

July 2, 2023  
Communion Sunday

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.  
There is no Sunday School or childcare staff today. The Nursery is available for parents  
and their children to use during worship, if needed.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Love is not consolation, it is light."

Simone Weil

PRELUDE

*O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies*  
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we are here to call on you, to bring all that moves within us before you.

**All: Come to us now! Awaken us! Give us your Light!**

One: Be our teacher! Be our challenge! Be our rock!

**All: Give us clear minds and joyful hearts.**

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

\* HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*



1. For the\_beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,  
2. For the\_won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the\_joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child.  
4. For the\_good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The third system contains one line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a hymn.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**Righteous God,  
take away our vanity.  
Take away our fear of justice.  
Take away the deceit riddling  
our thoughts and words.  
We live in error.  
We inflict pain.**

**All the while, your strong hand holds us.  
You do not reject or forget any of us.  
Let us believe this promise!  
Let it change our lives!  
Amen.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE

*How Firm a Foundation*

vv. 1&2



1. How\_ firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5. "The\_ soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



by\_ God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for\_ I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the\_ riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my\_ grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I\_ will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake.



to\_ you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your\_ soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
I'll\_ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

## SCRIPTURE

David Faulkner

*Matthew 10:40-42*

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing.

## \* RESPONSE

*How Firm a Foundation*  
See previous hymn

vv. 3-5

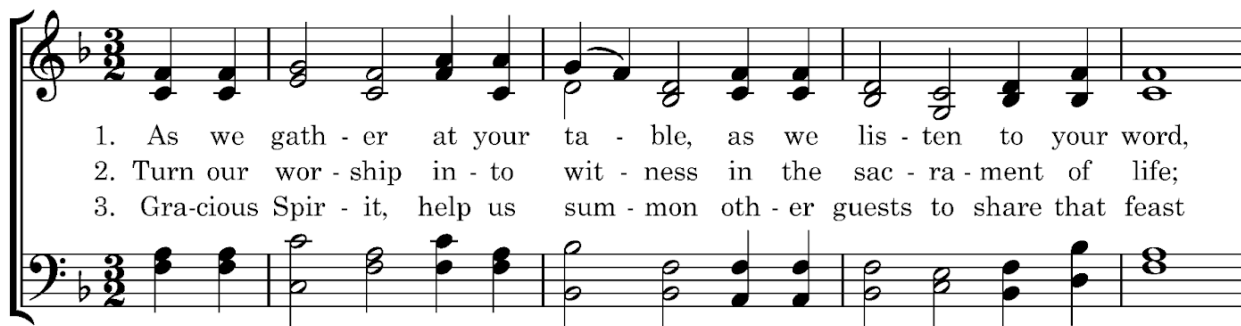
## SERMON

"Disturbed Saints, Relieved Sinners"

