

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Remember - Duruflé Requiem
March 26, 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.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

Remember (rə-mĕm-br) - the *action* of recalling a memory; in the case of the dead, especially in a ceremony.

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest.

Translation of In paradisum from the Requiem mass

PRELUDE *Praeludium, Allegro vivace* Edvard Grieg
from Holberg Suite, Op. 40
Strings of the orchestra

CHIMES

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remember - God gave us his Son, his only Son, Jesus Christ.

All: We remember God's gifts, Jesus Christ and the gift of those that share or have shared their lives and love with us.

One: Remember - God's love is eternal.

All: We remember God loves us, so we can do nothing less than love God wholly even in the midst of sadness.

One: Remember and hold fast to God's love.

All: We remember God IS LOVE!

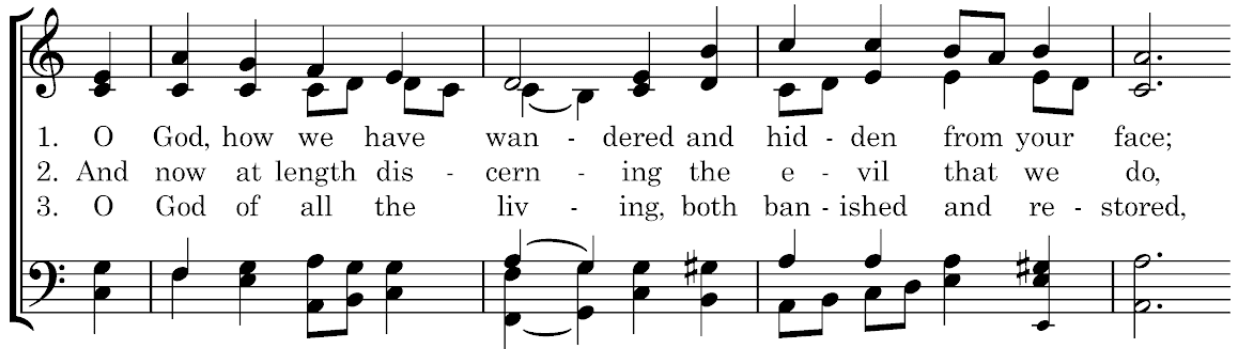
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*Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.
If you would like to accompany your child(ren),
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

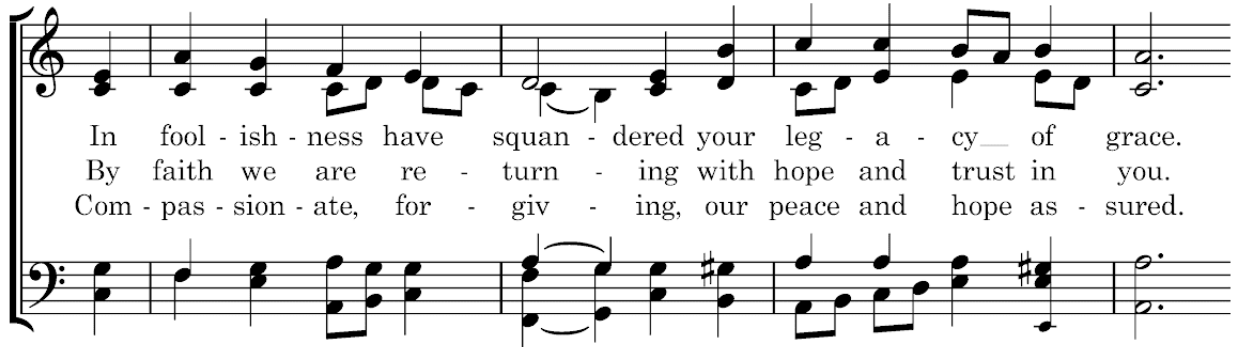
* HYMN

O God, How We Have Wandered

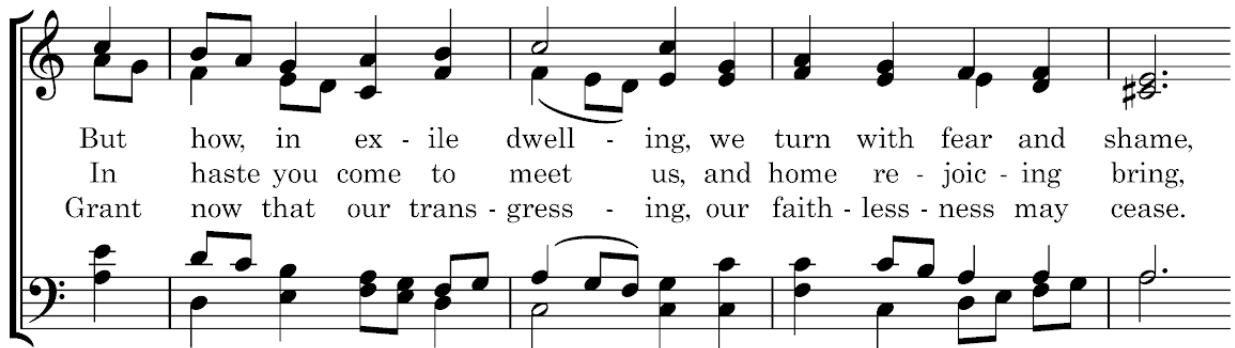
vv. 1 & 3



1. O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2. And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3. O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

