

June 11, 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.*

PRELUDE *I Expect to See Him* Jessy Dixon
St. Arbucks Quartet

INTROIT *God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Come and drink deeply from the river of life.

All: Let us worship the Giver of all that is good!

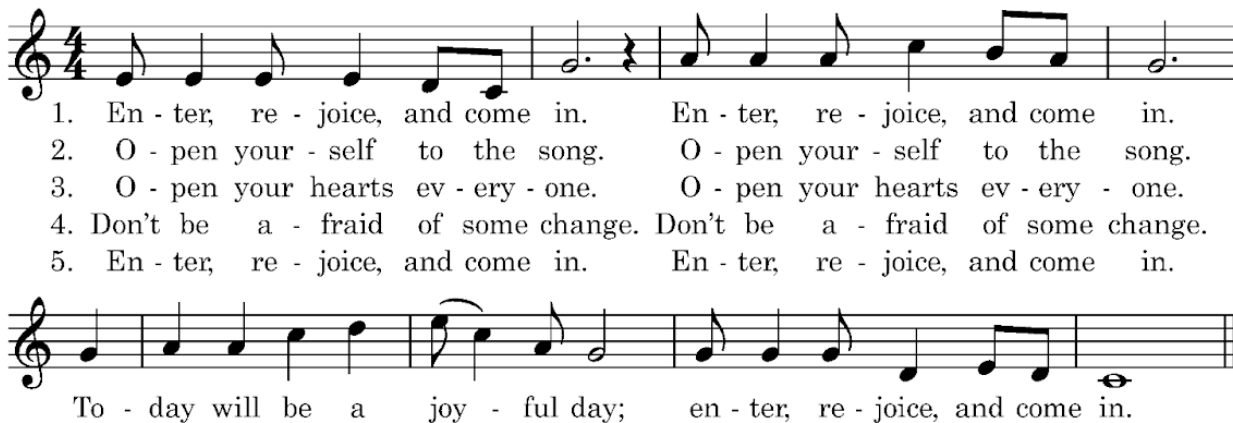
One: Come and rest in the arms of Love.

All: Let us worship the God of love!

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

* HYMN

Enter, Rejoice and Come In



1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
2. O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
3. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
4. Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
5. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of Joy, we offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Forgive us, Lord, and free us.

Give us courage to see the world with new and gracious eyes,

To move to those places where love is needed,

To trust that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

v. 1

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad To make the wound - ed whole,
 There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
 2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,

But_ then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, And say, "He died for all!"

SCRIPTURE

Marcy Harman

Matthew 9:1-13

After getting into a boat Jesus crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the Bible scholars said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he then said to the paralyzed man—"stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

*** 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**

There Is a Balm in Gilead
See previous hymn

v. 2

SERMON

"Crescent Beach"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

De Colores



1. De____ co - lo - res,____ de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
2. Sing____ of col - ors,____ sing of col - ors that o - ver the
3. Sing,____ re - joic - ing!____ Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a



cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra.____ De____ co - lo - res,____ de co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing;____ Sing____ of col - ors____ of the
song to the God of cre - a - tion.____ Sing,____ re - joic - ing!____ Sing to



- lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a - fue - ra.____
birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles sing - ing;____
God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal - va - tion.____



De____ co - lo - res,____ de co - lo - res es el ar - co
Sing____ of col - ors,____ in the rain - bow's bright col - ors God's
Sing____ the good news!____ Sing the love of the Sav - ior re -



i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir,____ Y por e - so los gran - des a -
prom - ise of hope we re - call;____ Sing of col - ors that make up the
- flect - ing the col - ors of all.____ Man - y col - ors that shine from God's



- mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a mí,____ Y por
earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us all.____ Sing of
face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re - call.____ Man - y

e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
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- lo - res me gus - tan a mí.
God who cre - at - ed us all.
tell us God's love to re - call.

OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made the glowing colors,
He made the tiny wings.

