

May 14, 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

*It is our love for our beautiful God that makes us beautiful.*

St. Augustine

PRELUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
St. Arbucks

Horatio Spafford,  
arr. Colleen Henry

INTROIT

*God Made from One Blood*  
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,  
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,  
AND THE WORD WAS GOD**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**All: AND GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE LIFE!"**

One: And God saw that it was good!

**All: LET US WORSHIP THE CREATOR OF ALL THAT IS GOOD!**

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

\* HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord\_ God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord\_ God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we confess that we forget you.**

**taking your good gifts and this good world for granted.**

**Dear Jesus, we confess that we have trouble following you.**

**We stray from your way of love.**

**Holy Spirit, we confess that we resist your work in our lives,**

**listening to our fears rather than to your voice.**

**Beautiful Trinity, forgive us and heal us.**

**Plunge us into the depths of your mysterious and infinite love. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

v. 1



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

ANTHEM

*Hallelu, Hallelu! Praise Ye the Lord!*  
Children's Choir and Pauls People

## SCRIPTURE

Patricia Kirby

*John 14:15-27, excerpts*

“When you love me, you will show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!

“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. When you love me, you will carefully keep my word and my Father will love you and we will come to you and make our home in you!

“The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you and will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving you well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don’t be upset. Don’t be afraid.”

## \* 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

v. 2

ANTHEM

*Down in My Heart (I've Got the Joy)*  
Children's Choir  
Breanna Coe, director; and Karen Johnson, piano

George W. Cooke

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!  
Where?  
Down in my heart!  
Where?  
Down in my heart!  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!  
Where?  
Down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus...

And I'm so happy, so very happy!  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
And I'm so happy, so very happy!  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart...

And I'm so happy...

I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my  
heart...

And I'm so happy...

SERMON

"Family of Choice"

Jeff Carlson

\* HYMN

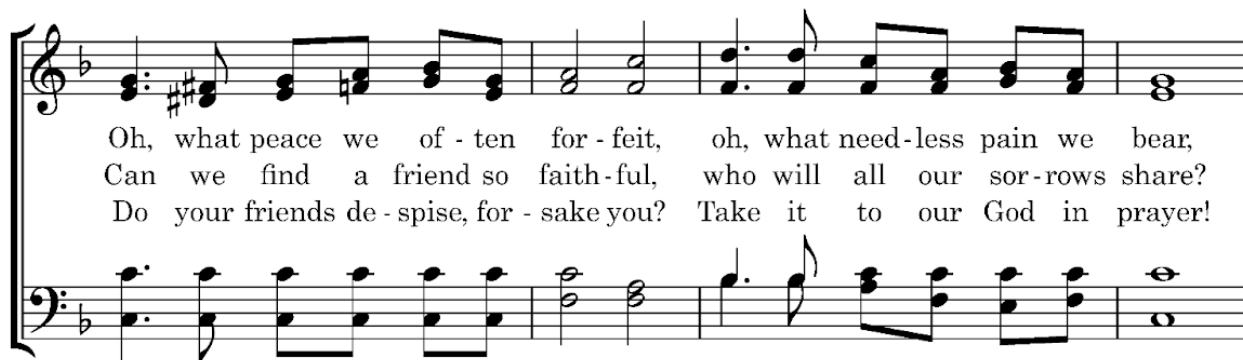
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



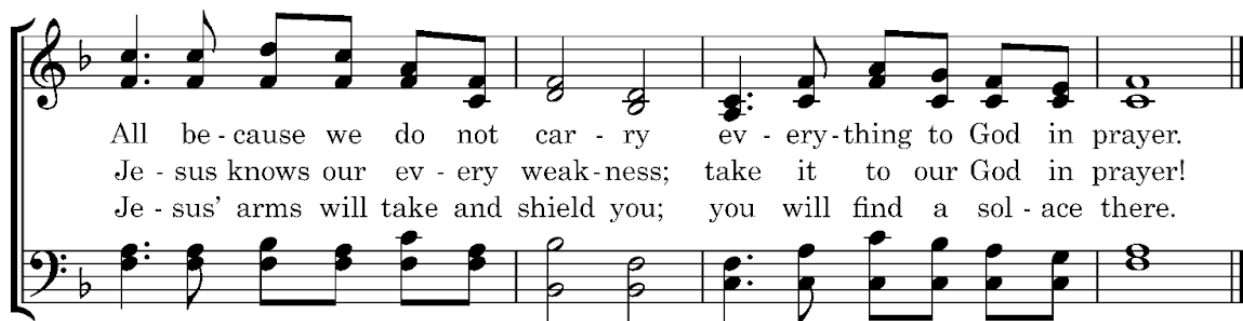
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.



