



June 25, 2023
Pride 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.
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"To be afraid is to behave as if the truth were not true."

Bayard Rustin

PRELUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come
St. Arbucks Quartet

Sam Cooke

I was born by the river
In a little tent
Oh, and just like the river, I've been running
Ever since

It's been a long
A long time coming, but I know
A change gon' come
Oh yes, it will

It's been too hard living
But I'm afraid to die
'Cause I don't know what's up there
Beyond the sky

It's been a long...

INTROIT

Morning Has Broken
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beautiful are the works of God!

All: Beautiful are all of God's people!

One: Beautiful is the mind of God!

All: Beautiful are the hopes of God's people!

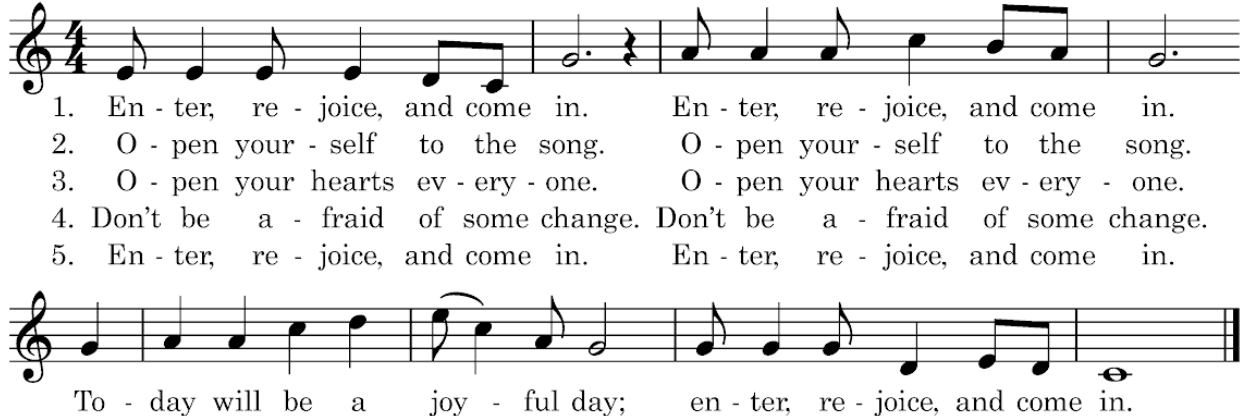
One: Beautiful is the heart of God!

All: Beautiful are the souls of God's people!

To God be the glory for the things God has done!

* 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

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

*Sunday School students are invited to participate in Prayground Sunday School.
If you would like to accompany your child(ren) to the gym, you are welcome to drop
them off and return to worship. The nursery is available for 0-5 year olds.*

RESPONSE

I Come with Joy

vv. 1 & 2



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free,_____ The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed,_____ The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends._____ The love that made_ us, makes us one, and
 near,_____ And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay,_____ And go with joy_____ to love the world and



love laid down for me,_____ in love laid down for me._____
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread,_____ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread._____
 strang - ers now_ are friends, and strang - ers now_ are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here,_____ that Christ is ris - en here._____
 live the way_ we pray,_____ and live the way_ we pray._____

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6: 12-16 and 20-22

It was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!” David replied to Michal, “In God’s presence I’ll dance all I want! He chose me over your father and the rest of our family and made me prince over God’s people, over Israel. Oh yes, I’ll dance to God’s glory—more recklessly even than this!”

* 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

I Come with Joy
See previous hymn

vv. 3-5

SERMON

“Dance Like God Is Watching”

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly—
2. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as words with -

to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
- in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.—

OFFERTORY

Ain'a That Good News
Chancel Choir

Black American Spiritual
arr. William Dawson

I got a crown up ina the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I got a crown up ina the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I'm goin' to lay down this worl'
Goin'a shoulder up-uh my cross,
Goin'a take it home-a to my Jesus,
Ain'a that good news, good news.

I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl'.....,

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I got a robe up in'a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I'm going to lay down this worl'.....,

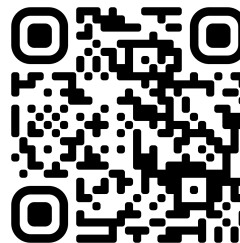
I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news,
I got a Saviour in-a the Kingdom,
Ain'a that good news!
I'm a goin' to lay down this worl'.....,

