

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

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 Spirit of God is a life that bestows life, root of world-tree  
and wind in its boughs. Scrubbing out sin, she rubs oil into wounds.  
She is glistening life alluring all praise, all-awakening, all-resurrecting.

Hildegard of Bingen, 12th century

PRELUDE

*Lord, Don't Move the Mountain*  
St. Arbucks

Doris Akers  
arr. Brendan Henry

Now Lord don't move my mountain  
But give me the strength to climb  
And Lord, don't take away my stumbling blocks  
But lead me all around

Lord I don't bother nobody  
I try to treat everybody the same  
But everytime, I turn my back  
They scandalize my name

But oh Jesus  
You don't have to move my mountain . . .

INTROIT

*Come Holy Ghost*  
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Holy Spirit comes like a rushing wind!

**All: The Holy Spirit comes like tongues of flame!**

One: The Holy Spirit brings visions and dreams!

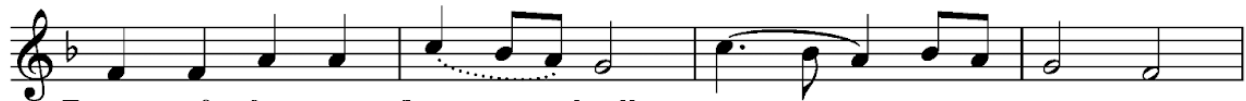
**All: The Holy Spirit is out of control!**

\* HYMN

*Spirit Spill, Let Church Begin*



1. Storm of joy in - side our walls,
  2. Dust made bold as wild \_\_\_\_\_ flow'rs
  3. Blood and fire and smok - y mist,
  4. Spir - it spill, let church be - gin,
- Al - - le - lu - ia!



Tongues of fire en - flame, en - thrall,  
Sing - ing of God's wild \_\_\_\_\_ pow'r,  
Maj - es - ty be - yond our midst,  
Dark red wine on white lin - en,

Al - - le - lu - ia!



We are dust but not a - lone,  
Dust-brained yet we un - der - stand,  
Time - less love in in - fan - cy,  
Fire our dreams and fill our eyes,

Al - - le - lu - ia!



Un - tamed Spir - it fills our home,  
Eve - ry tongue from ev - ery land,  
Ho - ly Ghost, both here and free,  
Drench our dust with par - a - dise,

Al - - le - lu - ia!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

**The Spirit comes like a squall,  
strong enough to toss our furniture around.  
Disturbed, we fix ourselves to the ground.**

**The Spirit comes like tongues of fire,  
ready to burn our careful religion down.  
Rattled, we write a prayer of confession.**

**The Spirit is wild, wild, wild.  
That's why we want to tame Her.  
That's why we pretend that we're in control.**

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
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

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*


vv. 1 & 2




1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;  
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

SCRIPTURE

Louise Gram

*Acts 2:1-18, 21*

One: When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place.

**All: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in their own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? We hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."**

One: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my servants, both women and men, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**\* 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**

*Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*  
See previous hymn

vv. 3 & 4

**SERMON**

**"Wind In and Through Us"**

**Matt Fitzgerald**

\* HYMN

# What a Covenant

1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing  
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing

on the ev - er - last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness,  
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path  
on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;*

*lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.*

MISSION MOMENT

Housing Migrant Guests

David Brown

OFFERTORY

*Ain't Got Time to Die*

Hall Johnson

Kurt R. Hansen, solist

Chancel Choir

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,

Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' de sick,

"Cause it takes all o' ma time,  
all o' ma time.

If I don' praise Him

De rocks gonter cry out.

Glory an' honor,

Ain' got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin for de Kingdom,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' de poor

I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause it takes all o' ma time,

all' o' ma time to praise my Lord.

If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out . . .

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master

Ain' got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all,

ain' got time to die

'Cause it takes all o' ma time,

all o' my time.

To praise my Lord,

If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out . . .

Now, won't you git out o' ma way,

Lem-me praise my Jesus?

Git out o' ma way!

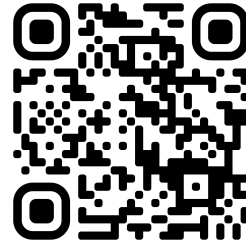
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**\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:  
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Matt Fitzgerald

