

Easter Sunday
April 9, 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 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"The air is like a butterfly / With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky/ And sings."

Joyce Kilmer

PRELUDE

Finale
from Firebird Suite Igor Stravinsky
Flute, Organ, Brass, Piano and Percussion arr. Mark Swanson
& Kurt R. Hansen

CHORAL INTROIT

Call to Worship
Chancel Choir
Breanna Coe, conductor

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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

* HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Chip DeStefano

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem-ing work is done,
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav-en!

We with all the an - gels say:—
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Praise to thee by both be giv - en,

Raise our joys and tri - umphs high,
Once He died, ours souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply:—
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec-tion thou!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the third system. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**New life springs up all around us Lord,
while we are earthbound still.**

**Distracted, dull, held down by doubt,
and kept back by fear,
we cannot or will not
see life through the "He is risen"
prism and its promise.**

Forgive us, Lord!

Renew us in the resurrection light!

Change the way we see!

Make us alive in Christ.

Amen

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

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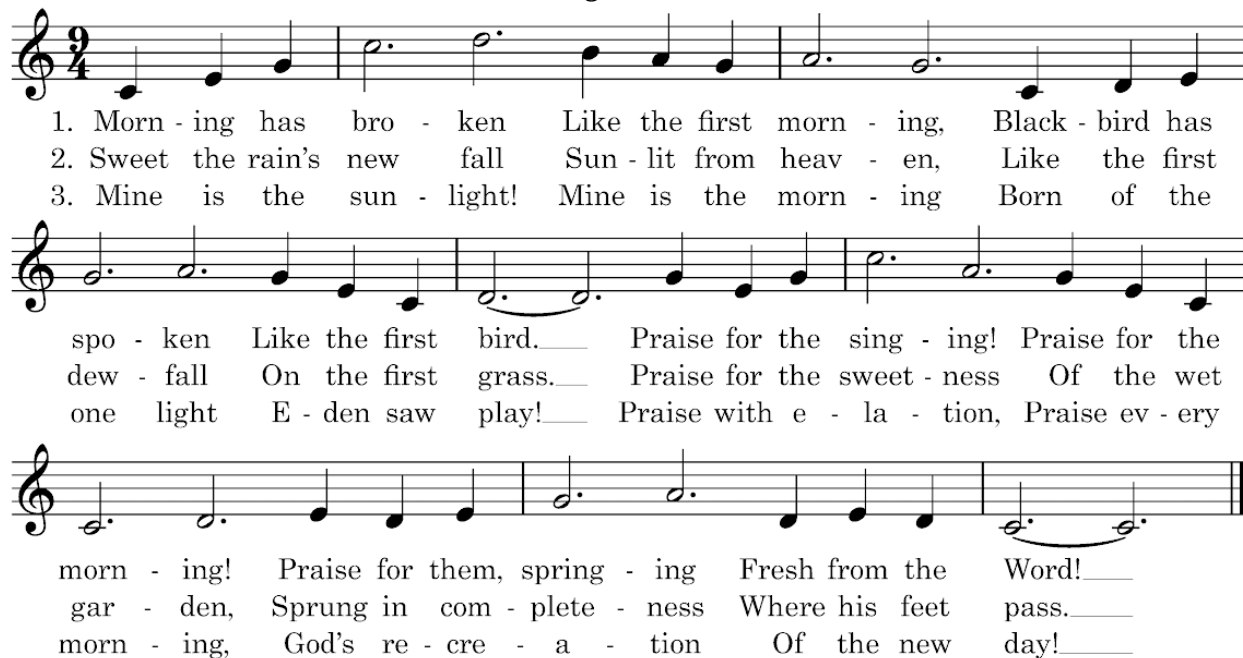
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RESPONSE

Morning Has Broken

v. 1



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

SCRIPTURE

Carrie Bruggers, 9 a.m.

Claire Nitzsche, 11 a.m.

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*** 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)

ANTHEM

I Would Die 4 U
St. Arbucks Quartet

Prince Rogers Nelson

SERMON

Jeff Carlson, 9 a.m.
Matt Fitzgerald, 11 a.m.

*** HYMN**

Morning Has Broken
See previous hymn.

vv. 2-3

OFFERTORY

I Was Glad!
Chancel Choir, Brass and Organ

C.H.H. Parry
arr. Mark Swanson

I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem
Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.