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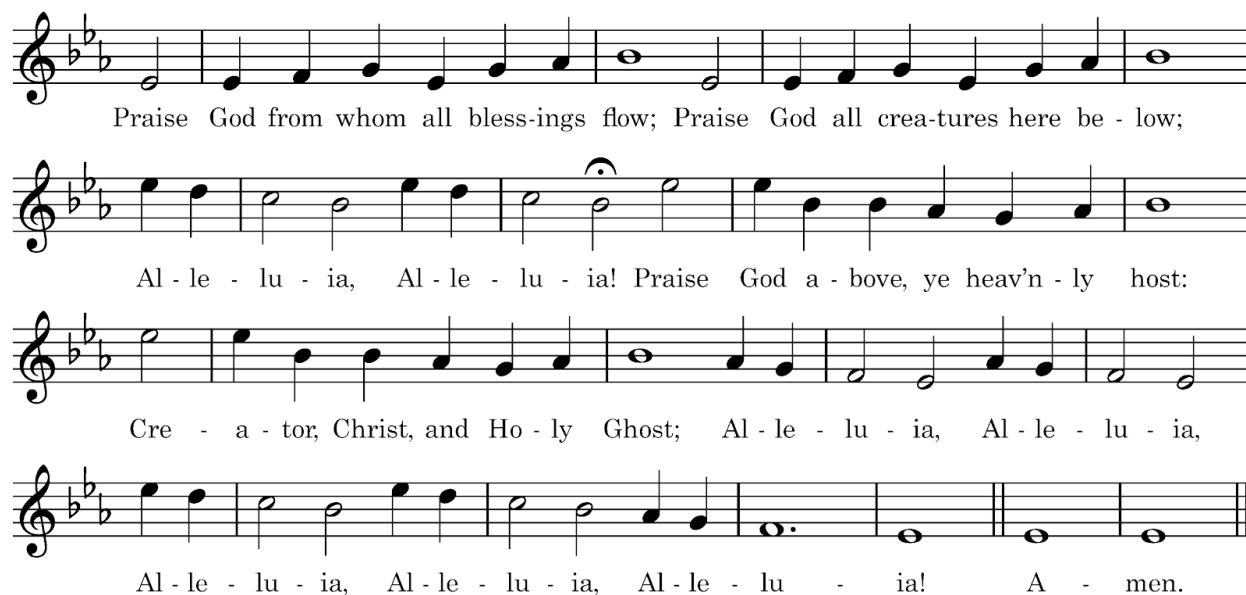
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Or through Zelle or PayPal to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, 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! A-men." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

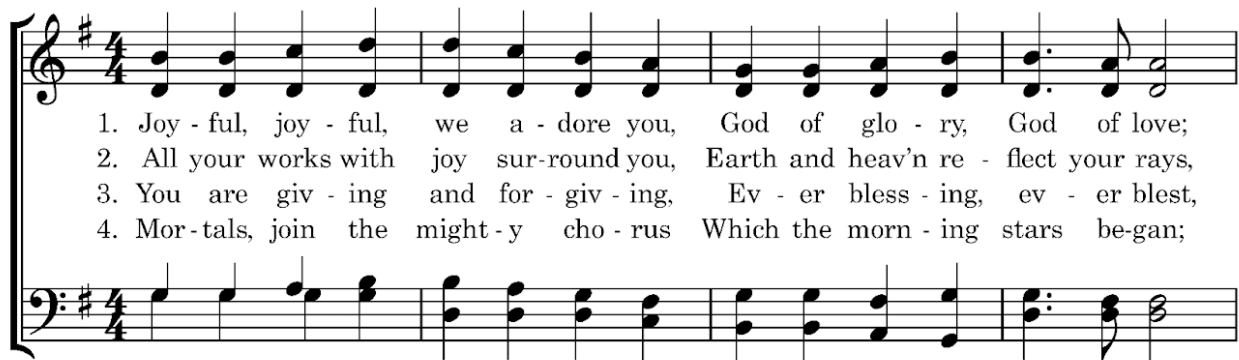
Liz Nickerson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

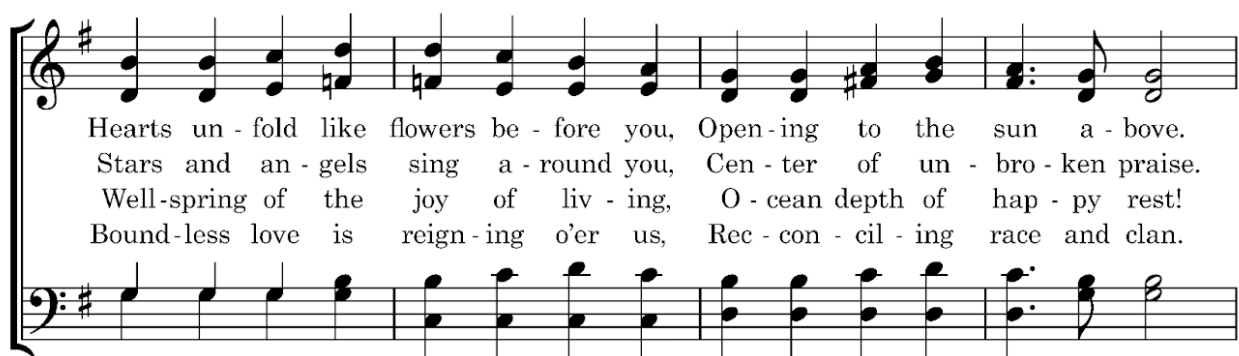
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