**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

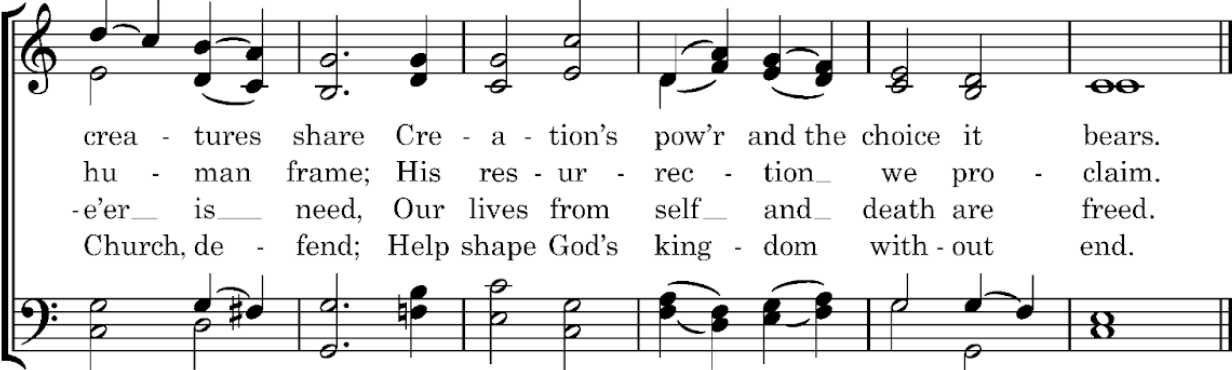
*On God the Spirit We Rely*



1. On God the Spir - it we re - ly; To her great  
2. Her love shall guide, her judg - ments stay, Her righ - teous  
3. Thus bound in cov - e - nant, we search For ways to  
4. Her help we seek to face our time; Through trial we



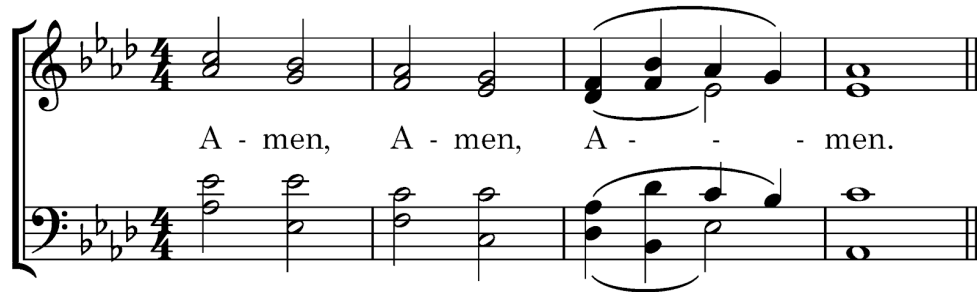
deeds we tes - ti - fy; All worlds are hers, all  
will di - rect our way. He shares our hum - ble,  
serve her through her church; In serv - ant - hood wher -  
trust her grace di - vine; True jus - tice, peace, O



crea - tures share Cre - a - tion's pow'r and the choice it bears.  
hu - man frame; His res - ur - rec - tion we pro - claim.  
-e'er is need, Our lives from self and death are freed.  
Church, de - fend; Help shape God's king - dom with - out end.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*Ite missa est*

Vinzenz Goller

St. Pauls Brass

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.***

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

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Today we welcome the **St. Pauls Brass** to add a triumphant spirit to Pentecost Sunday. Its members are **Kris Hansen, Jim Brandt**, trumpets; **Tom Clancy, Rick Peterson**, horns; **Nancy Pifer**, tenor horn; **Mark Swanson**, trombone; **Chris Bettler**, tuba; **Kevin Dzierzawski**, organ; and **Mark Mosley**, conductor.

***Lord, Don't Move the Mountain*** lyrics and music were written by Doris Mae Akers (1923-1995), a famous African American gospel composer, arranger and singer. This is another gospel song that Mahalia Jackson sang and this arrangement is by Brendan Henry.

The original text for ***Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*** was in German and written by Martin Luther (1483-1546) who began the Reformation and founded the Lutheran Church, which shares some of our denomination's history and lineage. The tune name is the first three words of Luther's hymn, KOMM HEILIGER GEIST. The tune is

attributed and predates the Reformation. The translation into English is also attributed and first found in the *Lutheran Book of Worship 1941*.

***Spirit Spill Let Church Begin*** is a new hymn text composed in 2023 by St. Pauls Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald. Matt is a lover of poetry, especially as it relates to faith, so it is natural for him to create new words appropriate for Pentecost. The tune LLANFAIR was composed in 1817 by Robert Williams (1782-1821). Williams was a blind basket weaver with innate musical talent. It was said that he could write down a tune having heard it only once.

***Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy***, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

***What a Covenant*** is also known to us as *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, the first words of the refrain. The text is by Eisha Hoffman (1879-1939). He was educated at Union Seminary and served a number of Congregational churches during the term of his ministry. The tune, SHOWALTER, takes the name of its composer A. J. Showalter (1858-1924), who composed more than 100 hymns. He grew up and was deeply influenced by the American shaped-note tradition, which includes famous hymnals like *The Sacred Harp*.

Hall Johnson (1888-1970) composed both the music and text for ***Ain't Got Time to Die***. He was an author, composer, arranger, major choral conductor, teacher, and music historian who focused on recording and publishing spirituals. His students included Shirley Verrett. He was eulogized by Marian Anderson as having done more to advance the beauty and importance of the spiritual than anyone up to that time. This is another especially relevant musical and spiritual message as we emerge from the restrictions of the past 16 months.

The tune for ***On God the Spirit We Rely***, TRURO, was composed by Charles Burney (1726-1814). Burney was a music historian and composer. He apprenticed with a well known English Baroque composer, Thomas Arne (1710-778). Text edited by Matt Fitzgerald, 2023.

