



Service of Installation
April 30, 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

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; God will rejoice
over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with
loud singing. *Zephaniah 3:17*

PRELUDE	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged</i>	Dan Locklair
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

INTROIT	<i>God, Who Summons Through All Ages</i>
	Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME	Matt Fitzgerald
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* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, you are always with us!

All: And always on your way toward us!

One: Come, Risen One, alight upon our lives!

All: Shine upon us! Lift us up!

One: Come to us in wonder and need!

All: Step into our joy today! Amen.

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

* HYMN

To You O God All Creatures Sing

vv. 1-4



1. To you O God, all crea - tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2. Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3. Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4. To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery
5. Now we who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our



- thing sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en
sky sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire, boun - ti - ful and
way, sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra - grant
part, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! To you we lift our pain and



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es,
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,
care, re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear, sing - ing prais - es,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**O God, you gather us together
to save us from isolation.
You want us to rejoice in each other.
But we still find ways to be alone.
Forgive us for choosing seclusion
over the hard work of community.
Convinced we can sustain ourselves,
we hide our suffering and ignore our joy.
Shake us free from such loneliness!
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my___ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I___ heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
Thou my___ best___ thought, by day or by night,___
Thou and___ thou___ on - ly, first in my heart,___
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy___ pres - ence my light.
Rul - er of heav - en, my___ trea - sure thou art.

SCRIPTURE

Patricia Kirby

Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Ephesians 4:1-7 (the passage from Ephesians will be read as part of the sermon)

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

*** 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

We Have Gathered Jesus Dear

1. We have gath - ered, Je - sus dear, we have come to
 2. All our in - tel - lec - tual dreams come to noth - ing,
 3. Born of God, true light of light, Ho - ly Spir - it,

watch and lis - - ten. Fix our minds, our sens - es clear,
 fade at day - break. All our hope - ful plots and schemes,
 pure, un - fail - - ing: All our fac - ul - ties ex - cite,

to re - ceive your heaven - ly les - son. Please im - prove our
 start in pre - tense, end in heart - ache. Thought - ful speech, and
 ears and heart and mouth un - seal - ing: Then, through Je - sus'

con - cen - tra - tion: draw us in - to con - tem - pla tion.
 ac - tive jus - tice, you ac - com - plish these with - in us.
 me - di - a - tion, God will hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

SERMON

"The Spirit Leads On!"

Chuck Mize

* HYMN

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions



live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to__ seek to__ dream God's
stone to__ heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as__ words with -



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.__

OFFERTORY

The Heaven Are Telling
from The Creation

Franz Joseph Haydn

Nancy Pifer, Nathan Streeter, & Lee Lichamer; soloists

Recitative: The space immense of the azure sky,
A countless host of radiant orbs adorns.
And the sons of God announced the fourth day
In song divine, proclaiming thus his power.

Chorus: The heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Trio: Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.

Chorus: The heavens . . .

Trio: In all the lands resounds the word
Never unperceived, ever understood.

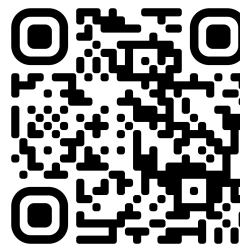
Chorus: The heavens are telling . . .

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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.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION

Ben Emmrich
President of the Congregation

St. Pauls United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Rev. Liz Nickerson as an Associate Pastor and respectfully requests that the Chicago Metropolitan Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the Faith and Order of the United Church of Christ.

AFFIRMATION

Rev. Dr. Terrill Murff
Associate Conference Minister
Illinois Conference of the UCC

The Chicago Metropolitan Association has reviewed the request of St. Pauls United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Rev. Nickerson and we are pleased to install her as your Associate Pastor. Pastor Liz, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

INSTRUCTION

Installation is the action of an Association of the United Church of Christ, in cooperation with a local church. This installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship between this Pastor, this local church, the Association, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that all covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ, and of the ecumenical church.

EXHORTATION

Hear these words from the apostle Paul; "We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love, because of the work they do." We urge you, our brother in ministry; warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with all. See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times, make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you in your ministry and in your life in Jesus Christ.

COVENANT

Dear Friends, St. Pauls United Church of Christ has declared; that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called the Rev. Liz Nickerson to minister in this place as its Associate Pastor, and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry. The Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ has declared that she meets all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Liz, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry at St. Pauls United Church of Christ, are you willing to enter into this covenant with its members who are one in Christ, and with us in the Chicago Metropolitan Association?