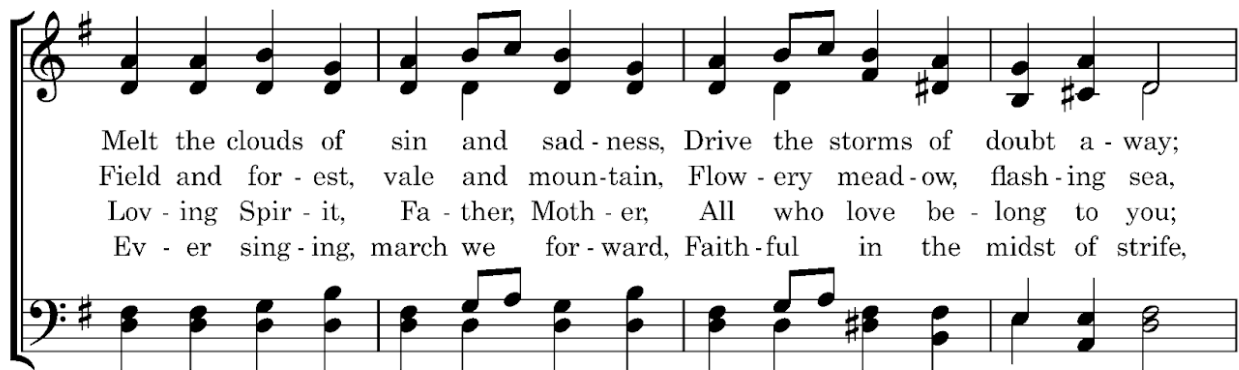
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You



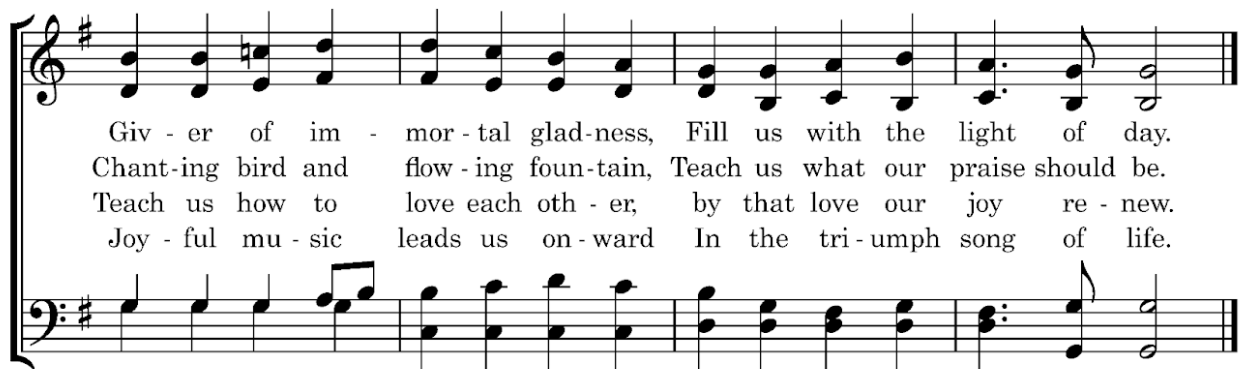
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2. All your works with joy sur-round you, Earth and heav'n re - flect your rays,
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, Rec - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, All who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we for - ward, Faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, Teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars, pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

D. N. Johnson

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

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- This week, the nursery and toddler rooms are open 10-11 a.m. for children 0-5.
- 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: June 25, August 13, 20, 27
- REGULAR SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS resume on September 17.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald, 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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Doug Clark

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Greeters: Madelyn Jansma, Jim Jansma

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE & 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.

June 25 Deborah Bayly, Dianne Witkowski, Renae Bradshaw, Robin Burnett

June 26 Patricia Calore, Annabel Jackson, Lucas Lippert

June 27 Jill Minetz, Patricia Kirby, Milana Jozwiak, Genevieve Anderson,
Theo Gonzalez-Greenberg, Julia Nickerson

June 28 Declan Good, Gale Landem

June 29 John Busker, John Klaben, Ralph Wiser, Rebecca Gonzalez, Renee Hardt

June 30 Mark Grosshans

July 1 Billy Mooney, Grace Smith, Kathy Berghoff, Will Ritchie

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.