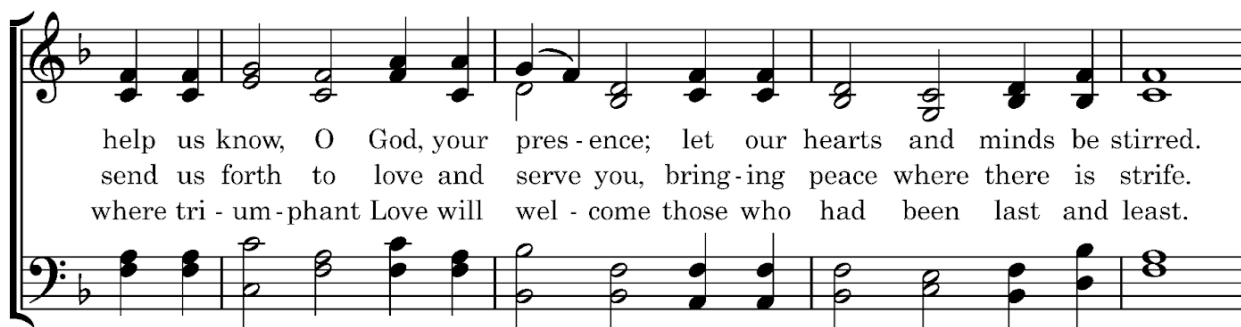
Matt Fitzgerald

\* HYMN

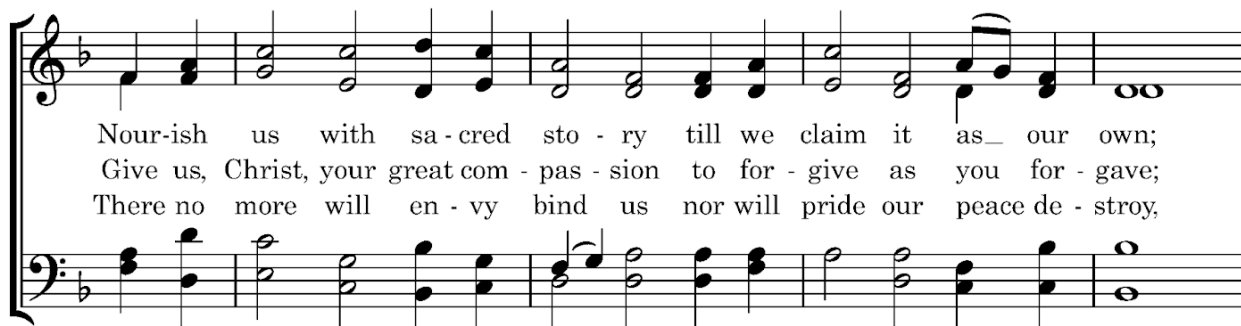
*As We Gather at Your Table*



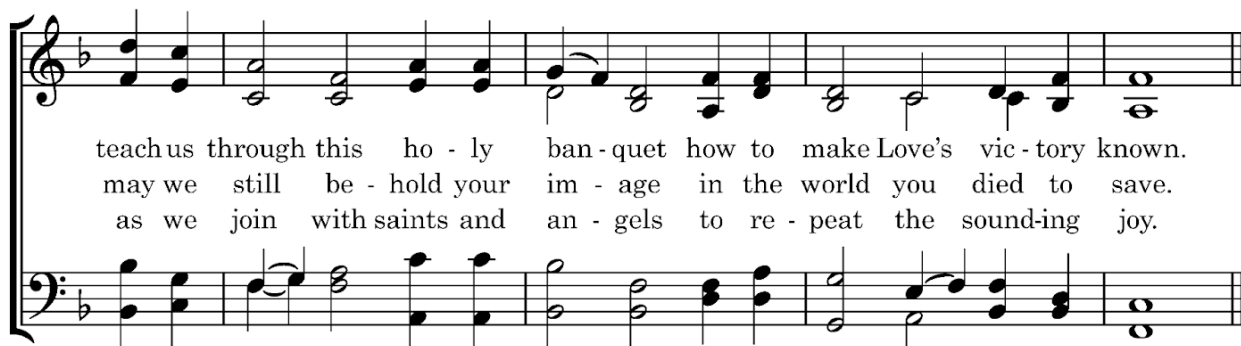
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as\_ our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

OFFERTORY

*Panis angelicus*

César Franck

(Sung in Latin)

Kristofer Hansen and Kurt R. Hansen

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

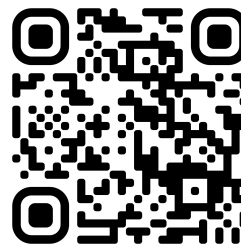
The bread of angels becomes our bread,  
The bread of heaven gives an end to earthly forms.  
O marvelous and wondrous sacrament:  
A poor soul, a slave, and the humble one  
Share same sacrifice of the Lord.

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

*Please come forward for communion.  
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.  
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.  
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.  
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.  
Return to your seat by the side aisles.  
All are welcome to take part in communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC    *The Creator Has a Master Plan*

Pharoh Sanders

The Creator has a working plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The Creator has a working plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The Creator has a master plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The Creator has a master plan  
Peace and happiness for every man  
The Creator makes but one demand  
Peace and happiness through all the land  
The Creator makes but one demand  
Happiness through all the land

