

July 16, 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.
Childcare for ages 0-5 is available during worship.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“People ask me: ‘Why do you write about food, and eating, and drinking? Why don’t you write about the struggle for power and security and love, the way other writers do?’ The easiest answer is to say that, like most other humans, I am hungry.”

PRELUDE *Concerto in d minor—Largo e spiccato* J. S. Bach/A. Vivaldi
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Folk Melody
Nancy Pifer and Nadia Jiménez, sopranos

CHIMES

WELCOME Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We did not choose God, God chose us.

All: Not because we are good, but because God is.

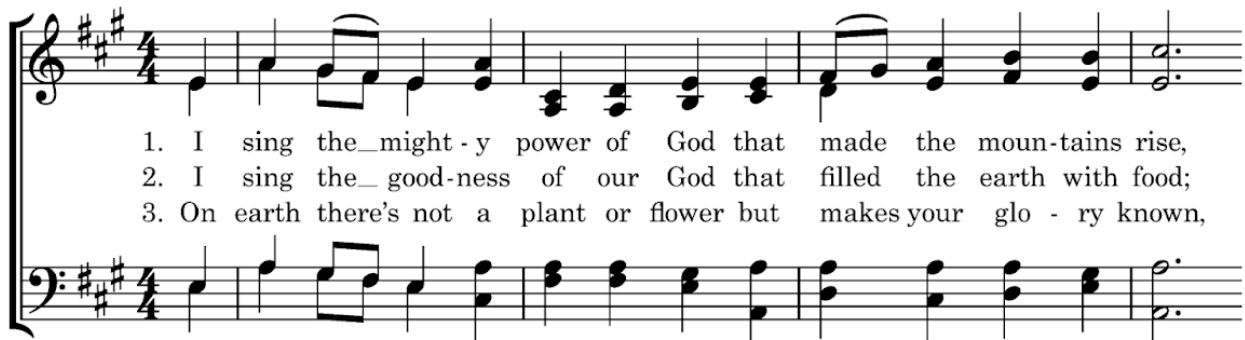
One: We don't earn God's love, Christ gives it to us.

All Such is God's mighty power! Amen.

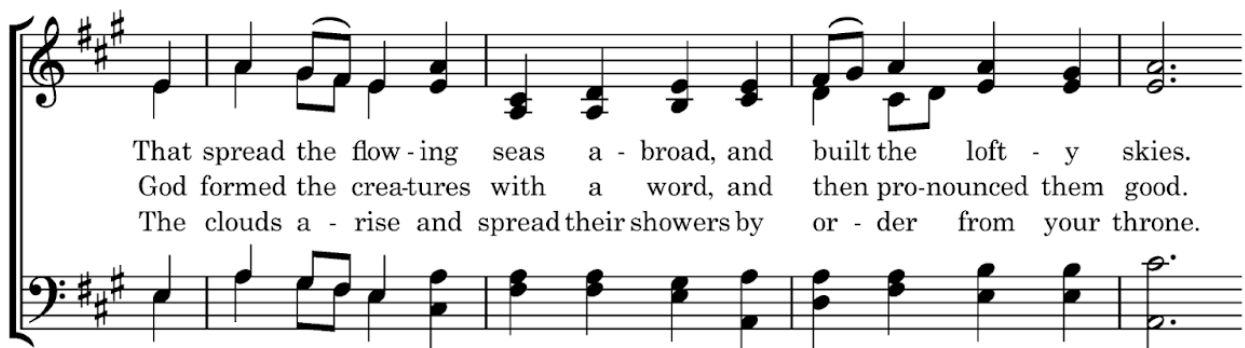
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* HYMN