Refrain:
The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

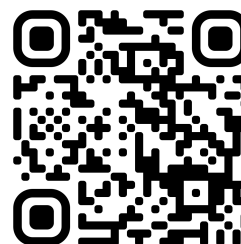
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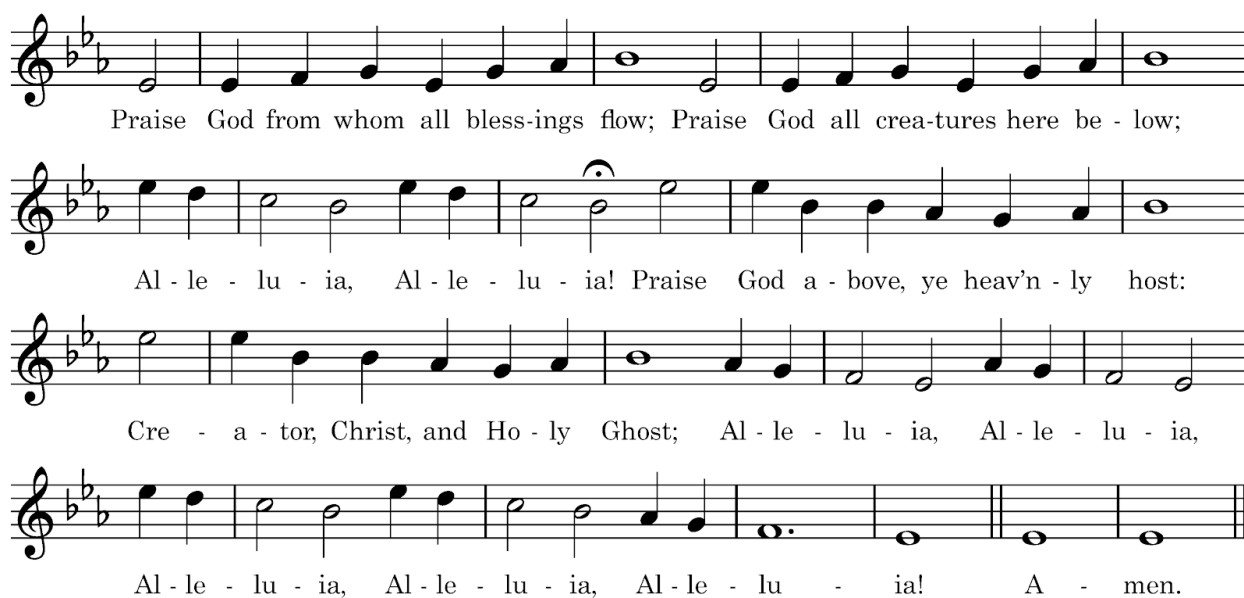
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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle or PayPal to 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

Jeff Carlson

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me__ and rest;
2. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I__ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I__ am this lost world's Light,

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on__ my breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, draw near, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

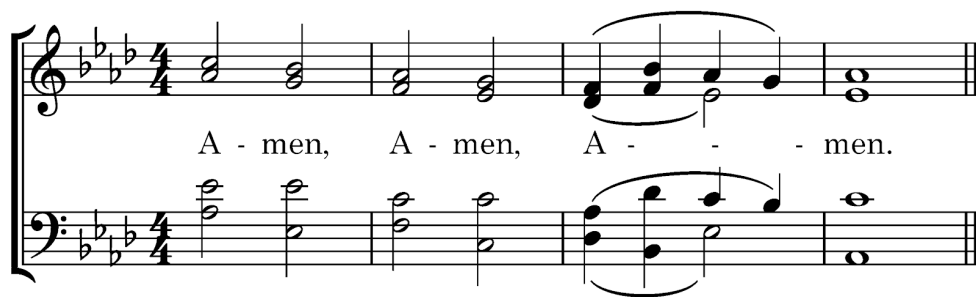
I__ came to Je - sus as I was, so__ wea - ry, worn, and sad,
I__ came to Je - sus, and I drank of__ that life - giv - ing stream;
I__ looked to Je - sus, and I found my__ guid - ing Star, my Sun;

And there I found a__ rest - ing place, where Je - sus made me glad!
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I am re - deemed.
And in that light of__ life I'll go till__ trav - eling days are done.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody. The lyrics are written in a simple, readable font, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across bar lines.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Finale

Daniel Gawthrop

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 to stay in the Sanctuary for the Special Congregational Meeting.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: 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: Marcy Harman

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, 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 from Lisa Donofrio.

*A donation was made by Juanita and Jeff Barlow in memory of Juanita's sister,
Maria D. Guadalupe.*

BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.

June 11 Steve Terborg, Augustus Schmitt, Jennie Hamm, Malcolm Hoerr

June 13 Sergio Sanz

June 14 Gary Ashley, Jessica Vahey, Karin Abercrombie, Kathy Hall

June 15 Lee Waldschmidt, Debbie Edwards

June 16 Cheryl Kuba, Janice Keeler, Mary Hoffman, Sebastian Liabo

June 17 Andreas Hecht, Beverley Petrunich, Chuck Palm, Stella Crowley

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar.

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

Contact the church office or group leader for more information.

JUNE 11 - YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH TODAY- 11:15 a.m.

All young adults are invited to meet at the bell just outside the main sanctuary doors at 11:15 a.m. and we will walk to Takitos in Lincoln Park for good food and conversation.

JUNE 14 - 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.

JUNE 16 - 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.

JUNE 16 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL AT THE SYMPHONY - 6:30 p.m., Millennium Park

For adults of all ages, join St. Pauls Social and host Madelyn Jansma for an evening of composer Antonín Dvořák. Pack a picnic and enjoy good music, good company and (hopefully) good weather. Madelyn will arrive at 6 p.m. and be in the middle towards the back with a red and black checked blanket. To find her, text her at (425) 894-1853.