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the Sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Jeff Carlson

Members of St. Pauls United Church of Christ, will those who are able please rise and affirm your covenant with your new Pastor and Teacher?

We, the members of St. Pauls United Church of Christ receive Pastor Liz Nickerson as our Pastor and Teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the Gospel, and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Members of the Chicago Metropolitan Association and other denominations, will you please rise and affirm your covenant with St. Pauls United Church of Christ, and our new Pastor and Teacher?

We, the members of the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church USA gather with you, the people and Pastors of St Pauls United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Matt Fitzgerald

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant Pastor Liz Nickerson, to whom the care of your people in this Church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon her, on the people of St. Pauls United Church of Christ and on all the churches of this Association and Conference, that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and proclaiming the resurrected Christ in the midst of this pluralistic world. Guard us all against the snares of temptation, that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and strong against all evil. And, at the last, by your grace, receive us into your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, now and forever more ...

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.**

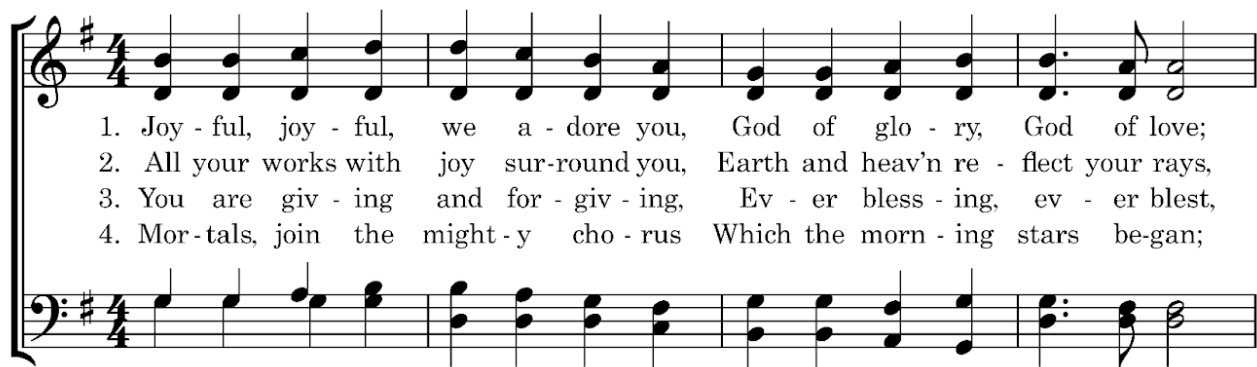
DECLARATION

Terrill Murff

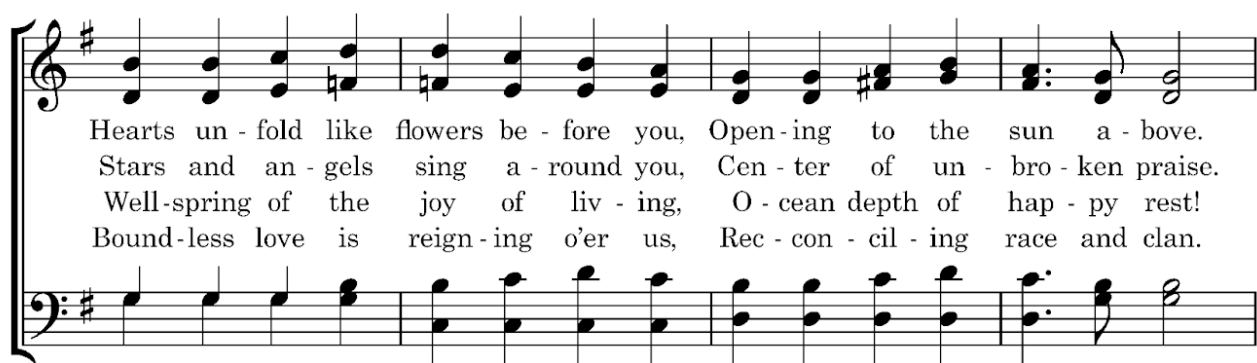
Pastor Liz, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as Pastor and Teacher of this church. May God bless your work now and forever more.