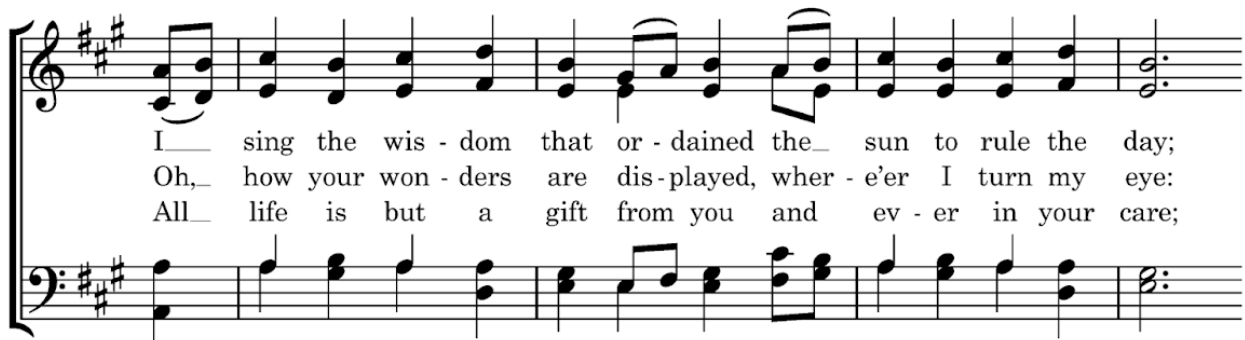
I Sing the Mighty Power of God




1. I sing the_might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the_ good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3. On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known,



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pro-nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.



I__ sing the wis - dom that or - dained the_ sun to rule the day;
Oh,_ how your won - ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
All__ life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;



The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all__ the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er__ peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.
We put ourselves before others
and miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness.
Make us alert to the truth
that in order to find our lives
we must give them away.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

v. 1



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3. When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
when my life is _____ al - most _____ gone, _____
and the day is _____ past and _____ gone, _____



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:



Take my hand, _____ pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

SCRIPTURE

Marcia Frank

Genesis 25:22-34

Rebekah became pregnant. But the children tumbled and kicked inside her so much that she said, "If this is the way it's going to be, why go on living?" She went to God to find out what was going on. God told her,

Two nations are in your womb,
two peoples butting heads while still in your body.
One people will overpower the other,
and the older will serve the younger.

When her time to give birth came, sure enough, there were twins in her womb. The first came out reddish, as if snugly wrapped in a hairy blanket; they named him Esau (Hairy). His brother followed, his fist clutched tight to Esau's heel; they named him Jacob (Heel). Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.

The boys grew up. Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman. Jacob was a quiet man preferring life indoors among the tents. Isaac loved Esau because he loved his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came in from the field, starved. Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew—I'm starved!" That's how he came to be called Edom (Red).

Jacob said, "Make me a trade: my stew for your rights as the firstborn."

Esau said, "I'm starving! What good is a birthright if I'm dead?"

Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it. On oath Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn. Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils. He ate and drank, got up and left. That's how Esau shrugged off his rights as the firstborn.

*** 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**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

SERMON

"The Hunger Game"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Golden Breaks the Dawn



1. Gold - en_ breaks the dawn,____ comes the_ east - ern sun
 2. As the_ spin - ning globe____ rolls a - way the night,
 3. Give me_ dai - ly bread,____ while I__ do my part;



o - ver_ lake and lawn,____ new day_ has be - gun.
 na - ture wears a robe____ spun of__ morn - ing light.
 bright skies o - ver - head,____ glad - ness in my heart.



Birds a - bove me fly,____ flow - ers bloom be - low;
 Dawn break in me too,____ as in skies a - bove;
 Sim - ple wants pro - vide,____ e - vil let me_ shun;



through the earth and sky____ God's great mer - cies flow.
 teach me to be true,____ fill my_ heart with love.
 Je - sus at my side,____ till the_ day is done.