ANTHEM

Requiem Op. 9

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ
Chancel Choir and orchestra
Kurt R. Hansen, conductor

Maurice Duruflé
(1902–1986)

Introit

*Requiem aeternam. Dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them.

Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion,

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in
Zion,

et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem.

And a vow shall be paid to thee in
Jerusalem.

*Exaudi orationem meam, ad et omnis
caro veniet.*

Hear my prayer. All flesh shall come
before you.

Requiem aeternam . . .

Eternal rest give unto them . . .

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Fitzgerald

**Why do we have to go through these 40 days and 40 nights of Lent?
Can't we just skip the death part and jump directly to the joy and victory of
Easter?**

Help us with our impatience and unbelief.

**Help us to sit through all the preparation for an ending before the new
beginning.**

Help us to lay our burdens down so we have more space for you.

Help us to cast aside our fears and doubts so we can revel in your love.

Help us to believe those words we say every Sunday,

**“In life and death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.”**

Help us to say today and every day, “Thanks be to God;” and mean it.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORAL RESPONSE

Domine Jesu Christe
Lee Lichamer, baritone

*Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
libera animas omnium fidelium
defunctorum
de poenis inferni
et de profundo lacu.
Libera eas de ore leonis
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,
ne cadant in obscurum;
Sed signifer sanctus Michael
repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam,
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini eius.*

Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory,
deliver the souls of all the faithful
departed
from the pains of Hell
and the bottomless pit.
Deliver them from the jaws of the lion,
lest hell engulf them,
lest they be plunged into darkness;
but let the holy standard-bearer Michael
lead them into the holy light,
as once you promised to Abraham
and to his seed.

*Hostias et preces tibi, Domine
laudis offerimus
tu suscipe pro animabus illis,
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.
Fac eas, Domine, de morte
transire ad vitam.
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini ejus.*

Lord, in praise we offer you
Sacrifices and prayers,
accept them on behalf of those
who we remember this day:
Lord, make them pass
from death to life,
as once you promised to Abraham
and to his seed.

Sanctus

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth!
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine.
Hosanna in excelsis!*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Pie Jesu

Breanna Coe, mezzo-soprano

Phillip Lee, cello

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.

Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest.

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem,
sempiternam.*

Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them
eternal rest.

SCRIPTURE

Todd Coe

John 3: 13–18 (The Message)

No one has ever gone up into the presence of God except the One who came down from that Presence, the Son of Man. In the same way that Moses lifted the serpent in the desert so people could have something to see and then believe, it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up—and everyone who looks up to him, trusting and expectant, will gain a real life, eternal life.

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

* A 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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

vv. 1 & 3

1. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me_ and rest;
2. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___ am this lost world's Light,

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on_ my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I ___ came to Je - sus as I was, so_ wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I ___ came to Je - sus, and I drank of_ that life - giv - ing stream;
I ___ looked to Je - sus, and I found my_ guid - ing Star, my Sun;

And there I found a_ rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of life I'll go till_ trav - eling days are done.

OFFERTORY

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world,
Grant them rest.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world,
Grant them eternal rest.

Lux aeterna

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.*

Let everlasting light shine upon them,
Lord, with Thy saints forever,
for Thou art merciful.

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis,
quia pius es.*

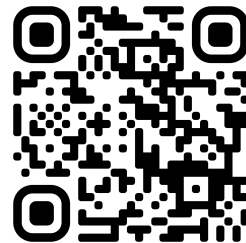
Grant them eternal rest, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them, for Thou art merciful.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Liz Nickerson

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.**

RESPONSE

Libera me
Lee Lichamer, baritone

*Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra,*

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death
on that awful day
when the heavens and earth shall be
shaken

*dum veneris iudicare saeculum per
ignem.*

and you shall come to judge the world
by fire.

*Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et
miseriæ,
dies magna et amara valde
Dum veneris iudicare saeculum per
ignem.*

That day, day of wrath, calamity and
misery,
day of great and exceeding bitterness,
When thou shalt come to judge the
world by fire.