JUNE 18 - DISCUSSION of *THE BIG PAYBACK* MOVIE -11 a.m., Comet Room (below the Narthex). *The Big Payback* examines current efforts to address reparations for slavery to African Americans. More than 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, the Black community still bears the burdens of state-sanctioned racial discrimination. It's time for common sense, locally driven reparations policies that begin to remedy this. Join us on this journey to breathe new life into the discussion about reparations and help our community reimagine what justice and equality can look like. Co-facilitators Kirk Chernansky and David Fowlkes will summarize the movie and lead us on an exploration of the full components of reparations, why it matters for all of us, and what roles we can play. Please register at: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1803155

JUNE 20 - RETIREMENT GROUP – 10 a.m., Social Hall

The Retirement Group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Social Hall. 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.

JUNE 25 - PRIDE PARADE - after worship, Courtyard

Express our welcome by walking together with St. Pauls and members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Church (CCWC) in the 2023 Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25. This year's theme is "**God's Love Embraces and TRANSforms All!**" Meet after worship in the courtyard by the bell, bring your CTA card and we'll head up to the parade route on the "L". Let us know you're walking by signing up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1802009

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., 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

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 or (773) 307-6866.

JULY 8 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION 4th ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

12-2p.m. Meeting House Tavern, 5025 North Clark Street

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: <https://tinyurl.com/yn66jpsy>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Juneteenth celebrates the day when the last African Americans held as slaves learned that they were free, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after the Confederate surrender. Nearly 160 years later, our social and governmental systems have yet to fully embrace our Black siblings as equal citizens. This June 19, join a **Conversation on Health Equity with Dr. Ngozi Ezike**, sponsored by liveunitedchicago.org, to explore the disparities in health care faced by minority communities, and how we can all be better. Learn more and RSVP here, tinyurl.com/3hy6ene7.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

We normally do not associate special events—graduations, weddings, christenings—with waste. They are usually occasions where we plan what to give, what to wear, where to stay, and the people with whom we plan to reconnect.

It is astounding to note that the average American wedding generates at least 400 pounds of trash in landfills. This is the wedding itself and does not include trash or pollution generated by guests going to and from the wedding or clothing and presents. If you are a guest, introduce a new mindset to your thinking; this is a new calculus about attending an event: Do I really need a new dress or suit? Is the present and its packaging biodegradable? Am I committed to minimizing my carbon footprint during travel? Am I being judicious about the use of resources, such as water and linen, in the hotel.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for St. Pauls members and friends. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

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. 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – Follow this link for additional information: spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271.

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

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. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

LPCS VOLUNTEERING – Lincoln Park Community Services has a new volunteer opportunity on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. You will prepare LPCS-provided lunches for their street outreach program and welcome folks coming for drop-in services. To learn more about this program, contact volunteer coordinator Lynne Brenan at lynnebrenan@yahoo.com or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here: tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx.

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

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

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.

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. Subscribe to the distribution list below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar: spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social.

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

I Expect to See Him is by Jessy Dixon (1938-2011), another gospel artist and composer with deep roots in Chicago. His music was beloved outside his own community and he received seven Grammy nominations in his career. He toured the world with Paul Simon after Mr. Simon heard him and the Jessy Dixon Singers at a concert at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He also wrote music for artists as varied as Diana Ross and Cher.

The text for ***God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*** was written in 1971 by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). One of the most prominent hymnodists in Britain, he was born in Liverpool and became a Methodist minister. The tune, ABBOT'S LEIGH, was composed in 1941 by Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1992). Taylor was both a musician and a priest of the Church of England. He composed 20 hymns and edited a number of hymnals.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In was composed in the 1970s by Louise Ruspini (1900-2000) who also provided the text, which is based on Psalm 100. The tune borrows the from the first line of the refrain: ENTER, REJOICE.

There Is a Balm In Gilead is a Black spiritual. In the Hebrew Bible, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an ointment made from the gum of a tree indigenous to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression. For slaves in our country, crossing the Jordan River was code for escaping their bondage by escaping to the north going over rivers like the Potomac and Ohio.

De colores is a folk song from the rich resources of Mexican music. It gained wide popularity when it was sung at meetings and marches of the United Farm Workers. Our *New Century Hymnal* was the first to share it with a wider audience, and the translation is unattributed.

The well-known Victorian text for ***All Things Bright and Beautiful*** was composed in 1848 by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). She spent her entire life in Ireland and after marrying an Anglican priest, devoted herself to the service of the disadvantaged. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. John Rutter (b. 1945) wrote this anthem in 1983. It was commissioned by Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, tune KINGSFOLD, first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish cleric Horatius Bonar (1808-1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Our postlude today, ***Finale***, was composed by Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949). He was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and is known for his output of compositions for choirs and the organ. He has been the recipient of more than 100 commissions for his works. He attended both Michigan State University and Brigham Young University. He currently resides in southern Idaho with his wife.

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.

- 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 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.

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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.