Christ is risen! Amen!

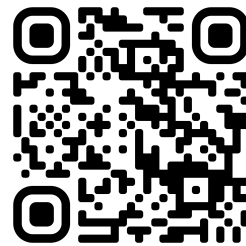
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee,
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.
(Text from Psalm 122: 1-3, 6 & 7)

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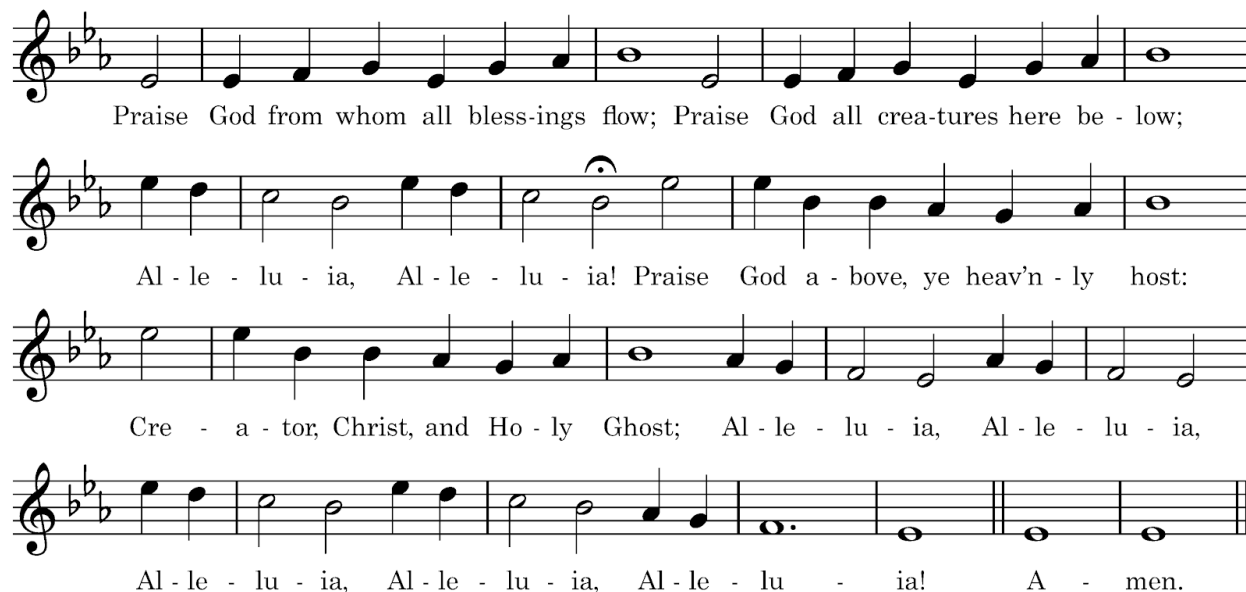
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Or through Zelle or PayPal to giving@spucc.org.



* 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

BREAD

Rêverie
Jeffrey Wagner, piano

Claude Debussy

WINE

Truth
St. Arbucks Quartet
Kris Hansen, soloist

Kamasi Washington

See the truth

I tried
Had it all
Don't try, don't try
Don't try, but it all
Don't try to light it all up
Don't try, don't try
Don't try, light it up

I won't point any fingers
I won't say it was you
I let life take it's time
Any time you see the truth

See the truth

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All things have been made new! All the seas and dry lands.
All the forests and the fields. All the cities and towns.
Everything that swims or flies, even you, and even me!
All have been made new today! Oh God we thank you!
For love is more powerful than fear. Life is triumphant over the grave.
You have just defeated death.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

* HYMN

Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

arr. Richard Webster

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav'n - ly grace,
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION *Hallelujah Chorus* George Frideric Handel
 from Messiah
Chancel Choir, Organ, Trumpets and Timpani

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom
Of our Lord and of his Christ;
And he shall reign forever and ever.
KING OF KINGS,
AND LORD OF LORDS.
And he shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah!
from Revelation

POSTLUDE	<i>Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare</i>	Richard Strauss
	Brass, Percussion,	arr. Joseph Thalken
	and Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Prelude is the **Finale** from the **Firebird Suite** composed in 1909 by Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971), a true icon of 20th century music. The score was composed for a ballet in Paris by the famous Ballets Russes, led by impresario Sergei Diaghilev (1872-1929) and lead dancer and choreographer Vaslav Nijinski (1889-1950). The story of the *Firebird Suite* is taken from Russian folklore, but the glorious climax of the *Finale* can also remind us of the ascension of Christ and the flight of the Holy Spirit.

