beating. Immediate recognition and response using an AED to deliver a shock to the heart, if advised, greatly improves chances of survival. For each minute of delay, the odds of survival are reduced approximately 10%. SECONDS COUNT! LEARN NOW! Join us February 26!

### **FEB 28 - *JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED* BOOK DISCUSSION - 7 p.m., Zoom**

Famously known as the text that Martin Luther King Jr. sought inspiration from in the days leading up to the Montgomery bus boycott, Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* helped shape the civil rights movement and changed our nation's history forever. In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may

be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower--it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God's justice prevail. Join Pastor Jeff for a discussion over Zoom. Register for the Zoom link here: [tinyurl.com/yckb53cb](https://tinyurl.com/yckb53cb).

**MAR 3 - WINDY CITY WINDS "AN EVENING WITH JIM STEPHENSON"** - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Acclaimed composer James Stephenson will guest conduct Windy City Winds in four of his works in concert on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Bands and orchestras worldwide perform Stephenson's music, including the Chicago Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, and the U.S. Marine Band. The Lake Forest Symphony's recording of his *Symphony #3* was nominated for three Grammys. Learn more about Jim at [composerjim.com](https://composerjim.com). There will also be an audience raffle during the concert and a reception after so audience members can meet Jim. Admission is free and it will be live streamed at [spucc.org/streaming](https://spucc.org/streaming). Learn more about WCW and this concert at [windycitywinds.org](https://windycitywinds.org).

**MAR 5 - BUDGET REVIEW MEETING** - 11 a.m., East End of the Social Hall  
For those who want a more in-depth review of our budget before the Annual Meeting on March 12, St. Pauls Treasurer Sally Fletcher will present a preview of the 2023 budget on Sunday, March 5, following the 10 a.m. worship service.

**MAR 5 - ORGAN TOUR** - After Worship, Sanctuary  
We are blessed with an exceptional organist, Kevin Dzierzawski, and an equally wonderful instrument. With more than 5,000 pipes, 98 ranks and four manuals and pedals, our Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ imbues worship with a sense of wonder. Join Kevin after worship for a behind-the-scenes look at how our organ works, including a visit to the pipes and the blower. Due to space constraints, the tour is limited to the first ten participants. If spots have filled up or you'd be available another date, please register for the waitlist to be notified about future tours. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1625229](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1625229).

**MAR 7, 21 - RETIREMENT GROUP** - 10 a.m., Parlor  
The Retirement Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Think retirement is all grandkids and travel? It's not all Hallmark. Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info contact Marcia Knudson at (773) 480-4189 or [marciaknudson@gmail.com](mailto:marciaknudson@gmail.com).



**MAR 7, 14, 21, 28 - THE GOD OF TELEVISION: *LEANING TOWARD THE LIGHT* -**

6:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Beginning March 7, join your pastors on Tuesday evenings for a bowl of soup, a 15-minute sitcom episode starring God, and a lively conversation. Our Lent TV "study" will conclude with a Taizé service on March 28. Register here:

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1644309](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1644309).

**MAR 12 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary**

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls after worship on Sunday, March 12. We will vote on the 2023 budget, new members of the Church Council, and learn about the activities of 2022 and plans going into 2023. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice. You can attend the meeting and vote in-person or via Zoom Webinar.

Keep an eye on the meeting page for Zoom info and more details to come:

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1559452](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1559452).

**MAR 19 - REMEMBER - Duruflé *Requiem* in worship, 10 a.m.**

Our Chancel Choir will be joined by a chamber orchestra and Kevin Dzierzawski on organ to share this deeply moving way to remember those we grieve, those we have lost most recently, and those that we lost during the pandemic and were unable to mourn. Please join us for this time of remembrance and reflection.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHICAGO ELECTION WATCH 2023: Aldermanic Candidates.** The membership of the 50-member City Council will change substantially with the 2023 elections as it will have at least 15 new members compared with those elected in 2019, the last aldermanic election. Twelve aldermen are not running for re-election; and four additional members resigned during their terms and have been replaced by the mayor prior to this election. In addition, in May 2022, after months of debate, the City Council adopted new ward boundaries that created 19 White majority wards, 16 Black majority wards, 14 Latino majority wards, and (for the first time) one Asian American ward. This may change who is elected. Candidates are actively campaigning in most of these wards. St Pauls members are strongly encouraged to educate themselves about the candidates and to vote for those they feel will best represent their interests and the city.

## **TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

The news continues to unfold about the devastating earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria and the UCC is issuing an appeal to help recovery efforts. All donations will be deposited into the International Emergency Fund designated for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response." Your generous financial support will be used by UCC partners in the areas of greatest need for relief and long-term recovery. You can mail a check payable to the United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Turkey and Syria" on your check in the memo section. Or, you can give online by texting UCCDISASTER to 41444.

## **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 worship for about an hour in the Oscar Mayer Room, **2/26 and 3/5**. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or 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!"

## **LIGHTHOUSE NEWS**

This month our siblings at Lighthouse Church of Chicago are presenting a sermon series: "Black Presence in the Bible." They meet in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you've never joined Lighthouse for worship before, this would be a great time to do so! Lighthouse Church also streams online every week via Facebook Live.

## **ENROLL TODAY FOR ST. PAULS COMPASSION CAMP FOR KIDS!**

**Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs.** Kids will explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air, and community. Using Psalm 104 as our guide, kids will learn compassion for each other and the earth. We will have group activities, play games, sing songs, and spend quality time outside.

Days: Monday-Thursday in two 2-week sessions:

**Session 1:** July 10-13 & July 17-20 **Session 2:** July 24-27 & July 31-August 3

Preschoolers age 2-4: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Elementary school age 5-12: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**\*Register by March 15 to lock in Early Bird Pricing\***

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1617569)

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

**Black History is UCC History.** The predominantly white UCC, since its formation from several streams of tradition in 1957, has tended to regard Afro-Christian churches as merely a subset of one stream. What was invisible as a fifth stream in 1957, is fully visible and acknowledged by our Historical Council today. UCC Elder Rev. Yvonne Delk points out, "As we stop to examine who we are, we can learn much from this stream about faith, about spirit, about community, about justice, about freedom and liberation." Learn more about our history and our future here, [tinyurl.com/yckntu9h](https://tinyurl.com/yckntu9h).

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

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

Avoid highly processed foods. If a food product has been through many steps in manufacturing, with lots of ingredients coming from various places, the carbon footprint is higher for that product due to traveling, manufacturing and distribution. Think about a nutrition bar with a long list of ingredients versus a handful of plain nuts, which came from one source with minimal processing. Shop and eat smartly.

## **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. There are still many dates available this year!

Sign up for 2023 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246).

**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).

**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** – 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.

**SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS** – 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/1508612](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612).

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen 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](https://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 & 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. Please contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org) to be added to the list.

**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.*

- Family and friends of Dolores Pifer at her death. A memorial service will be held today in the sanctuary at 11:30 a.m.
- Pat Ruch, Ashley and Heather Cerkar, and friends of Al Cerkar at his death.
- Family and friends of Sonja Rae at her death.
- 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.
- 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.