OFFERTORY

*Someday*

Alan Menken

Pauls People

Brooke McGuire, Coco Schimp, Deirdre McGrath, Aniston Hartanov - soloists

Kecia Waldschmidt, director

Someday, when we are wiser

When the world's older

When we have learned

I pray someday we may yet

Live to live and let live

Someday life will be fairer

Need will be rarer

And greed will not pay

God speed this bright millennium on its way

Let it come someday

Someday our fight will be won then

We'll stand in the sun then

That bright afternoon

Till then, on days when the sun is gone

We'll hang on

And we'll wish upon the moon

There are somedays, darken rivers

Say we haven't got a plan

But I'm praying for something better

Is the one thing we all share

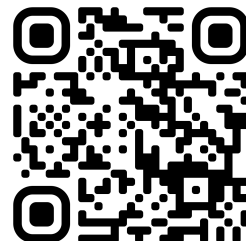
One day someday soon ...

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*Or through Zelle or PayPal to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be - low;

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

\* HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*



1. O\_\_ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,  
3. The flower of earth - ly splen - dor, In time must sure - ly die,



And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;  
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;  
Its\_\_ fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;



For\_\_ we can on - ly won - der At\_\_ ev - 'ry gift you send,  
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be\_\_ filled with good or ill,  
But\_\_ hid - den from all na - ture The e - ter - nal seed is sown



At\_\_ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:  
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:  
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heav - ens gar - den grown;



We\_\_ lift our hearts be - fore\_\_ you And wait up - on your word,  
To\_\_ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,  
For\_\_ Christ, your son, from hea - ven From death has set us free



We\_\_ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.  
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.  
And through him you have giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry!

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *An Irish Blessing*

Chloe Combs, Claire Nitzsche and Eleanor McGuire

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of her hand.

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in Classic Style*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Gordon Young

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

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall, directly below the Sanctuary.***

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Our names are Matt and Colleen Wood. We have two beautiful children, Emily and Ryan, with a third on the way due in June. Colleen grew up in the northern burbs and Matt comes from North Carolina. We love being outdoors and you'll find us at playgrounds and coffee shops with the kids. We both come from an endurance background, so you'll find us running and biking on the lakefront path all summer.

## 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

**Scripture Reader:** Patricia Kirby

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

**Head Ushers:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Doug Clark, Tim Reed

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Greeters:** Madelyn Jansma, Jim Jansma

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are for Mother's Day, for all moms, from Lisa Donofrio.

### BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.*

May 14 Ben Krumrei, Polina Svetlitskaya

May 15 Mark Roschen, Nancy Heffernan, Evie Drew, Will Miller, Jeanie Bond

May 16 Grace Magliola

May 17 Fred Deters, Kris Hansen, Larry Damron

May 18 Jay Gleason, Tara Magner, Gaby Godinez

May 19 Dede Koldyke, Jeff Calore, Mike Pechnyo, Nancy Voigts Godinez, James Keller,  
James Mix

May 20 Gustav Schmidt, Ryan Braun, Nate Gallagher, Samuel Crowley,  
Laura Brinkoetter

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

Contact the church office or group leader for more information.

### **MAY 16 - RETIREMENT GROUP** – 10 a.m., Parlor\*

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](mailto:marciaknudson@gmail.com).

### **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. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring binoculars. For parking info and directions, and to RSVP, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1715252](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1715252).

### **MAY 20 - REFUGEEONE SUMMER FUN DRIVE - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**, RefugeeOne

RefugeeOne is holding their annual Summer Fun Drive on Saturday, May 20. Their goal is to collect new items for the 150 children in their summer program. The list includes swimsuits, beach towels, and bike helmets. You can drop off items at the RefugeeOne headquarters, 6008 N. California, on May 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Or, drop them off in the St. Pauls office before May 20. For more information, [refugeeone.org/donatestuff.html](http://refugeeone.org/donatestuff.html).

### **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.

### **MAY 23 - SACK LUNCH GROUP: FOOD FOR THE SOUL** - 12 -2 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social with hosts Jenny Benefield and Jan Fraccaro. Make new friends and connect with old ones with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun, and faith. Associate Pastor Liz Nickerson will share a "Food for the Soul" reflection time after we eat. RSVP is appreciated here but coming at the last minute is fine, as well as needing to leave early!

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1746758](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1746758)

**JUNE 2 - JULY 7 - YOUNG ADULT FRIDAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL - 6-8:30 p.m.**

Make new friends and enjoy summer sunsets on North Avenue Beach! Join our Chicago Social recreational beach volleyball team. We'll gather on Fridays to have fun and support UCAN, the non-profit agency which St. Pauls founded to help kids in need. For more info and to sign-up, contact [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**JUNE 4 - NEW MEMBER CLASS - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room**

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for our next 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 child care will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). The new member joining date will be June 18.

Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1754260](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1754260).

**JUNE 7 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom**

We're studying 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**JUNE 11 - SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Please join us for this special congregational meeting to vote on the kick-off of fundraising efforts for the next stage of the Expanding Our Openness campaign, and changes to our by-laws relating to the Human Resources policies and practices of our Church. This meeting will take place in-person, with Zoom Webinar and call-in options for those who wish to participate virtually. For more meeting details and Zoom information, see the full announcement here: [tinyurl.com/ektz4uah](https://tinyurl.com/ektz4uah).

**JUNE 28 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE - 5:30 p.m., St. Pauls Kitchen**

Join the St. Pauls cookie bakers for dinner, socializing and cookie making. Meet us in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m. or whenever you can make it. We eat around 6:30 p.m. Cookies go to A Just Harvest and the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. If you can't join us but would like to participate, you may drop off cookies marked MARCIA at St. Pauls on the 28th. Please get in touch with Marcia Volk to reserve a spot and she will let you know what dinner/baking supplies are still needed, [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com) or (773) 307-6866.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MIGRANT MEAL SUPPORT**

Chicago's challenge to support the migrant populations arriving here continues to stress the city. For migrants, it's an extraordinarily difficult period with no real hospitable shelter to wait for their intake meetings. SPUC is meeting the challenge by organizing a group to provide meals to people living at the 18th District Police Station (1160 N. Larrabee). We are looking for anyone interested who would like to be part of food prep and delivery on two upcoming Mondays. Please consider participating in supporting our efforts by volunteering through this link: [tinyurl.com/yjhum2me](https://tinyurl.com/yjhum2me) or contact Mark Pellegrino at [jjmarkp@yahoo.com](mailto:jjmarkp@yahoo.com).

### **LPCS MEAL PREP VOLUNTEERS**

A group of St. Pauls people gathered last Sunday in the kitchen to prepare dinner for 30 patrons of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, a long-standing partner of St. Pauls in helping our neighbors. This committed cohort prepared lasagna (both meat and veggie!), tossed salad, and made scrumptious garlic bread (our team of taste-testers were second-to-none!). The camaraderie and sense of purpose compels us to do it again. Please contact Kevin Hull (husband of Kirsten Opp Ekdahl Hull) at [HullPartners@gmail.com](mailto:HullPartners@gmail.com) if you are interested in potentially volunteering at a future date. St. Pauls Cooks!

### **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](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). They will be recognized in worship on June 4 at the youth mission trip commissioning on Baccalaureat Sunday!

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

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

Days: Monday-Thursday in two 2-week sessions

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

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

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

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



## **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 supported them already at Pancake Church when we raised \$5,500! You can donate here:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations).

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

**What action does the UCC propose to further reparations?** Read this resolution, [tinyurl.com/f3b99bzw](https://tinyurl.com/f3b99bzw), to be presented this summer at the 34th General Synod of the UCC, which elaborates on the Biblical grounding for reparations and reconciliation and calls for action. Explore further stories and resources, [jointhemovementucc.org](https://jointhemovementucc.org).

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

Start a garden outside or inside in pots. If you can, involve children. Plant seeds in recyclable cups, used egg trays and pots. As you work together, you will be growing not only food and flowers, you will also grow a generation which loves nature.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, [JenniferLKew@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2023 dates at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hall. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at [lindanitz@yahoo.com](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](http://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!

**COMMON PANTRY COMMUNION SUNDAYS** – We’re collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - usually the first Sunday of the month. See their wishlist for most-needed items here, [commonpantry.org/donations](http://commonpantry.org/donations). 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.

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

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – Follow this link for additional information: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**GREEN TEAM** – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church, recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at [nlanda05@yahoo.com](mailto:nlanda05@yahoo.com) or Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com).

**HANDWORK MEET-UP** – If you enjoy handwork, you’re invited to sit 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.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for the 2023/24 school year. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**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](mailto:lynnebrenan@yahoo.com) or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here: [tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx](http://tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx).

**MEN'S GROUP** – A St. Pauls Men's Group is being formed. If you'd like to join, please contact Jim Jansma: [jjansma14@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PICKLEBALL** – Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.  
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball)

**POLO STAY & PLAY** – This is a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children (ages 0-4) and expectant parents, to meet together and enjoy playtime with your children. Our group will meet in the nursery downstairs by the Social Hall on Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. *Please note, this is not a drop-off event.* Adult supervision is required.