The **Call to Worship** was composed in 1982 by John Rutter (b. 1945) who also composed the text based on psalms of praise. John Rutter's music was introduced to this country by Mel Olson, who was the Director of Music at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, NE, where our music director grew up and sang in his choirs.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known and is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

What a Fool Believes was composed by Michael McDonald and Kenny Loggins and was recorded by the Doobie Brothers in 1978 with McDonald singing lead vocals. This recording won the 1980 Grammy Awards for both Song of the Year and Record of the Year. Although the original text is not directly religious, the terms "fool" and "foolishness" are often referred to in the Epistles as a positive description of a believer in the resurrection, someone who has faith even if it doesn't seem logical.

The text for **Morning Has Broken** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune, BUNESSAN, we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

I Was Glad! was composed in 1902 by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) on a commission for the 50th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria. Parry, along with Charles Villiers Stanford and Edward Elgar, were pillars of Victorian music. Parry's music gained great popularity during his lifetime, but his reputation suffered after many scathing attacks by George Bernard Shaw, who was also a music critic. Parry wrote oratorios, five symphonies, as well as chamber music. He also wrote a solo song, *Jerusalem*, which has become an unofficial English anthem. Parry's music is now gaining popularity again.

Our ***Festival Doxology*** is sung to the German hymn tune *Lasst uns erfreuen*, dates from 1623, and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

Rêverie was composed in 1890 by Claude Debussy (1862-1918). He had second thoughts about it and actually chided his publisher for releasing it because he thought it wasn't any good. Needless to say, time and countless performances have proven Debussy wrong in his own assessment of this serene work. It has all the lyricism of the budding impressionist composer that would mature into great works like *La Mer*.

Truth is the opening song on the 2017 EP, *Harmony of Difference*, by Kamasi Washington (b.1981). Mr. Washington is a jazz saxophonist, born and raised in Los Angeles. He studied in the Department of Ethnomusicology at UCLA. As a student, he was invited to play with a faculty quartet. In addition to his solo career, he has collaborated with musicians in jazz, hip-hop and pop music.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) wrote the text for ***Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven***. He wrote more than 120 hymn texts and was also the nephew of the famous poet William Wordsworth. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887), composed when he was only 19.

The ***Hallelujah Chorus*** is arguably the most often performed and well known of the works of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). This chorus closes Part Two of *Messiah*. Although it is most often associated with Christmas performances, it actually announces the victory of Christ over death. Handel composed the entire *Messiah* in a two-week flurry of creativity in 1741. The tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* dates to King George II standing at a performance in London. It isn't clear if, as tradition suggests, he was deeply moved or perhaps just needed to stand. No matter the reason, the tradition of standing for the *Hallelujah Chorus* is a long established way to honor Handel's genius and the victorious text.

Our Postlude, ***Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare***, was composed in 1924 for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra brass section by Richard Strauss (1864-1949). The original score called for 22 brass players and two timpani. It was composed for the first benefit ball held to raise funds for the Vienna Philharmonic musician's pensions. Our transcription was commissioned by Joseph Thalken (b. 1962), who has also composed a number of choral anthems for our Chancel Choir.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Easter Instrumentalists: Tom Madeja & Kris Hansen, trumpet; Matthew Oliphant, French horn; Mark Swanson, trombone; Christopher Bettler, tuba; Monty Adams, flute; Ralph Wiser, timpani; Jeffrey Wagner, piano; Sarah Good Mosley & Mark Mosley, percussion

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Communion Servers, 9 a.m.: Joe JaQuay, Gay Kelly

Communion Servers, 11 a.m.: Carrie Bettler, Renae Bradshaw, Carrie Bruggers, Char Damron, Larry Damron, Doug Heyboer, Marcia Knudson, Jack Lyons, Karen Lyons, Wayne Parman, Jack Sancya, Mark Sancya, Rebecca Sandoval, Donn Schimp, Glen Timmerman, Jill Wachholz

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

Head Ushers: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers, 9 a.m.: Dodd Brown, Mary Brown, Peg Wander

Ushers, 11 a.m.: David Baker, John Balevic, Juanita Barlow, Ninon Freeman, Gloria Joseph, Cheryl Kennedy, Larry Simpson, Peg Wander