*Tremens factus sum ego et timeo,
dum discussion venerit atque venture
ira:
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra.*

I am seized with fear and trembling
until the trial is at hand and the wrath
to come:
when the heavens and earth shall be
shaken.

In paradisum

*In paradisum deducant angeli;
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyrus
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise;
at your coming may the martyrs
receive you
and lead you to the holy city of
Jerusalem.

*Chorus angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the chorus of angels receive you
and with Lazarus, once poor,
may you have eternal rest.

* BENEDICTION

Liz Nickerson

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Requiem sempiternam
Eternal rest

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

***Please join us after worship in the Social Hall for an informational meeting
about the next phase of our Expand Our Openness Campaign.***

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks
downstairs in the Gym.***

A Remembrance Gift - At the end of worship, you will find baskets in the Narthex and near the office entrance to the Sanctuary with packets of seeds of Forget-Me-Not flowers. These flowers will bloom as your memory warms for the loved ones you remember.

TODAY'S MUSIC

The 3Rs -Rejoice, Remember, Renew - This is our special music and giving theme for 2023. In December, we **Rejoiced** with the *Gloria* by Poulenc as our Christmas cantata. Today, we have a Lenten service of **Rememberance** with the *Requiem* by Duruflé. In May, we will **Renew** with a new work we have commissioned by Joseph Thalken.

The Duruflé *Requiem* is offered in loving memory of **John Foster Weldon** by the Weldon and Perce families with a generous contribution to the Sam Hill Music Fund. John was a member of St. Pauls Chancel Choir at the time of his death in April 1980. The families are grateful to the Chancel Choir, the staff and the congregation of St. Pauls for their love and support of John throughout his illness. This generous gift has underwritten the entire cost of our orchestra and singers this morning.

We also remember those we love who were lost during the pandemic, recently within our church family, gun violence in our city and country, in the natural disaster in Turkey and Syria, and those that are still dealing with grief and the effects of the pandemic whether physical, mental or spiritual.

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986) was a world renown organist and composer. His *Requiem Op. 9* is arguably the best known and most often performed of his works. The work was begun in May 1941 on a commission from the Vichy government in occupied France. It was not completed until September 1947, after the liberation of France and the end of World War II. What makes Duruflé's setting of the requiem unique is his use of the prescribed chants from the "Mass for the Dead" in the *Liber Usualis*. He then set those "melodies" polyphonically for choir and created an organic accompaniment first for just organ, then added two additional versions that include chamber orchestra, which is the version you will hear today, and another for full orchestra.

The overall sense of Duruflé's setting is one of transcendental serenity and peace rather than a sense of judgment, dread and fear so often associated with other famous settings of the requiem mass by Mozart, Berlioz, Verdi, and Dvořák. Duruflé also chose to follow the lead of Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) whose 1890 setting of the requiem included two added movements, *Pie Jesu* (Blessed Jesus) and *In paradisum* (Into paradise). These portions of the requiem mass add to the serenity and promise of the redeeming love of God.

In addition to the choir, soloists and orchestra, the real “stars” of any presentation are the organist and the organ. The Duruflé *Requiem* is truly an extended concerto for organ. It requires an artist of the caliber of our Kevin Dzierzawski and an organ with the broad palette of colors that our Aeolian-Skinner organ, the “Phoenix,” possesses. Duruflé had a rich musical life. In 1939, Francis Poulenc chose Duruflé to play the premier performance of his *Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani*. He studied with both Charles Tournemire and Paul Dukas. His own students included Pierre Cochereau and Marie-Claire Alain. Madame Alain played the rededication recital of our organ in 2000.

Praeludium from the *Holberg Suite* was composed in 1884 by Edvard Grieg (1843–1907). The original score was for solo piano, but Grieg adapted this beautiful transcription for string orchestra. It was composed as part of a festival marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Ludvig Holberg (1684–1754), who was a beloved Danish-Norwegian humanist playwright. The subtitle is “in the olden style,” making use of folk dance forms. The joyful lyric music is a perfect opening for our “pink Sunday,” *Laetare* (Rejoice).

The opening hymn, *O God, How We Have Wandered*, harkens to St. Pauls’ German heritage. The tune is PASSION CHORALE or *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*. The English text many are familiar with is *O Sacred Head Sore Wounded*. The chorale melody dates from the early 17th Century and is by Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612). The harmonization is by Bach, and the text we sing today was composed in 1980 by Kevin Nichols (1929–2006). He was a Roman Catholic priest in England.

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night was composed and text also written by Charles P. Jones (1865–1949) in 1910. The tune is the composer's last name, JONES. The Reverend Jones was an African American and founder of the Church of Christ. He composed more than 1,000 gospel hymns, both music and texts.