OFFERTORY

Laudamus te from Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

(Sung in Latin)

Nancy Pifer and Nadia Jiménez, sopranos

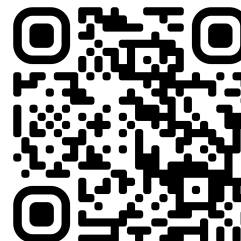
We praise thee. We bless thee.
 We worship thee. We glorify thee.
 We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

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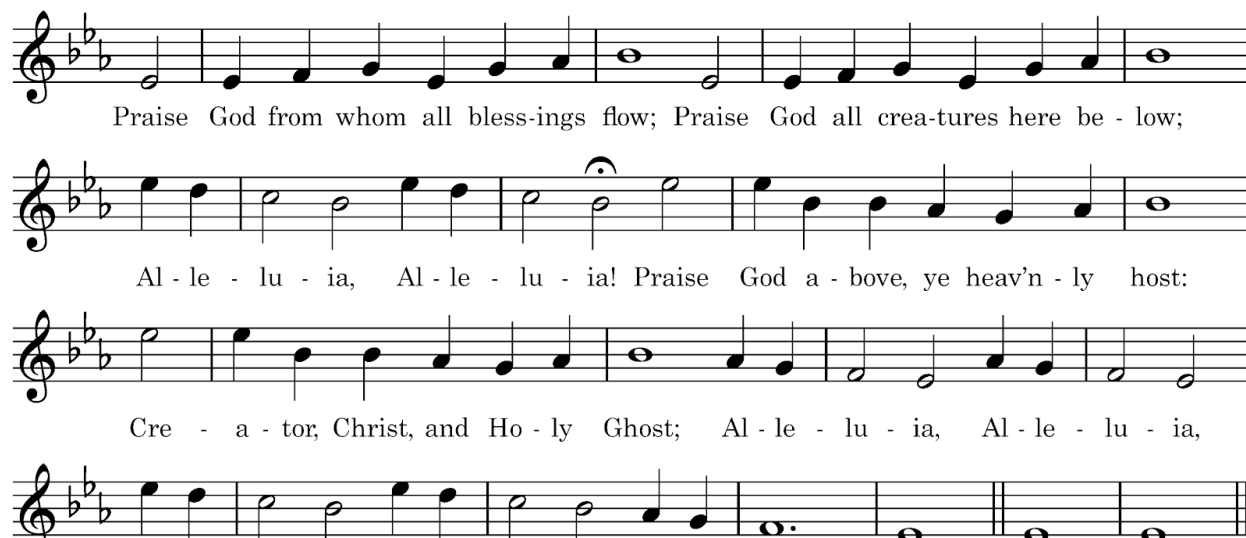
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Or through Zelle or PayPal to giving@spucc.org.



* 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.

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

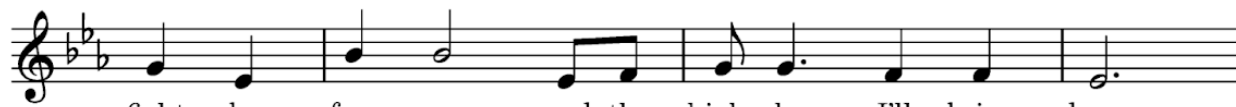
I Will Lift the Cloud of Night Before You



1. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, what is
2. With an ev - er - last - ing love I'll love you, though with
3. Al - though Sa - tan in a rage would tear you, and with
4. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, I will



wrong I'll make it right be - fore you, all your bat - tles I will
tri - als I will test and prove you, still there's noth - ing that can
ev - ery win - ning art would snare you, yet from youth to your old
make the crook - ed straight be - fore you, I will spread my wings pro -



fight be - fore you, and the high place I'll bring down.
hurt or move you; and the high place I'll bring down.
age I'll bear you and the high place I'll bring down.
-tect - ing o'er you; and the high place I'll bring down.