Acolyte Coordinator: Rebecca Sandoval

Acolytes, 9 a.m.: Nolan Tavas, Clark Tavas, Jack Kahan, Annika Hull

Acolytes, 11 a.m.: Olivia Weglarz, Nate Weglarz, Charlie Rodriguez, Julian Chaiken

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Pew Literature Racks Organizer: Mary Brown

Easter Altar Decorators: Marcia Opp, Cres Roewer, Doug Roewer, Barb Kaiser, Jill Minetz, Doug Clark, Pev Petrunich, Jan Bail

Custodians: Ramiro Gonzalez, Louis Luri

EASTER FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION OF ...

KEVIN DZIERZAWSKI from Kurt R. Hansen
CHANCEL CHOIR from Kurt R. Hansen
KRISTOFER & ALEX HANSEN from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen
ST. ARBUCKS QUARTET, from Kurt R. Hansen
WEDNESDAY SHORT CIRCLE from Kurt R. Hansen
LINDA AND ROBERT SALUGA for their 50th wedding anniversary this week
OLIVIA AND CONNOR from great great aunt Peg Wander
THE JOY OF GRANDCHILDREN from Jan and Rick Bail
TODD, BREANNA, CHARLIE, AND CHAD COE from Doug and Susan Coe
THE BIRTH OF OUR GRANDSON from Susanne and David Baker
ANNIKA, OSCAR, SOPHIE, ELLERY, NATHANIEL, ANDERSON, AND MARGOT,
from grandparents Marcia Opp and Jon Ekdahl

EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF ...

GRANDMA CAROL from Elsie, Isla and Eva Bartels
EDWARD, HELEN AND PAUL WOOLLEY from Alex Doty
RAYMOND FAYHEE from Deon, Micki, Becca and Sam
WANDA ELLITHORPE-FLETCHER from the Fletcher and Thomas families
SCOTT REICHARD from Sally Fletcher
GINNY HEIDLOFF from Sally Fletcher
DOTTIE FLETCHER from Sally Fletcher
JEAN HAHM, JIM TINDALL, AND JEANINE JOHNSON from Annie, Jeff and Charlie
ALL OUR GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENT from Annie, Jeff and Charlie
EDWARD ZASADIL from Larry Simpson
LOVED ONES LOST from John Balevic
VIRGINIA AND ROBERT BORDEN from Bill Borden and Allen Heinemann
VIRGINIA AND WILTON HEINEMANN from Bill Borden and Allen Heinemann
DAN NITZSCHE AND EARL NITZSCHE from wife and daughter-in-law Linda Nitzsche
JAN AND TOM HAZLETT from daughter Linda Nitzsche
FRANK AND FRANCES WANDER from Peg Wander
DOLORES PIFER from the Pifer-Swanson family
LEROY & HENRIETTA DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis
LEE DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis
EDWARD SEELEY DAVIS from Andrew and Lynn Davis
JOSEPH AND BERNIECE BUTTINGER from the Arsenault family
WARREN AND MABEL ARSENAULT from the Arsenault family
DEL ARSENAULT from the Arsenault family
DOROTHY AND FRANK MYNARD from Suzanne and Frank Mynard
LOUISE AND BEN YUNKER from Suzanne and Frank Mynard
JOHN M. AND KATHRYN J. GIFFORD from children Mead, Judith, Jeanette and Alyce