***Ite missa est*** is subtitled "A Festival Postlude." It was composed by Vinzenz Goller (1873-1953). Goller was born into a musical family in Brixen in the Italian Alps. He fought as an officer in the Italian Army in World War I. He became a church musician and was on the faculty of the Vienna Conservatory of Music for many years. The text is the final words of a Catholic Latin Mass, "*The Mass is ended*."

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Liz Nickerson, Matt Fitzgerald

**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:** Louise Gram

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

**Head Ushers:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Juanita Barlow, David Faulkner, 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 from Dodd and Mary Brown, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY & JUNE**

*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 28 Christine Terborg, Kim Beck, Nancy Curotto, Tyler Holland

May 29 Jennifer Byrne, Larry Kearns, Alexandra Beck, Nora Penniman,  
Molly Terborg, Faye Johnson, Monty Kehl

May 30 Angi Miller, Margaret Palm, Grayson Charlton, Leo Patton, Brooklyn Singles

May 31 Michael Mosley, Anaïs Jarzebowski, Charlotte Bunch, Marnee Lumm,  
Wesley Panko, Terry Breitwiser

June 1 Alison Schwab, Bryan Chamberlain, Phil Hamp, Clay Canfield, Thomas Mix

June 2 Brendan Noonan, Mark Clark, Shane Gentzen, Jeffrey Whitridge

June 3 Kimberlee Schmahl, Mark Mosley, Amelia Baurer

## 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.*

### **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](http://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 bylaws 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](http://tinyurl.com/ektz4uah).

### **JUNE 25 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL PRIDE COOKOUT - 4 p.m., Courtyard**

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and hosts Rick Peterson and Doug Heyboer for a cookout after the Pride Parade in the St. Pauls courtyard. Whether you're marching or not, you're invited to join this fun cookout. Please bring your own food and beverages. A grill will be provided for all to share. You can leave your food at the church during the march.

**JUNE 27 - 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 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 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 LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERING**

Migrants at the 18th District police station are in need of fresh laundry. St. Pauls has a wealth of facilities and we would like to help provide access to this service. Thank you to the volunteers who will help transport, wash and dry laundry after church this Sunday, May 28. If you are interested in learning more or signing up to help with laundry, please email Jen Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com). We are happy to report that showers will be offered to guests twice a week by the Park District.

### **MIGRANT MEAL SUPPORT**

Chicago's challenge to support the migrant population arriving here continues to stress the city. For migrants, it's an extraordinarily difficult period with no real hospitable shelter to await their intake meetings. SPUCC 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 to support our efforts by volunteering through this link: [tinyurl.com/yjhum2me](http://tinyurl.com/yjhum2me) or contact Mark Pellegrino at [jjmarkp@yahoo.com](mailto:jjmarkp@yahoo.com).

### **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!

### **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!

### **MAKE A BIBLE DIORAMA!**

You are invited to craft a scene from the Bible for all to enjoy. Take a look at the brightly lit display case mounted to the back wall of the Narthex. Our first diorama is already installed! Register to make your own, using whatever you have on hand at home. Church staff will contact you to arrange installation.

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1776895](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1776895)

### **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](http://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](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/youth-mission-trip-donations).

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

SPARC is sending a letter to this summer's 34th General Synod of the UCC, urging passage of a proposed resolution to further reparations nationally. The proposal urges the Synod to proclaim public support for federal legislation that establishes a pathway toward reparations for African Americans. It also calls for partnership across UCC bodies to inspire education and direct action toward reparations. **This means us! Please read this article, [tinyurl.com/mr4atru5](https://tinyurl.com/mr4atru5), to learn more, and join the follow-up discussion of The Big Payback on June 18, even if you did not attend the first session.**

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

"They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither and they prosper in all they do." Psalm 1:3

Oak trees are a keystone species to Chicago ecology. They provide habitat for birds, insects and mammals. Their roots are well-adapted to absorbing water and thereby mitigating flooding. Oaks are struggling in Illinois and the oak corridors in the city are disappearing.

Assess your backyard or neighborhood this summer: is an oak in distress in your yard or neighborhood? Assure that they have plenty of water and the roots are protected. Are there invasive species competing with oaks? Clear them out.

For more information, see Chicago Region Trees Initiative, Oak Ecosystems Recovery Project: [chicagorti.org/program/oak-ecosystems-recovery-project](https://chicagorti.org/program/oak-ecosystems-recovery-project)

## **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!

**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](mailto: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](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 Luerssen at [jenluerssen@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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 [cindyinn11@gmail.com](mailto: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](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!

## **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.*

- Gloria Joseph, hospitalized on May 22.
- Rachel Barton Pine, her husband Greg, and their daughter Sylvia as Rachel recuperates from surgery.
- Troy Meinders' sister, Tricia, who is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Juanita Barlow and Paquita Mueller at the death of their sister, Maria Dolores Guadalupe.
- 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.
- 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.