

October 1, 2023
Communion Sunday

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

PRELUDE	<i>Le Banquet Céleste</i>	Olivier Messiaen
	Kevin Dzierzawski, organ	

CHIMES

INTROIT	<i>Ekolu Mea Nui</i>	Robert Nawahine
	(Sung in Hawaiian)	
	Chancel Choir	

Three important things in the world,
Faith, hope, and aloha.
Aloha is the best,
And everything is blessed.
And everything is blessed.

WELCOME

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

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

* HYMN

O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free



1. O Love, how vast, how flow - ing free, O Love how
2. Not as an an - gel vis - it - ing, nor form ce -
3. For us bap - tized, and fast - ing long, for us was
4. For us was beat - en, whipped, and tried, and tak - en
5. A - ris - ing from the dead a - gain, our Sov - ereign
6. Then for God's bound - less love sing praise through end - less



filled with ec - sta - sy, That God a hu - man form should
- les - tal or - bit - ing, But born in flesh God chose to
tempt - ed by the wrong, For us the pangs of hun - ger
to be cru - ci - fied, So Love all this for us en -
goes on high to reign; And sends the Spir - it to a -
a - ges, count-less days; By Love we have been rec - on -



take, and mor - tal be for mor - tals' sake.
be, robed in our own hu - man - i - ty.
knew; for us the Tempt - er o - ver - threw.
- dured, and dy - ing, life for us pro - cured.
- bide for strength and sol - ace at our side.
- ciled: sal - va - tion gained through God's own Child.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, there is so much greed in our hearts.
So much suspicion in our minds.
So much self interest in our love.
So much sin to cherish and protect.
You have promised to break in
and steal our treasures,
change our minds,
redirect our lives.
Do it! Take them!
Remake us!
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

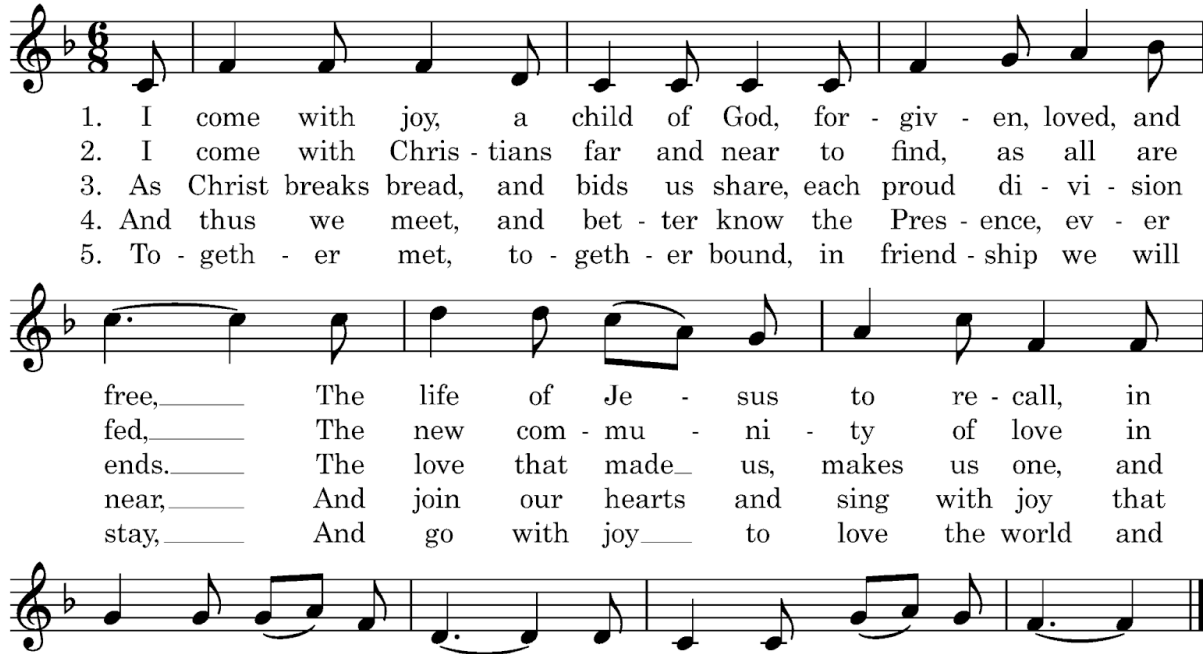
**Thank you God, for turning strangers into friends.
Together met, together fed, let our hearts cry out in praise.
Amen.**