NICHOLAS AND BERTHA BRANCACCIO from the Hansen Family
KIM BRUNSSSEN from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen
DOLORES "Mom" PIFER from Kurt R. Hansen and the tenors and basses
GRIGG FOUNTAIN from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen
KERMIT AND MARY HANSEN from the Hansen Family
LOLA AND ALEX RAND from Kurt R. Hansen and Terry Brancaccio Hansen
DONNA BRANCACCIO SEGSCHEIDER from Terry Brancaccio Hansen
KAY AND PHIL BAIL from Jan and Rick Bail
VI AND BILL GOTTSCHALK from Jan and Rick Bail
MARCIA LON FELTERS from Jan and Rick Bail
KEN, WANDA LEE AND JUSTIN HEINEMANN from Gay Kelly
IRWIN AND VIOLA HEINEMANN from Gay Kelly
ART AND WELTHY DINTELMAN from Gay Kelly
BETSY HARTANOV from Justin and Creighton Hartanov
BETSY HARTANOV from Aniston and Grady Hartanov
WES SALSBURY from Marcia Knudson
SAMUEL GOOD from Mark and Sarah Mosley
GEORGE AND SHIRLEY MOSLEY from Mark and Sarah Mosley
THOMAS AND COLLEEN HENRY from the Kompare and Henry families
JOSEPH KOMPARE from the Kompare and Henry families
KEVIN QUIGLEY from the Kompare and Henry families
MARY HAYS from daughter Nancy Hays Heffernan
DR. RICHARD ROBERTSON from Rebecca Werner
KATHIE BETTLER from Chris, Carrie and Warren Bettler
SAM HILL from Liz Raiman
LANNY PATRICK SACK from Steve Sack and Erica Harris
JOSEPH OLITA from Steve Sack and Erica Harris
DORIS AND ERWIN CARLSON from Jeff Carlson and Joe JaQuay
NOOR BAUDER from Jeff Carlson and Joe JaQuay
HARRY JAQUAY from Jeff Carlson and Joe JaQuay
JACK DUNN from Patti Dunn
AL CERKAN from Pat, Ashley, Heather, Hayleigh and Micah
DEBORAH PAYE ROODHOUSE REED from the Mutch-Reed family
REBECCA BLANK, TOM HENRY, LARRY MCCAULEY from Kevin O'Brien
TOM HENRY from Jen Luerssen

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 9 Andrea Koepke, Daniel Vaughn, Gay Kelly, Ben Fenstermacher,
Audrey Malnick, Mikaela Noonan

April 10 Jonathan Beck, Margarita DiMonte, Asher Malnick

April 11 Annie Johnson, Kelly Singles, Kate Beck, Eva Bartels, Ella Vincent

April 12 Marcia Opp

April 13 Leo Pensinger-Sok

April 14 Jay Abraham, Lisa Henry, Mark Huddle, Michael Toomin

April 15 Suzanne Mynard, Calla Lundquist



See more info in the calendar announcements.

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.

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.

APR 12 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY HOLY WEEK - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're looking at texts from Matthew for Holy Week. This Wednesday - Easter! RSVP to Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

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., Sanctuary

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.

APR 22 - EARTH DAY: BELMONT HARBOR CLEAN-UP - 10 a.m., Belmont Harbor
St. Pauls folks are invited to join the Green Team to help clean up Belmont Harbor or nearby beaches. This is part of our promise to “care for creation,” and to help serve as God’s hands in the city. This Earth Day event is coordinated by the Alliance for the Great Lakes (AGL). We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Chicago Yacht Club at Belmont Harbor. To participate, you must register at the AGL website, tinyurl.com/3uy77km9. For more information, contact Janice Keeler, jskeeler@sbcglobal.net, or Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@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 23 - DRIEHAUS MUSEUM - 2 p.m., 40 E. Erie St., Chicago
Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and host Doug Clark for an afternoon at the Richard E. Driehaus Museum. We'll explore the various rooms, many of which are furnished from the Gilded Age, and view the photographs of a special exhibit. The museum is wheelchair accessible. Admission is \$20 (\$15 for 65 and over). Parking is \$15 at ROW Parking, 50 E. Ohio St. See the Driehaus Museum website for more information. Please RSVP to Doug at mgtbc@sbcglobal.net.

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: gcjwilk@sbcglobal.net. Sign up to participate here: 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 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 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 Pauls 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.

POP TAB PROGRAM: RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY

Help support families and children through our Pop Tab program by collecting and donating the aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup, and other cans. This is one of the most popular ways to get kids involved in learning to help others and donating to charity. Simply find a clean 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. 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.

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.

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.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

This poem was composed by Green Team member Martha Phillips.

Robin dipping her beak
daintily down into the
grass piercing the wet earth
for a snack or two.
Not an earthworm gorging day,
when a far greedier tug required a gulp
at the finish.
Doe dozing under the pine tree
swollen side bulging
with fawn yet to truly be
to face a world a prey.

Humans will feed her
ignoring the signs:
please do not feed the deer.
Fuzzy buds of the callery pears
promise an allee lined with flowers
applauding a million pink petals.
A confetti of hope in the company
of a whispered caution
to care for creation, as if
there were no tomorrow.

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 Saint 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.

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 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!

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 Cerkar, and friends of Al Cerkar 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.

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.