TODAY - PRIDE PARADE - after worship, Courtyard

Express our welcome by walking together with St. Pauls and members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches (CCWC) in the 2023 Pride Parade today. 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". This year, our lineup number is #67 meeting at around 4498-4442 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60640 (the intersection of W. Sunnyside and N. Sheridan) near the Dollar Tree Store. Look for the CCWC signs.

TODAY - ST. PAULS SOCIAL PRIDE COOKOUT - 3 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 in the pantry 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 - 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 28 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE - 5:30 p.m., St. Pauls Kitchen & Gym

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.

JUNE 30 - 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team Glass, Aluminum or Plastic

A cold drink on a hot day is a snapshot of summer. What is the best packaging for that cold drink? No packaging is best, but for those drinks that cannot be made at home, glass and aluminum are preferred. Although initially they have a greater footprint, glass and aluminum are infinitely recyclable. Plastic melts on recycling and needs to be used for other purposes or “down cycled.”

UCC GENERAL SYNOD – WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED?

The 34th UCC General Synod will begin in four days, running June 30 through July 4. In addition to considering changing the frequency of Synod from every two to every three years, and electing a new General Minister and President, General Synod delegates will consider two Prudential Resolutions and 17 Resolutions of Witness, some of which are quite controversial. They include:

- Denouncing the U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision and proclaiming "Abortion as Healthcare"
- Affirming gun violence prevention ministries
- Encouraging a Plant-Based Life
- Studying and developing Proposals for Reparations for African Americans
- Condemning prolonged solitary confinement as a form of torture
- Actively affirming the Human Dignity of Transgender and Nonbinary Persons
- Calling on UCC local churches to be "White Supremacy-Free Zones" and to confront White Supremacy

Please find a summary of each Resolution and the exact language being proposed at generalsynod.org/proposed-resolutions.

Because the UCC has an explicitly congregational policy, General Synod decisions on resolutions are **not binding** on the local congregation or other settings of the UCC, but the UCC Constitution and Bylaws and our covenantal relationships require that we carefully consider them.

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.

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.

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

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyinn11@gmail.com.

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

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 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

Singer-songwriter Sam Cooke (1941-1964) composed ***A Change Is Gonna Come*** in 1963. It was released on his album *Ain't That Good News* in February 1964. It is interesting that Cooke's album bears the same title as our Offertory anthem today. The song was inspired by events in Cooke's life, notably when he, his wife, and friends were turned away from a whites-only hotel in Louisiana. Sadly, Cooke was shot and killed at a motel in December 1964 in an incident that now would have raised questions regarding race vs. protection of property.

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

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

The text of ***I Come with Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), a pastor in the Congregational Church in England. He wrote the hymn as a summary of a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. The tune is an old American hymn, DOVE OF PEACE, from the *Southern Harmony* hymnal, part of the Sacred Harp tradition. It was arranged by Austin Lovelace (1919-2010), who was organist and choirmaster for a number of years at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

All Are Welcome is a recently composed hymn and one of our favorites from a past hymn fest. The tune is TWO OAKS. It dates from 1994 and the words and music were both created by Marty Haugen (b. 1950), an American composer of numerous hymns and liturgical music. This hymn was shared with Kurt R. Hansen by a college friend, Alisa Kasmir, and has quickly become an anthem of St. Pauls' Open and Affirming ministry.

Ain-a That Good News is a great spiritual from the Black American tradition. The arranger, William L. Dawson (1898-1990), was choral director for many years at the Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. He was responsible, along with others of his generation like Hall Johnson, for making beautiful arrangements of spirituals that spread the performance and popularity of that music within and beyond the African American community. The Tuskegee Choir gained international stature under Dr. Dawson's leadership.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*** (HYMN TO JOY) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his *Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125* (1824). The original German text (1785) was by the famous poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), and the English text was composed in 1907 by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Van Dyke was an American author and clergy. He was appointed ambassador to the Netherlands by President Woodrow Wilson prior to the outbreak of World War I.

A Gaelic Blessing was composed in 1978 by John Rutter (b.1945). The text is from an old Gaelic rune. It is another work commissioned by Mel Olson, who was the church choir director that Kurt R. Hansen grew up with in Omaha. Mel was also largely responsible for introducing John Rutter and his music to this country.

Trumpet Tune in D was composed by David N. Johnson (1922-1987), an American organist. He was a lecturer at Syracuse University and earlier the organ professor at St. Olaf College. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army Signal Corp in India, Burma and China. He was decorated for his service.

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.

- 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 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.