

Palm Sunday  
April 2, 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.  
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.  
There is no Sunday School today.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:12-13

PRELUDE	<i>Processional</i> Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	William Mathias
CHIMES		
INTROIT	<i>Ride On! Ride On in Majesty</i> Chancel Choir	Graham George
WELCOME		Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Behold, the Prince of Peace comes to you,  
humble and riding on a donkey.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Blessed is the king,  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

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

\* PALM PROCESSIONAL

*Enter, Rejoice and Come In*



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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**Compassionate God, as we enter this Holy Week,  
we pray that you will forgive us our comfortable Christianity,  
which seeks the joy of Easter  
without the pain of the days that come before it.  
Turn our thoughts toward Jerusalem this week,  
that we might ride with Jesus through palm processions,  
and spend time with him in the upper room in communion,  
and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
and walk with him to Golgotha,  
and go with him through the valley of the shadow of death.  
And, then, O God, bring us to Easter with a renewed commitment to Christ  
and a new understanding of the day of resurrection. Amen**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

v. 1

1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.  
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

## SCRIPTURE

Renae Bradshaw

*John 15:9, 12–17*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## 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

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

vv. 2 & 3

See previous hymn

## SERMON

"The Secret"

Liz Nickerson

\* HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth be\_\_ found,  
2. Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we\_\_ prove;

Fix in us a hum - ble dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised rest;  
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, ne - ver - more your tem - ples leave.  
Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in\_\_ you;

Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure un - bound - ed love im - part.  
Take a - way our love of\_\_ sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga\_\_ be;  
You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels love,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to\_\_ glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.  
"Till we cast our crowns be - fore you, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

OFFERTORY

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Black Spiritual

Breanna Coe and Kecia Waldschmidt, soloists arr. Moses Hogan  
Chancel Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, the conquerin' King.  
Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can-a hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost over.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on, . . .

King Jesus rides a milk white horse.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
The ribber of Jordan he did cross.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on . . .

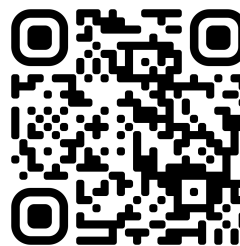
He's the King and the Lord.  
He's the first and the last.  
He's the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.  
No man can-a hinder thee.  
Oh ride on . . .

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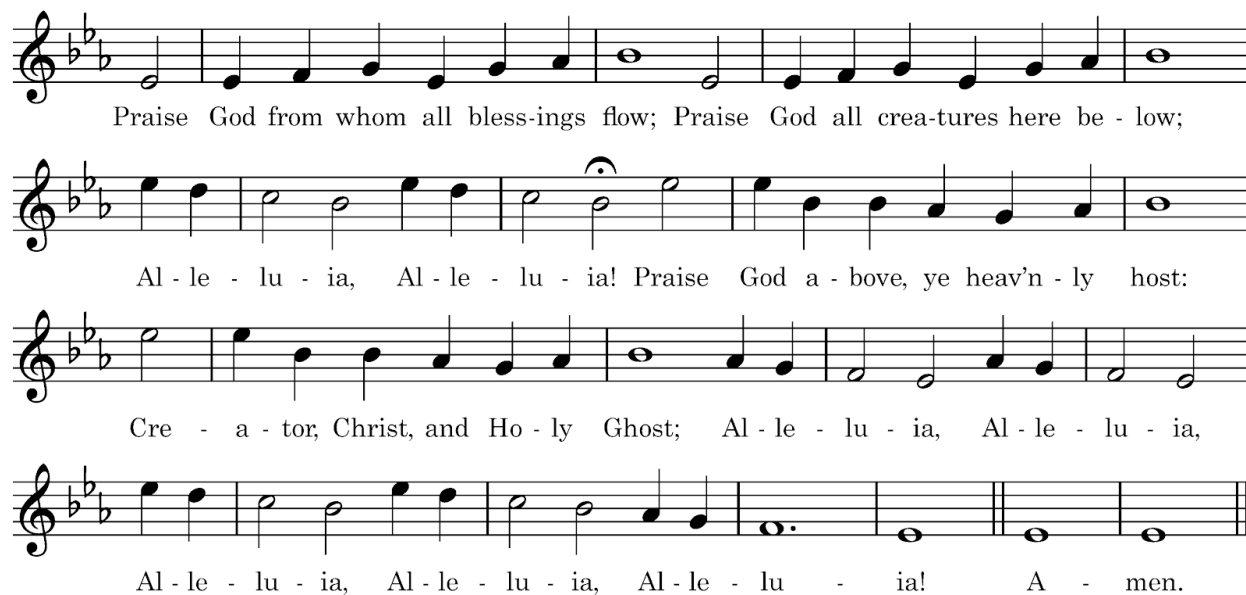
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\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jeff Carlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**



\* HYMN

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er King,

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er King,"



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!"



1. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms a - dorned your way;  
2. As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

The third system of the hymn introduces two verses. The lyrics are: "1. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms a - dorned your way; 2. As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,"



Our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The fourth system of the hymn concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day. whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway."

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

POSTLUDE

*Oh Happy Day!*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

Edwin Hawkins

Oh happy day  
When Jesus washed  
He washed my sins away!

Oh happy day ...

***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 to the ministry fair in the gym to learn about all the groups and ways to get involved at St. Pauls!  
Refreshments and coffee will be served. Children and their parents are invited to the Social Hall, for an egg hunt directly below the Sanctuary.***

## TODAY'S MUSIC

***ProceSSIONal*** was composed in 1964 by William Mathias (1934-1992). He was a Welsh composer who composed opera, chamber music, choral music, and works for orchestra. He was a child prodigy, beginning piano at age 3 and composing at age 5. One of his best known works, *Let the People Praise Thee, O Lord* was written on commission for the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1982. It is an anthem that our Chancel Choir has often sung in worship.

The powerful Palm Sunday text for ***Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*** was penned in 1827 by Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868). In addition to being a poet, he was also a distinguished court physician and theologian. The stately tune, THE KING'S MAJESTY, was composed in 1939 by Graham George (1912-1993). He was a Canadian of English birth. He was also an organist, choir and orchestra director, and professor of music theory. He studied composition with Paul Hindemith at Yale University.

***Enter, Rejoice and Come In*** was composed in the 1970s by Louise Ruspini (1900-2000), who also provided the text, and is based on Psalm 100. The tune borrows from the first line of the refrain: ENTER, REJOICE.

***Hosanna! Loud Hosanna*** is a rousing Palm Sunday text written in 1873 by Jeanette Threlfall (1821-1880). She led a difficult life. She was orphaned at a very early age and suffered an accident which left her an invalid for the rest of her days. She became a lay minister to many and exuded grace. The tune, ELLACOMBE, is of German origin but unattributed and was first published in a hymnal in 1784. In the 19th century, the tune was named for a village in Devonshire.

The text for ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words are set to the tune BEECHER by John Zundel (1815-1882) and named after the famed preacher Henry Ward Beecher. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well known tune for this text is HYFRYDOL.

In his all too brief life, Moses Hogan (1957-2003) continued and added to the great tradition of spiritual arrangement that includes William Dawson. He recorded a number of compact discs and wrote solo arrangements for singers like Kathleen Battle. ***Ride On, King Jesus*** is a well known spiritual that was made memorable across decades of St. Pauls Palm Sunday services by the Chancel Choir's beloved long-term bass soloist, Ron McCowan. This arrangement by Moses Hogan was a gift to the choir in Ron's honor from Jana O'Brien and Wayne Parman. Mr. Hogan was commissioned by St. Pauls to write *I Gotta Home in-a Dat Rock* in honor of Ron McCowan's 25 years of service to this congregation.

The text for ***All Glory, Laud and Honor*** is attributed to Theodulph, Bishop of Orléans (750-821). He was Italian by birth and was brought to the French court by Charles the Great. The familiar translation we sing was written in 1854 by J.M. Neale (1818-1866), who translated many hymn texts into English, including *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. He was a member of the British clergy and struggled with ill health his entire life. The tune name was dedicated to Theodulph at a later date. The tune was composed by German composer Melchior Teschner (1584-1635). One of the places he studied was Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Lutheran faith.

***O Happy Day*** was composed by Edwin Hawkins (1943-2018). He was an artist of wide ranging talents: gospel musician, singer, pianist, composer, arranger, and choir master. He was born in Oakland, CA, and was already playing keyboards at age 7 for his family's gospel group. *O Happy Day* is his most performed and remembered work.