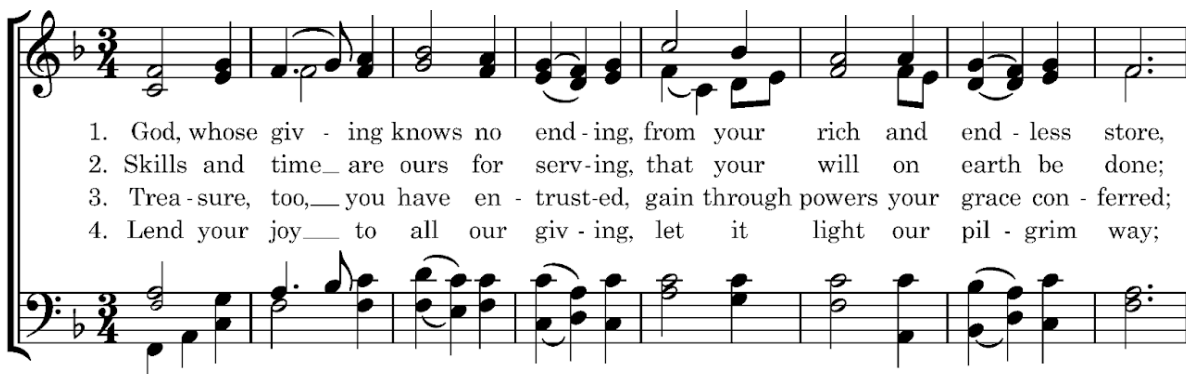


\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

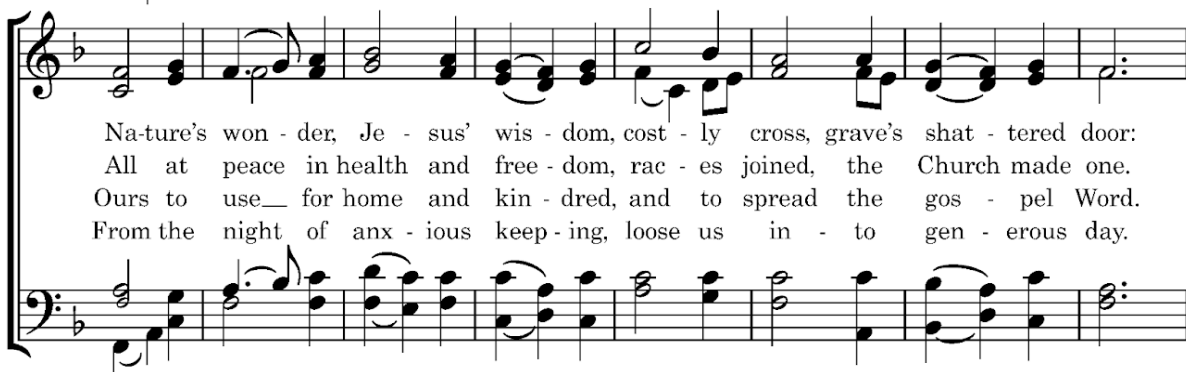
**Thank you for setting this table, Lord. Send us from it eager to lift up and sit beside all who need your love. Amen.**

\* HYMN

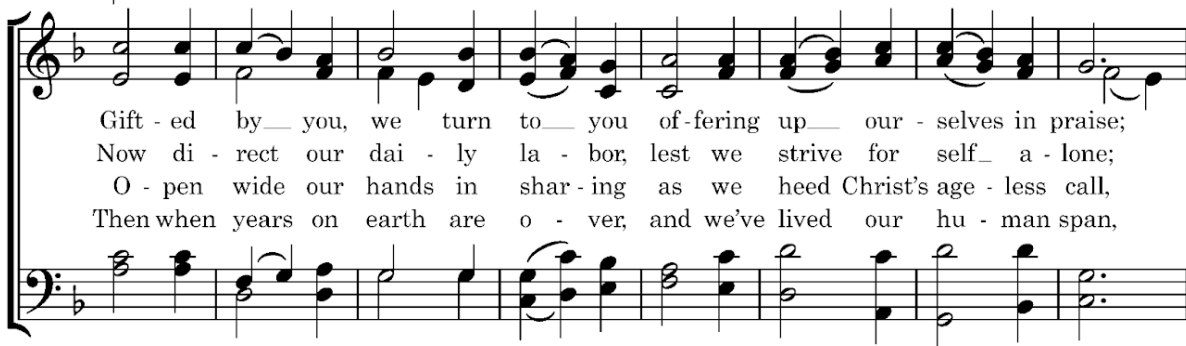
*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store,  
2. Skills and time\_ are ours for serv - ing, that your will on earth be done;  
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your grace con - ferred;  
4. Lend your joy\_ to all our giv - ing, let it light our pil - grim way;



Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door:  
All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the Church made one.  
Ours to use\_ for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel Word.  
From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to gen - erous day.