Refrain



When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you; on the



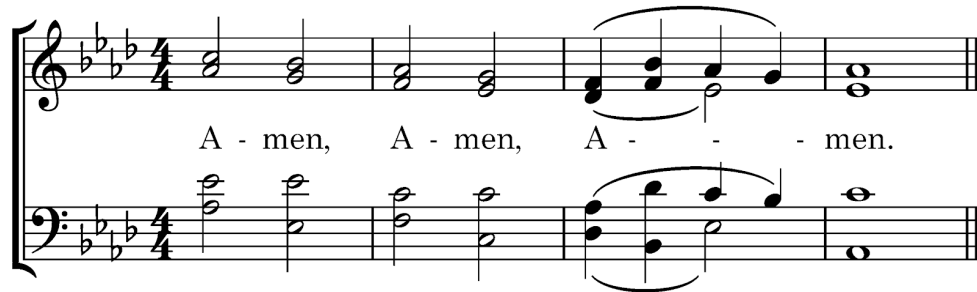
pro - duce of the land I'll feed you; And a home with - in my heart I'll



deed you; and the high place I'll bring down.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Keep Holding On
St. Arbucks Quartet

Danniebelle Hall

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

- Childcare is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5, during worship from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Rainbow Classroom on the main floor today.
- 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!"
- UPCOMING SUMMER ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES: August 20 & 27
- REGULAR SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS resume on September 17.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, 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: Marcia Frank

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, David Faulkner

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Greeters: Madelyn Jansma, Jim Jansma, Craig Wilbanks, Monty Kehl

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in memory and celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Lueder on July 18.

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 16 Stacy O'Connell, Julia McGuire

July 17 Micki Fayhee, Amelia Hoerr, Madeleine Spainhour

July 18 Ron Koepke

July 19 Chuck Michod

July 20 Benjamin Reynolds, Louise Iverson, Todd Coe

July 21 Donn Schimp, Jim Waldschmidt, Coco Schuster, Jake Nitzsche, Sammi Fayhee

July 22 Anton Schuster, M. Carleton Koldyke

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.

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 19 - 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.

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

Windy City Winds, the 60-piece community band that rehearses weekly 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 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 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.

AUGUST 9 - GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL w/ ST. PAULS SOCIAL - 6:30-8 p.m.

Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and hosts Andrea Koepke and Jan Fraccaro for the Grant Park Music Festival. The performance will be by Troupe Vertigo, a combination of circus, dance, and musical theater. The beautiful Jay Pritzker Pavilion will be the background for this amazing event. Please bring your food, drink, chairs, blankets, etc., and join us on the lawn. Look for the two blue balloons flying high to guide you to the St. Pauls group. You don't want to miss this amazing experience!

AUGUST 16 - AN EVENING ON THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY - 6 p.m. Social Hall

How did 15th century papal bulls become the legal basis of the treatment of North American Indigenous nations? Join us for a light meal and documentary viewing and discussion of *The Doctrine of Discovery*, with co-director and author, Steve Newcomb to find out! His 2008 book, *Pagans in the Promised Land*, and this 2015 documentary powerfully attack the presumption that Indigenous nations are legitimately subject to the plenary power of the United States, explain how this extraordinary presumption entered U.S. law, policy, and conduct, and convey something of its horrific consequences. There will be a free will offering to cover costs. Please register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1827158.

AUGUST 22 - SACK LUNCH GROUP: FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12 -1:30 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 Jeff Carlson will be at the piano for a "Hymn Sing" after we eat. This is your chance to sing your favorite hymn from either the Red or Black Hymnal. You choose the hymns, Pastor Jeff will play them, and everyone will sing. Along with the singing, test your hymnology with a game of "Name That Hymn!" RSVP is appreciated but coming at the last minute is fine, as well as needing to leave early!