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

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

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

**Scripture Reader:** Renae Bradshaw

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

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Doug Clark, Cheryl Kennedy, Glen Timmerman

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

## BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

*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.*

April 2 Alexander Cittadine, Aubrey Palkon, Kate Weiskirch, Reese Carter,  
Peter Wiebe, Sam Riportella, Grady Hartanov  
April 3 Laura Schalekamp, Terra Johnson, MacKenzie Rogers  
April 4 Peter Doerr, Kyle DuPont  
April 5 Mandy Key, Alexis Palkon  
April 6 Jennifer Kew, Will Jackson  
April 7 Anita Wiebe, Lois Basil, Nancy Hanson, Jason Wu

## LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

THU, APRIL 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 p.m.  
Dinner Church, please RSVP  
  
FRI, APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.  
Communion, Tenebrae with choir  
  
SUN, APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Communion, choir, brass

*Scan here  
for Lent Info:*



*See more info in the calendar announcements.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

*\* Events marked with an asterisk are in a non-wheelchair accessible location.*

*Contact the church office or group leader for more information.*

### **TODAY - PALM SUNDAY MINISTRY FAIR - 11 a.m., Gym**

There are many ways to get involved at St. Pauls, make connections and use your God-given gifts, but you might not know where to start or might like to try something new. After Palm Sunday worship today, come to our ministry fair, meet representatives from the varied groups and committees within our church, and find out more about how to get involved. There's a place for everyone at St. Pauls!

### **TODAY - EASTER EGG HUNT - 11 a.m., Social Hall**

Parents and children are invited to search for hidden eggs in the Social Hall and then return them to the gym for a goodie bag.

### **TODAY - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - 11 a.m., Gym**

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 gym 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.

### **APR 5 & 12 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY HOLY WEEK - 12 p.m., Zoom**

We'll be looking at texts from Matthew for Holy Week on three Wednesdays: Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Easter. RSVP to Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **APR 9 - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS - Narthex**

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is Easter Sunday for April. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to a 64 oz. container). Leave items in the Narthex bin.

**Needed Items:** cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

**APR 11 - CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: THREAT TO CHRISTIANITY & DEMOCRACY**

- 7:30 p.m., Elmhurst University, Hammerschmidt Chapel.

Join Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the UCC, in a public lecture/conversation on this growing reality in our nation, Christian Nationalism: what it is and what it is not. The evening is open to all and free of charge.

Registration and encouraging information here, [tinyurl.com/2a9n2bdv](https://tinyurl.com/2a9n2bdv).

**APR 16 - PANCAKE CHURCH - 10 a.m., Gym**

Our April 16 worship moves to the gym for the return of Pancake Church! We'll sit at tables, have breakfast, and worship together. Our youth who are going to Tucson in June for a week of service and learning with ministries serving immigrants will be cooking and serving. Our free will offering that Sunday will go to support their fundraising goal of \$10,000. You can also support their trip online on our giving page by selecting "Youth Mission Trip."

**APR 16 - EXPAND OUR OPENNESS INFO MEETINGS - 11 a.m., Social Hall**

The Church Council is pleased to announce the formation of the Building Accessibility Task Force with the purpose of solidifying the extraordinary progress of the Expand our Openness and Accessibility work over the last several years. COVID disrupted this project and with the time that has passed, it has become necessary to review the overall timeline and building needs. Please plan to join if you have questions about the next steps as we prayerfully discern Phase II of this critical project to ensure that SPUCC remains a welcoming church to all who worship and lean into God's call for each of us in our beloved space.

**APR 18 - RETIREMENT GROUP - 10 a.m., Parlor\***

The Retirement Group meets on the third Tuesday 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).

**APR 23 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room**

Join pastors, members, and others curious about St. Pauls for our Spring 2023 New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet in the Oscar Mayer Room after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1688047](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1688047)

**APR 23 - ARCHIVES TOUR - 11:15 a.m., Archive Rooms\***

What can you find in 60+ file drawers, four large cabinets, 14 shelves, nine flat boxes, digitally saved computer files, and the southwest corner of the Clark Street Bridge? Our church history! St. Pauls documents, photos and artifacts are housed in four archive rooms in the church. If you would like to tour these rooms and learn more about the history of our church, join church archivist Barb Arsenault. We will meet in the Sanctuary Lobby at the bottom of the stairs at 11:15 a.m. The rooms are small, so we are limited to seven people. If the registration is full and/or you'd be available another date, please sign up for the waitlist. Sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1691915](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1691915)

**APR 29 - REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY - 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Chicago West Side**

Join us for "Rebuilding Together Day" to rebuild a family's home on Chicago's West Side. We need people of all skill levels. Working with union electricians and plumbers, we will transform a home in one day. Anyone 10 and older can participate. Contact Gerald Wilk for more information: [gciwilk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gciwilk@sbcglobal.net). Sign up to participate here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697608](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697608).

**MAY 7 - THE BIG PAYBACK MOVIE AND DISCUSSION -11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room**

*The Big Payback* follows the fight in Evanston to pass a tax-funded reparations bill, and in Washington, DC, to pass HR40, a bill to examine the merits of introducing reparations for slavery to African Americans.