* HYMN

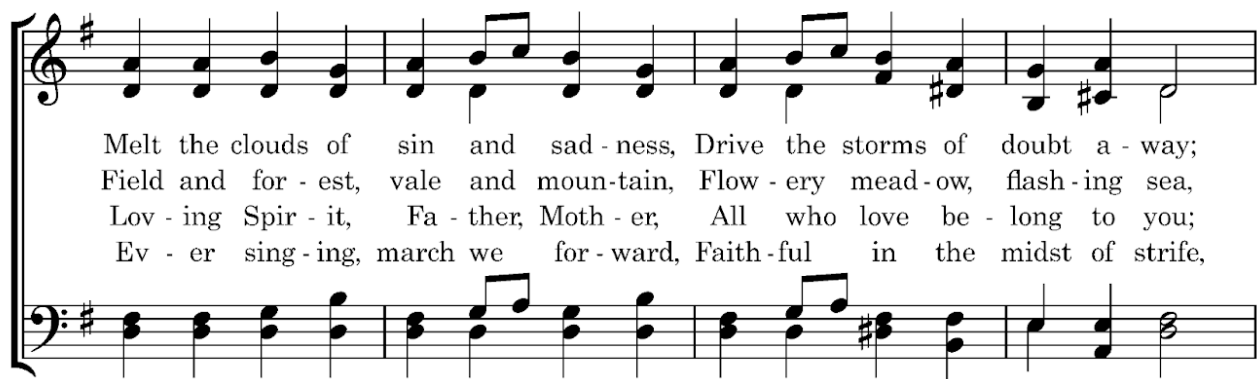
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You



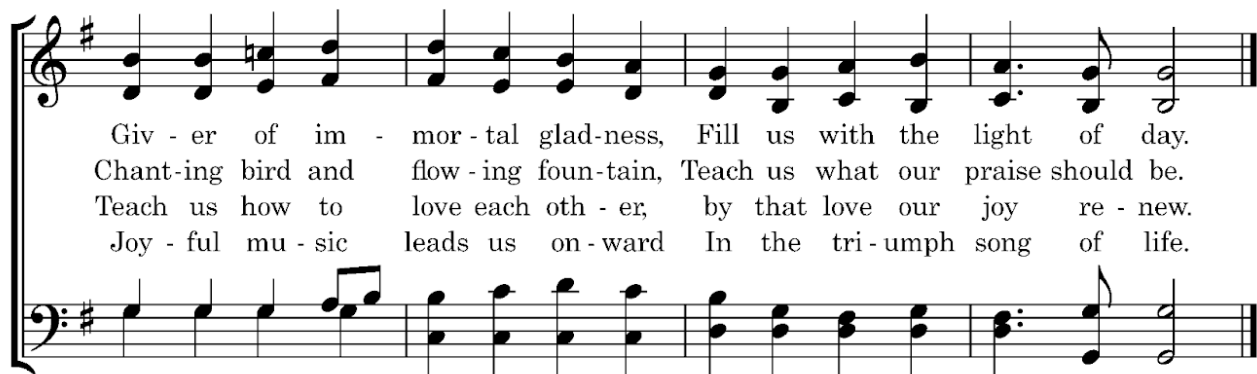
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re - flect your rays,
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, Rec - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, All who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we for - ward, Faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, Teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

* BENEDICTION

Liz Nickerson

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Rejoice!
St. Arbucks Quartet

Richard Smallwood

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

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

For notes on today's music, please see the end pages of the bulletin.

Today's guest preacher is the Reverend Doctor Charles (Chuck) Mize. Chuck attended Elmhurst College (B.A.) and Eden Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.). He was ordained in 1980 by the Presbytery of Elijah Parish Lovejoy in his home church. He has served six congregations in five calls. He recently retired as Senior Pastor of Glenview Community Church in Glenview. After retiring, he and his wife Jeanie became members of St. Pauls. Chuck currently serves as Interim Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights where he and Pastor Liz worked together before she came to St. Pauls. Chuck says, "Ministry is a life of serving God by learning, teaching, sharing and doing the love of Jesus in the church, the body of Christ in the world."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Chuck Mize, Liz Nickerson, Terrill Murff

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: Patricia Kirby

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Ushers: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark, Gloria Joseph, Cheryl Kennedy

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL & MAY

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.

Apr 30 Harley Houser, Maggie Arden, Ethan Fitzgerald, Kelly Sensenbrenner,
Tommy Schmitz

May 1 Karen Fisher, Thomas Clancy, Kristofer Hansen, Sherrie Kobak

May 2 John Schloerb

May 3 Chuck Deters

May 4 Alexander Young

May 5 Frank Schmitz, Maia Sanders, Jennifer Stuart

May 6 Dave Bueschel, Kent Davidson, Denise Beitelschmidt, Ben Lytal

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 for more information.