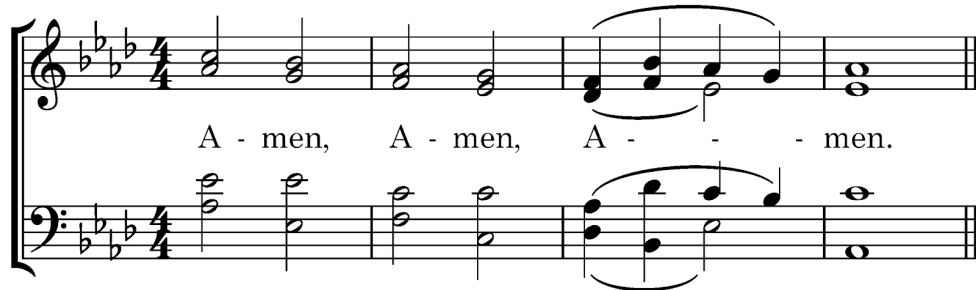
Gift - ed by\_ you, we turn to\_ you of - fer - ing up\_ our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self\_ a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing as we heed Christ's age - less call,  
Then when years on earth are o - ver, and we've lived our hu - man span,



Thank - ful song\_ shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
God, ful - fill\_ be - yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Craig Curry

***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 to coffee hour in the Social Hall, directly below the Sanctuary.***

### INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- This week, there is no childcare staff in the Nursery. The room is available for parents and their children to use during worship.
- Older children are encouraged to worship with their parents. Look for the children's Bibles placed throughout the pews. Activity "busy bags" are available in the Narthex.
- Did you know that there are two playgrounds immediately to the south of the church? Consider arriving early for church and giving your kids some free time at the playground this summer! This is a terrific incentive for getting them out the door: "If you're ready to go by 9:15, we can stop by the playground and run around with some other church friends!"
- SUMMER ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES: August 13, 20, 27
- REGULAR SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS resume on September 17.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

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

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

**Scripture Reader:** David Faulkner

**Communion Coordinator:** Jana O'Brien

**Communion Server:** Pat Ruch

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, David Faulkner

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Greeters:** Madelyn Jansma, Jim Jansma

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

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

*Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.*

## **BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY**

*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.*

July 2 Sarah Coulter, Tate Saltarelli

July 3 John Miller, Marcia Volk

July 4 Christina Cruz Cedeño-Smedley, Ian Cata

July 5 Holly Good, Laura Clifford, Sean Heffernan, Charlotte Malley

July 6 Betsy Melton, Jan Exworthy, Lisa Montague, Vicki Kendall, Jim Jansma

July 7 Drew Lumm, Hilary Schmitz, Nancy Mayer

July 8 Eithne McMenamin, Erika Block, Kaili Emmrich, Micah McMenamin

## 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.*

### **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).

### **JULY 8 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION 4th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER**

12-2p.m. Meeting House Tavern, 5025 N. Clark St.

Join Lighthouse Foundation for their 4th Anniversary Fundraiser celebrating its work over the past four years and looking towards the future. Experience live music, drag performances, and storytelling from their accomplices in the work.

Meeting House Tavern's bar will be open to purchase drinks. Donations for this event will support the work of their flagship research project, the Black Queer Equity Index. Register here: [tinyurl.com/yn66jpsy](http://tinyurl.com/yn66jpsy).