**POP TAB PROGRAM: RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY**

Help support the Ronald McDonald Charities by saving aluminum tabs from all kinds of cans: soda, canned foods, pet food, etc. Find a container 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 helping others and recycling. Little things like pop tabs can make a big difference!

**SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612).

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at [jenluerksen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerksen@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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social)

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@gmail.com).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS** – If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson ([jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)), Marti Pechnyo ([mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com)), or Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** – Please register your kids for the 2022-23 Sunday School year at the link below. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery is open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at [danielle.mayfield@spucc.org](mailto:danielle.mayfield@spucc.org). Register here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755)

**THURSDAY BASKETBALL** – Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels are welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS** – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER** – Make sure you stay in the know with youth events! A weekly email is sent to parents to share activities, including Sunday School lessons and other useful news. Please contact Erin Fitzgerald at [erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org) to be added to the list.

**YOUTH CHOIRS** – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-3rd grade. Rehearsals are at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Prelude, ***It Is Well with My Soul***, was composed by Philip L. Bliss (1836-1878) in 1876. He was a largely self taught itinerant music teacher. He was converted at age 12 at a revival and it was Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899), famous evangelist and founder of the Moody Bible Institute here in Chicago, that encouraged Bliss to become a singing evangelist. The text was written by Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) in 1873. He also gave the Bliss tune its name, VILLE DU HAVRE. The tune is the name of the ship carrying his wife and four daughters from Chicago to vacation in France. The ship sank in the Atlantic after a collision with another vessel and only his wife survived. He wrote this text ***after*** this loss. This arrangement was made by Colleen Henry (1946-2014), mother of Brendan Henry.

***God Made from One Blood*** is a text written in 1991 by Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022). Troeger was a highly respected Professor of Christian Communication at the Yale Divinity School. He was ordained and remained active in both the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches. ST. DENIO is a tune based on a Welsh ballad from the early nineteenth century. St. Denio is the Welsh name for St. Denis, the patron saint of France.

***Holy, Holy, Holy*** - It is interesting to note that the text for this hymn draws from both Jewish and Catholic liturgy. The Jewish prayer for every Shabbat service is *Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh* and the Catholic prayer is *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*. Reginald Heber (1783-1826) penned this text in 1826 just before his death. He won poetry contests at Oxford in his student days. He became a member of the clergy, and took over his father's parish. The tune, NICAEA, was named after the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) when the Church formulated the concept of the Trinity. It was composed by John Dykes (1823-1876), who created many famous English hymn tunes.

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed.*

***Hallelu, Hallelu, Praise Ye the Lord*** is an unattributed praise song that is ideal for children's voices. Its melody is loosely based on a Wesleyan hymn.

***Down in My Heart (I've Got the Joy)*** was composed in 1926 by George W. Cooke (1885-1951). He was born in Yorkshire, England but immigrated to the United States where he became a minister for a group called the Great Crusaders. This is his most famous tune and text.

Joseph Medicott Scriven (1819-1886) wrote the famous text for ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** in 1855. He was an Irish immigrant to Canada. His life was full of ill health and grief, which he worked out in Christian poetry. The tune, ERIE, is also known as CONVERSE and was composed in 1868 by John C. Converse (1832-1918), who grew up in Erie, PA, which explains both tune names. He was an attorney who also composed "church songs." He studied both law and music in Leipzig before returning to this country.

***Someday*** is the closing song in the Disney animated film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. The song was composed and the film released in 1996. The music was composed by Alan Menken (b. 1949), who has composed music for other well-known Disney films: *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin*, to name a few. The lyrics were written by Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948), who is also known for successful musicals for which he has composed both music and lyrics, including *Pippin*, *Godspell* and *Wicked*.

***O God Beyond All Praising*** is by Gustav Holst (1874-1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. It is truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted "Thaxted" as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942-1996), who began his studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

***An Irish Blessing*** is the traditional sung benediction of our Pastor Jeff Carlson. The text has been set numerous times by many composers. The words are translated from the original Gaelic and are unattributed. They are often said or sung at weddings or other special ceremonies.

***Prelude in a Classical Style*** was composed in 1966 by Gordon Young (1919-1998). He composed both choral work and organ repertoire. He was born in Kansas and received his advanced training at The Curtis Institute. He became organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and was also on the faculty at Wayne State University. This is his best known work and has been recorded many times.

## 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.*

- Micki Fayhee and family at the death of her mother Linda.
- Loved ones of Petrine Ashley at her death.
- Kevin O'Brien's friend, Clay Taylor, recovering from heart transplant surgery.
- Sarah and her children, Emma and Jack, at the loss of their husband/father in an accident.
- Nick, at the passing of his mother.
- 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.