MAY 3 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY- 12 p.m., Zoom

A new Bible Study begins on a book we've never studied before - Leviticus! It can be off-putting with its rituals and animal sacrifices, but it's also the book from which Jesus got "love your neighbor as yourself." Join us for an adventure as we look for treasure in unfamiliar terrain! RSVP to Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

MAY 6 - UCC CHICAGO METRO SPRING MEETING - 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Bryn Mawr Community Church (7000 S. Jeffery Blvd., Chicago, IL 60649)

Find out what's happening in our Chicagoland UCC churches and meet other UCCers over breakfast. The focus of this year's event is *Storytelling, Collective Healing, and Building Community*. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5bsf8wwa>.

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 H.R. 40, 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.

MAY 7 - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - After Worship, Social Hall

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

MAY 7 - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS - Narthex

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. 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.

MAY 12 - WINDY CITY WINDS CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

You are invited to our Spring Concert, "Meet Me at the Fair." Admission is free, and the concert will also be livestreamed. The concert will include music by John Williams (*The Cowboys*), Berlioz (*Roman Carnival Overture*), Vaughan Williams, Persichetti, Weinberger, Sousa, and young African American composer Katahji Copley. WCW is a 60-piece community band conducted by St. Pauls members Mark and Sarah Mosley.

MAY 13 - LIGHTHOUSE: SOUL FOOD BRUNCH - 12 p.m.- 2 p.m., Wilson Abbey

Join Lighthouse Foundation for the #BQEI Soul Food Brunch, with live music performances from Voices of Light, a panel discussion with Black LGBTQ+ workers, and a keynote presentation by our Executive Director on the Black Queer Equity Index. If you're interested in learning more about how Lighthouse Foundation is pursuing equity for Black LGBTQ+ workers, all while enjoying incredible food and fun, attend this event! Admission is free, but there is also an optional suggested donation of \$35-\$100. Register here: bit.ly/BQEIBrunch

MAY 20 - BIRD WATCHING - 7 a.m., 200 W. Montrose Harbor Drive

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and host David Baker for a morning of bird watching at Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary. The group will meet at 7 a.m. at the entrance. Metered parking is available by the entrance. To reach the Sanctuary, take the Montrose exit off Du Sable Lake Shore Drive and proceed east. Turn right at the "T" by the green bait shop. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring binoculars. Please RSVP, spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1715252

MAY 21 - MASS OF RENEWAL BY JOSEPH THALKEN - During worship

This new work has been commissioned by St. Pauls and will receive its premiere performance as part of worship on Sunday, May 21 at 10 a.m. The Mass of Renewal completes our musical theme for 2022-2023, **The 3 Rs: Rejoice, Remember and Renew.** Our Chancel Choir will be joined by piano, percussion and 13 wind instruments. Please plan to join us in person or by streaming. Joseph Thalken will be in attendance for the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Do you have a high school, college, or graduate school graduate? Please email their name and graduation date to Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org. They will be recognized in worship on June 4 at the youth mission trip commissioning on Baccalaureat Sunday!

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Support St. Pauls youth fundraising efforts for their service and learning trip to Tucson in June with Be the Neighbor. They will volunteer and learn from ministries serving immigrants on the US-Mexico border. Your donation helps fund a portion of their air travel to Tucson, transportation there, other expenses for their week away as well as scholarships for some of the youth. Please help support our emerging congregational leaders, who have spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid-19. And thanks to all of you who have supported them already at Pancake Church! We raised \$5,500 last Sunday! You can donate here: spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations.

MEN'S GROUP FORMING

A new St. Pauls Men's Group is being formed. If you'd like to join, please contact Jim Jansma: jjansma14@gmail.com. The group is going to meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Station, right around the corner on Lincoln Avenue. Make friends, find support and enrich your life with other St. Pauls members.

POP TAB PROGRAM: RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY

Help support the Ronald McDonald Charities by saving pop tabs – aluminum tabs from all kinds of cans: soda, soup, pet food, canned fruits and vegetables, etc. Each year, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois collects approximately 40 million tabs. That cashes out to about \$10,000 for the Ronald McDonald House and the many families they serve. Find a container, add your own decorations or download the printable pop tab container wrap (rmhccni.org/get-involved/pop-tabs) and start collecting. Bring your pop tab donations to the Narthex and add them to our collection bin. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to donating to charity, helping others and recycling. Little things like pop tabs can make a big difference!