### **JULY 12 - 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 as we look for treasure in unfamiliar terrain! RSVP to Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **JULY 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL TRANSIT HIKE - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fox River Trail**

Adults of all ages are invited to take a Friday off, leave your car behind and join Pastor Jeff for a transit hike to the Fox River Valley. Take the 8:33 a.m. Metra train from Union Station to Aurora and walk along the Fox River Trail approximately 10 miles north to Geneva, stopping for lunch in Batavia. Return by Metra from Geneva and be back in Chicago at 3 p.m. Contact Pastor Jeff with any questions at

[jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org) and RSVP here:

[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1820715](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1820715)

**JULY 15/20/29 - WINDY CITY WINDS - THREE OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERTS**

Windy City Winds, the 60-piece community band that rehearses weekly here at St. Pauls, will perform three outdoor concerts in July, featuring Movie Music in a "Salute to Great Film Composers," including John Williams, Elmer Bernstein, Alfred Newman, Bernard Herrmann, John Barry, Michael Giacchino, and more. Come hear the band on July 15 at 7 p.m. at Churchill Field (2007 W. Churchill - Bucktown); July 20 at 7 p.m. at Buttercup Park (4901 N. Sheridan - Uptown); and July 29 at 3 p.m. at Washington Square Park (901 N. Clark St. - Near North).

**JULY 18 - RETIREMENT GROUP – 10 a.m., Parlor\***

The Retirement Group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, and what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info contact Marcia Knudson at [marciaknudson@gmail.com](mailto:marciaknudson@gmail.com).

**JULY 25 - SACK LUNCH GROUP: FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12 -2 p.m., Social Hall**

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited. 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 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 - 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).

**JULY 29-30 WOMEN'S FARM/STARVED ROCK WEEKEND AT VOLK FARM**

Please join us at Marcia Volk's family farm the weekend of July 29-30. Come for Saturday only or the weekend. Carpool to farm (about two hours SW) and spend Saturday hiking at Starved Rock and/or enjoying the farm trails, picking wildflowers, riding our 4-wheeler, zip line, and boating. On Saturday night we'll have a potluck dinner and bonfire. On Sunday, we'll attend Marcia's summer UCC church in Lacon (optional). Breakfast and lunch are at the farm Sunday. Please bring \$10 for expenses, if possible. First 11 people to respond get the beds, two to a bed. All beds require the ability to climb stairs. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Marcia Volk at [marcia@volkonline.com](mailto:marcia@volkonline.com) or (773) 307-6866.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHANCEL CHOIR ON SUMMER BREAK** - Our Chancel Choir will be on a summer break beginning July 2 and will return to worship services on our Kick-Off Sunday, September 10. Until then, music will be provided by talented members of our congregation each Sunday through July, August, and the first Sunday in September.

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

A core practice of anti-racism, as Tisby reminds us, is to “go beyond your existing social network to encounter people who are different from you and spend time in places that have racial and ethnic diversity.” Join Lighthouse Foundation **Saturday, July 8, 12-2 p.m. at Meeting House Tavern** for our 4th Anniversary Fundraiser to celebrate their work. Experience live music, drag performances, and storytelling from their accomplices in the work. Donations for the event will go toward supporting the work of their flagship racial justice project, the Black Queer Equity Index. Register at [bit.ly/LF4Fund](https://bit.ly/LF4Fund).

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

#### **How Much Plastic Are We Using?**

In 2022, Jan Dell, founder of Last Beach Cleanup, stated, “...the rate of plastic recycling in the U.S. has been about four to five percent...we do not have a lot of factories to do it. It’s also very water intensive.”

Eighty-five percent of plastic ends up in landfills and the rest is incinerated; yet plastic waste in the U.S. has increased by 263% since 1980, from 60 pounds per person to 218 pounds per person by 2021. This estimate is based on data gathered by Beyond Plastics and the Last Beach Cleanup.

## UCC GENERAL SYNOD – WHAT IS GOING ON?

The 34th UCC General Synod has been meeting in Indianapolis since Friday. There have been great speakers (e.g., Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber is scheduled to keynote on July 1 – she is well known to, and beloved by, attendees of St. Pauls weekly Bible Study), as well as inspiring worship and music. In addition, each delegate has been assigned to serve as a member of a reference committee on a particular resolution – and typically the committee hearings are now done and reports are being drafted to adopt, reject or (most likely) adopt a modified resolution. These reference committee recommendations will be voted on and possibly amended by the full assembled General Synod body on Monday and Tuesday. **Please pray** for their careful and thoughtful deliberations. St. Pauls will receive copies of what is ultimately adopted by General Synod, and will study and possibly have an open session to discuss these findings. Together we can discern how or whether we wish to give these adopted resolutions life, as we attempt “to make all things new” and serve as God’s hands in the city.