Chancel Choir

Kurt R. Hansen - Music Director

Kevin Dzierzawski, Organist

Karina Kontorovitch, Rehearsal pianist

Sopranos

Katie Alrutz

Christie DeForest

Gay Kelly

Jennifer Kew

Karin Magnuson +

Nancy Pifer *

Maire O'Brien

Ashley Saluga

Grace Stauskas

Meg Tazelaar

Kecia Waldschmidt

Pam Woll

Altos

Cindy Ball

Amy Barton

Lois Basil

Carrie Bettler

Terry Brancaccio Hansen

Carrie Bruggers - Librarian

Breanna Coe *

Micki Fayhee

Karen Johnson

Winnie Kearns

Jana O'Brien +

Amy Petersen Beck

Pat Ruch

Tenors

Todd Coe

Andy Davis

Doug Heyboer +

Joe JaQuay

Rick Peterson

Nathan Streeter *

Basses

Chris Bettler

Bill Borden

Jim Brandt +

Jeff Carlson

Allen Heineman

Graham Hicks

Mark Huddle

Julian Jarzebowski

Lee Lichamer *

Mark Mosley

Mark Swanson

Doug Walters

* Section leader

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First Violins

Hannah Barton, Concertmaster ^

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Violas

Alex Giger

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Cellos

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Bass

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Trumpets

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Harp

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Timpani

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

Scripture Reader: Todd Coe

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

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Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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Custodian: Fernando Diaz

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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.

Mar 26 Anna Titcomb, Bill Rodriguez, Mark Swanson, Matthew Scholes, Molly
Dierks, Andrew Hein, Nick Richardson

Mar 27 Melinda Morrissey, Michael Weiskirch, Emmett Sheehan, Ivy Combs,
Katie Sheehan

Mar 28 Adam Houser, Charlotte Crouch

Mar 29 Keeley Chamberlain, Jennifer Poynton

Mar 30 Brendan Henry, Mark Pellegrino

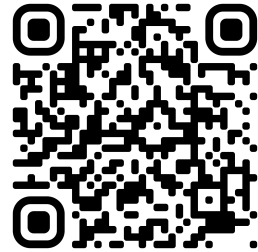
Mar 31 Diana Penniman, Will Quinton

April 1 Susan Schwendener, Collin Panko

LENT & EASTER AT ST. PAULS

- TUES, MAR 28 LENTEN TAIZÉ - 7 p.m.
Service of meditation and prayer
- SUN, APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
Palm branches, songs
- 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

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for Lent Info:*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar.

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

Contact the church office or group leader to learn more.

TODAY & 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. Two informational sessions will be held with this task force on Sundays, March 26 and April 16. 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.

MAR 29, 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.

MAR 31 - BE A KID AGAIN GAME NIGHT - 7 p.m., Parlor*

Ever wonder what it would be like to play hide and seek at St. Pauls? Adults of all ages are welcome to join St. Pauls Social and hosts Jen Luerssen and Wendy Love for a "Be a Kid Again Game Night." Games include Hide and Seek, Sardines and others. Playing the games will be fun, but is not mandatory for those looking to have a more low-key evening of fellowship. Bring a snack and drink to share. Please RSVP, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1666817

APR 2 - 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 worship on Palm Sunday, 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!

APR 2 - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - 11 a.m., 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.

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 with 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. Information and encouraging information here, tinyurl.com/2a9n2bdv.

APR 26 - PANCAKE CHURCH - 10 a.m., Gym

Our April 26 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 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.

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

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

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 the 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: gcjwilk@sbcglobal.net. Sign up to participate here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697608.

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 April 3** for inclusion in the Easter Bulletin. Register here: 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 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.

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

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 or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here:

tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

REDUCE WATER USAGE

From: American Museum of Natural History

It takes a lot of energy and water to produce everything we use and buy.

BE A WATER SAVER:

Drink tap water instead of bottled water.

Turn off faucets when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes.

Take shorter showers.

Ask your parents to fix any leaks you notice.

Cool off with spray bottles or soakers, in the summer, instead of using sprinklers.

Eat more fruits and veggies. It takes more water and energy to produce animal products.

Work with your parents on a family recycling plan.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Visit our Sharing Justice Library! 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. Scroll down for the link to Racial Justice Resources.

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, or Pastor Jeff, 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.

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.

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – Follow this link for additional information: 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 or Rick Peterson at 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. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at 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

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.

ST. PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at stpaulsocial@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

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.

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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (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. Register here: 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.

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.

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 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 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.

- 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 Cerkan, and friends of Al Cerkan 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.

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Please print legibly.

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

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

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

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 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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Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



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.