More than 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, the Black community still bears the burdens of state-sanctioned racial discrimination. It's time for common sense, locally driven reparations policies that begin to remedy the impact of centuries of racial discrimination against Black Americans. We invite you on this journey to breathe new life into the discussion about reparations and help communities across the U.S. reimagine what justice and equality can look like.

Facilitator Kirk Chernansky will lead us on an exploration of the full components of reparations, why it matters for all of us, and what roles we can play. Optional lunch for \$10 when you register: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1708933](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1708933).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Celebrate or remember a loved one by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Remaining flowers will be donated to our senior members and neighbors.

Registrations must be completed **by tomorrow, April 3** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1648145](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1648145), or fill out and return the paper form at the end of the bulletin.



## **LUTHER IN A YEAR**

Join Pastor Matt to go back in time more than 500 years for "Luther in a Year." We will read Martin Luther's most important works, and the work of his best modern critics. At the year's end, you will understand the beliefs Saint Paul's stands upon, you will be changed by thrilling ideas and great conversation, Christ's importance will be underlined, you will know one of history's most outrageous characters, and your faith will be strengthened. You might also be surprised by what a filthy vocabulary Martin Luther had. We will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom, **beginning April 10**. Reading list will be shared upon registration. Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1656138).

## **ENROLL 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.

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

## **VOLUNTEER WITH LPCS**

Lincoln Park Community Services has a new volunteer opportunity on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. You will prepare lunches for their street outreach program and welcome folks coming for drop-in services such as taking a shower or doing their laundry. This is a perfect opportunity for retirees or folks with free time during the day. LPCS provides the food. To learn more about this program, contact volunteer coordinator Lynne Brenan at

[lynnebrenan@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnebrenan@yahoo.com) or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here:

[tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx](https://tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx)

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

**Visit our Sharing Justice Library at the Ministry Fair!** What do you want to understand better about how to create a more just world? What have you read that has helped you see racial justice issues more clearly? Look for our rolling shelf at coffee hour to borrow or donate a book to expand our capacity for beloved community. Both adult and children's books are available. Additional recommendations can be found at [spucc.org/serve-justice](https://spucc.org/serve-justice). Scroll down for the link to Racial Justice Resources.

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

### **FOR OUR TEENS**

#### **RE-EVALUATE CAREER POSSIBILITIES**

A green career can be any occupation that is affected by activities such as conserving energy, developing alternative energy, reducing pollution, or recycling. Ask your school's career counselor about these and other green career options from the U. S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network:

#### Changing Skill Green Occupations

Construction Managers – green construction and retrofitting

Public Relations Specialists – marketing green products or services

Farmers and Ranchers – expanding sustainable farming practices

#### Higher Demand Green Occupations

Bus Drivers – increased demand for public transit

Agricultural Inspectors – increased demand for organic and sustainable farming techniques and new government regulations

Carpenters and Carpenter Helpers – green construction and retrofitting projects

#### New Green Occupations

Energy Auditors – determine how energy efficient homes or buildings are

Chief Sustainability Officers – oversee green activities at their organizations

Wind Energy Engineers – design and develop wind farm systems

## **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 Hall. 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 2023/24 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 a.m.-12:00 p.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.*

- Mary Frances Winking's stepfather, Melvin, recovering from a stroke.
- Colleen, the wife of a friend of Brian Hafner's, who has suffered multiple strokes.
- Pat Kirby's friend, Mike, for a surgery and recovery complicated by a chronic health condition.
- Cheryl Kuba's friend, Nancy, in a second journey through cancer.
- For Kim Brunssen, dear friend of Kurt Hansen, moving into hospice care.
- Comfort, strength & peace to those dealing with death of loved ones.
- Pat Ruch, Ashley and Heather Cerkkan, and friends of Al Cerkkan at his death.
- 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.
- For the safety of Steve Schwartzberg's friend, Anthony.
- David, a 28-year-old recovering from an emergency operation.
- 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.

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Celebrate or remember a loved one or friend by ordering a flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Flowers may be picked up after the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Remaining flowers will be donated to our senior members and neighbors. Please enclose \$30 or more per plant with this order form.

**Please print legibly.**

**In Celebration of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**In Memory of** *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**From** *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate with your payment, or mail it to:  
St. Pauls UCC  
Attn: Easter Flowers  
2335 N. Orchard St., Chicago, IL 60614

Completed orders must arrive **by tomorrow, April 3** to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

ABOUT ST. PAULS  
*Making a Joyful Sound in the City!*

St. 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.