*Rick Peterson wrote this article about the UCC General Synod. Rick has participated in six General Synods, three as a voting delegate (as a member of the national UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries Board of Directors). Rick is currently the St. Pauls representative to the UCC’s Chicago Metropolitan Association and Illinois Conference.*

## 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](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Find your next good read or drop off books to share in 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, contact Linda Nitzsche, lindanitz@yahoo.com.

**CAREGIVERS' GROUP** – A caregiving role can be a source of love, joy and considerable stress, but it's easier when it doesn't feel like you're the only one. The St. Pauls Caregivers' Group is an informal support group of people who are responsible for the care of parents, partners, friends, or children with illnesses or disabilities. We gather via Zoom the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. to listen, share, empathize, and encourage. Contact Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto:chiggins@spucc.org) to be added to the email list.

**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 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](https://tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx).

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

**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 Social Hall 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 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 [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), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

**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 during the school year.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send announcements for St. Pauls-sponsored events to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin. You are welcome to share personal announcements and event invitations in our Facebook Group, St. Pauls Together.

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

## TODAY'S MUSIC

***O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*** is better known to us from its title, *America The Beautiful*. This very nearly won the battle over *The Star Spangled Banner* as our national anthem. The text was written in 1893 by Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929). She was inspired to write the text when she hiked to the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado and was captivated by the view. The original title of her poem was *Pikes Peak*. The tune, MATERNA, was composed in 1882 by Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903). Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is a well-known and award-winning organist, composer and conductor with numerous published compositions. He was educated at The Curtis Institute and has served on a number of prestigious college and university music faculties.

The text for ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** was written by Folliott S. Pierpont (1835-1917). In the spring of 1863, Pierpont sat on a hill above his home of Bath, England, and this text flowed from his gratitude for the wonders of nature. The tune DIX was composed by German composer Konrad Kocher (1786-1872). He was trained as a teacher and eventually founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart.

***How Firm a Foundation***, although of anonymous origin, is a true American hymn first published in Funk's *Genuine Church Music* in 1832. That hymnal is part of what is often referred to as the Sacred Harp, or shape-note hymnal, tradition in our country, which began in the early 19th century. These treasures gained a rebirth during the bicentennial celebrations in 1976. Did you know that before the revival of this tune, FOUNDATION, this text was most often sung to the tune *Adeste Fideles* (*O Come All Ye Faithful*)? The text is also unattributed, but first discovered by John Rippon (1751-1836), who was an English Baptist clergy. He noted the author as "K."

The text for ***As We Gather at Your Table*** was written in 1989 by Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944). Daw is the son of a Baptist minister and also has a Ph.D. in English literature. He has penned a number of hymn texts. The tune, BEACH SPRING, is attributed to Benjamin F. White (1800-1879) and is first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

***Panis angelicus*** by César Franck (1822-1890) uses a text that is most appropriate for a communion service. It is one of Franck's best known works. Composed in 1872, Franck actually included it as part of a larger and earlier work, *Mass for Three Voices*, composed in 1860. The original was for solo voice, harp, cello, and organ. The text is from the 13th century and is by St. Thomas Aquinas from his hymn, *Sacris solemniis*, for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

***The Creator Has a Master Plan*** was composed by Pharoh Sanders (1940-2022). Born Farrell Sanders, he changed his name after his conversion to Islam. He was a saxophonist known for creating “spiritual jazz,” as well as exploring the overtones on the sax. The legendary saxophonist John Coltrane, who became a close friend of Sanders, recorded this work as an almost musical mantra and featured it on his testament album, *A Love Supreme*.

The text for ***God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** was written in 1961 by Robert L. Edwards (1915-2006). He was a Congregational minister who focused on prison ministry, low income senior housing, and other ministries of social justice. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* and *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.

Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, ***For the Beauty of the Earth***, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

## **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.*

- Michael Toomin, hospitalized with an aggressive form of lymphoma.
- New member Irem Metin will have surgery on July 6. Please keep Irem, her husband William, and sons Aidan and Benjamin in your prayers.
- 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. Juanita gives thanks for your love and support.
- Micki Fayhee and family at the death of her mother, Linda.
- Loved ones of Petrine Ashley at her death.
- 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 age 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.