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1746758

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

Ask yourself: What is my labor worth? What is my land worth? **Then consider:** The U.S. benefited from an equivalent of roughly \$97 trillion worth of work through slave labor between 1619 and 1865, then never fulfilled the promise to formerly enslaved families of “40 acres and a mule.” From 1946 to 1978, Congress maintained the Indian Claims Commission to pay compensation for the land that had been seized by the U.S. government. It paid out about \$1.3 billion to 176 tribes or nations -- the equivalent of less than \$1,000 for each Native American in the U.S. at the time.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

“The Clean 15” – Last week we shared “The Dirty Dozen,” i.e., fruits and vegetables with the highest pesticide residues. This list is provided by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) using USDA data. The hope is that consumers will buy organic and when that is not possible, make informed choices about alternatives. Most of the “cleaner” fruits and vegetables have a tough outer peel, husk or shell that is removed before eating: avocados, sweet corn, pineapple, onions, papaya, mangoes, sweet potatoes, sweet peas (frozen), asparagus, honeydew melon, kiwi, cabbage, mushrooms and watermelon. Even when produce is organic, wash before prepping and clean brushes and the sink as well.

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.

BASKETBALL – Now on Wednesdays. Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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 to be added to the email list.

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

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 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).

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 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

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931), who was born in Ireland. She was a respected university level academic in Dublin.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God is a text by Issac Watts (1674-1848), the eminent English poet, who set the entire book of Psalms as poetry, including Psalm 90, *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*. His poetry has inspired many composers. BETHLEHEM was composed by Joseph Barnaby (1838-1896). He was a renowned British choral director who introduced Bach's *Matthew* and *John Passions* in English translations to English audiences. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand was composed by Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993). Dorsey's likeness was recently added to our music windows in the south aisle along with J. S. Bach and Mahalia Jackson. He began his career as a blues pianist and songwriter. Later, he became a church choir director here in Chicago at Pilgrim Baptist Church and was a co-founder of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses. Widely known as the "father of the gospel song," he played an important role in the development of African American gospel music. This is his best known song and was composed following the tragic double death of his first wife Nettie and their newborn son in 1932. It was a great comfort to Mr. Dorsey in his grief, as well as countless others who have sung it. Among those who sang it with Dorsey was Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972).

Golden Breaks the Dawn uses a Chinese tune, LE P'ING, which was composed by Zhao Zichen (1888-1979). We can thank the editors of our *New Century Hymnal* (our Black hymnal) who reached beyond traditional western music and text sources to include this and other hymns from wider cultural resources. Zhao Zichen was raised as a Buddhist, but during his education at a missionary school, he became a Christian. He received master's degree and Bachelor of Divinity from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. He then returned to China to teach. He survived the Communist revolution and the Cultural revolution as well. Sadly, he had a crisis of faith during his "re-education."

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) was a contemporary of J.S. Bach (1685-1750). One could say that he was the "Bach of Italy." Bach thought so highly of his works that he transcribed ten of his pieces into his personal library and for performance. Vivaldi was a prodigious composer of operas, chamber music, songs, and sacred works. The ***Laudamus te*** is part of a larger work, *Gloria*, and is one of his more well known

works. It was composed sometime shortly after the turn of the century. He composed two other settings of this text. *The Four Seasons* is probably among his most widely played works, having even been used in commercials, cartoons and film scores.

I Will Make the Darkness Light text was written by our own Pastor Matt Fitzgerald. The tune is the composer's last name, JONES. The Reverend Jones was African American and founder of the Church of Christ. He composed more than 1,000 gospel hymns, both music and texts.

Danniebelle Hall (1938-2000) was a deeply committed Gospel artist who sought to evangelize through her singing and composing. She formed her own group, Danniebelle's, and was also a member of Andraé Crouch's Disciples. She recorded several solo albums and toured around the world. ***Keep Holding On*** was composed and recorded in the 1980s.

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.

- David Bueschel and family at the death of Betsy Bueschel.
- Leroy Johnson, husband of Karen L. Johnson, in the hospital, was diagnosed with acute leukemia.
- Michael Toomin, hospitalized with an aggressive form of lymphoma.
- New member Irem Metin, who had 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.