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.

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CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

RESTORE OUTDOORS

- Plant trees. Trees are beautiful, help purify the air, give animals a home, and provide shade. It is hard to overstate the value of trees. See onetreeplanted.org.
- Don't remove trees unnecessarily.
- Allow tree stumps to decompose naturally.
- Research native trees for your area before planting.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

What steps has our state government taken to address reparations? The Illinois Department of Central Management Services has launched a website to inform the public about economic inequities due to the impacts of slavery. The African Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission (ADCRC) has been tasked with developing and recommending measures to ensure equity, equality and parity for African American descendants of slavery. Learn more about the commission here, illinois.gov/news/press-release.26114.html, then engage with their activities at adcrc.illinois.gov.

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 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.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for St. Pauls members and friends. 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.

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.

LPCS VOLUNTEERING – 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 LPCS-provided lunches for their street outreach program and welcome folks coming for drop-in services. 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.

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 p.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.

RETIREMENT GROUP – The Retirement Group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parlor*. 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.

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 jenluerssen@yahoo.com. 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 cindyinn11@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!

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Prelude, ***The Peace May Be Exchanged***, was composed by American composer Daniel Locklair (b. 1949). He received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Eastman School of Music and is currently Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University. Locklair became a professional organist at age 14.

God Who Summons Through All Ages is a text composed in 1992 by Edith Sinclair Downing (1922-2016). She began her music studies as a cello major at Wichita State University and received her Masters in Theological Studies from the Lutheran Seminary at the University of Chicago. She has composed nearly 50 hymns, only starting in her 60s. JULION was composed in 1974 by the well known Brooklyn born composer David Hurd (b.1950). He is also a celebrated organist and has concertized around the world.

To You O God, All Creatures Sing is a text that was adapted by Sister Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938). A Catholic theologian, she is also a Medical Mission Sister who has worked in a number of war torn areas, including Ethiopia and Cambodia. The German hymn tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN, dates from 1623 and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

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

Tobias Clausnitzer (c. 1619-1684) wrote the original German text in 1663 for ***We Have Gathered Jesus Dear***. He became a chaplain to a Swedish regiment and later Kapellmeister at St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig, the church that Bach would eventually serve. The English translation was made by Madeleine Forell Marshall (b. 1946). She is a respected academic having started her studies at St. Olaf College and is now on the faculty at Claremont School of Theology in California. The tune, LIEBSTER JESU, was composed in 1664 by Johann Rodolf Ahle (1625-1673). He was educated at Erfurt University. He was well known as an organist, but beyond that, little is known about his life.

All Are Welcome is a recently composed hymn and one of our favorites from a past hymnefest. The tune is TWO OAKS. It dates from 1994 and the words and music were both created by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), an American composer of numerous hymns and liturgical music. This hymn was shared with Kurt R. Hansen by a college friend, Alisa Kasmir, and has quickly become an anthem of St. Pauls' Open and Affirming ministry.

The Heavens Are Telling is the well-known chorus from *Creation* composed in 1798 by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). He was easily one of the most important composers of the Classical Period. *Creation* is a most unusual work. It was written on an English commission and was composed with both English and German texts as co-equal and original. The portion of John Milton's (1608-1674) poem, *Paradise Lost* (1667), that Haydn set celebrates the glory of the seven days of creation and only mentions the "fall of Adam" briefly. This chorus celebrates the creation story of the fourth day and the radiant heavens.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** (ODE TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his *Ninth Symphony* (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

Rejoice! - Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) is one of the top composers and performers of Gospel music. His group, The Richard Smallwood Singers, has toured the world. He is a graduate of Howard University, which also counts Vice President Kamala Harris and so many other luminaries as alumni. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

ST. 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.

- Loved ones of Petrine Ashley at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on May 13 at 2 p.m. Petrine would delight in us wearing pink, coral or orange in her honor.
- Sarah and her children, Emma and Jack, at the loss of their husband/father in an accident.
- Nick, at the passing of his mother.
- Micki Fayhee's mother, Linda, in hospice care.
- Juanita Barlow's sister following a stroke.
- 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 Terry S., incarcerated since the age of 17, recently released after 38 years in prison.
- For Gabe, Ranulfo and Macho, all struggling with addiction.
- For Bo, recovering from a stroke.
- 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!

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.