*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

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

Monty Kehl

Philippians 2:1-12

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,

he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*** 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

"Christ Mind"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, in my heart;
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my heart;
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my heart;
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart. _____
Lord I want to be more lov - ing In my heart. _____
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart. _____
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart. _____

In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart. _____
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart. _____
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart. _____
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart. _____

MISSION MOMENT Lincoln Park Community Shelter Peg Wander
Cheryl Hamilton-Hill, LPCS CEO

SPECIAL OFFERING Neighbors In Need

OFFERTORY *Psalm 150* César Franck
Chancel Choir

Hallelujah.
O praise ye the Lord, In His sanctuary;
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty acts,
Praise ye Him, according to His majesty.

Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise ye Him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise ye Him with the timbrel.
Praise ye Him with the dance,
Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments.

Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals.
Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath,
Praise the Lord in the firmament of His power.

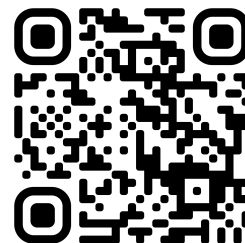
Praise ye Him for his mighty acts.
Praise ye Him, according to His majesty.
Hallelujah!

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Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



*** FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;

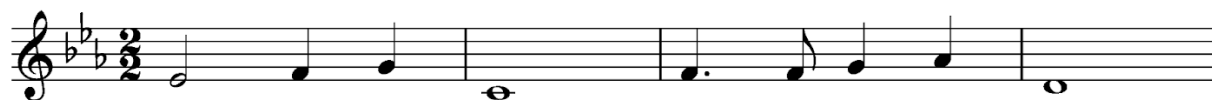
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

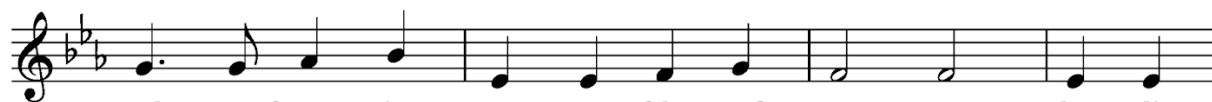
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

* HYMN

Bring Many Names



1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li -
plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting
feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing
calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of
say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er



-ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names!
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Joy, Joyful We Adore Thee
St. Arbucks Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Craig Curry

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited to our Medical Fair and coffee hour in the gym.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The first Sunday in October is designated to remember that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated. The table of Jesus runs around the world and connects us in unity with brothers and sisters in Christ of every race, tongue and nation. We are also participating in a special offering for UCC: Neighbors in Need. It supports ministries of justice and compassion around the USA, including the Council for American Indian Ministry and justice advocacy work. For more information, visit ucc.org/nin.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- Childcare is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5 during worship from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nursery and Toddler Room, downstairs. Activity “busy bags” are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION have resumed. Students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service and parents pick up children after the service in their classrooms.
- There is no Sunday School on Oct. 8 (ALL IN ONE SUNDAY)
- Confirmation class fall dates are: Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 19, and Dec. 3.
- High School Sunday School class meets on the first and third Sundays of the month. Fall dates are: Oct. 1, 15, Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3 and 17. High schoolers meet immediately following the service in the Youth Lounge, downstairs. Parents and teens should join the High School GroupMe for up to date information.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O’Brien

Scripture Reader: Monty Kehl

Communion Coordinator: Jana O’Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: John Balevic, David Faulkner

Greeters: Jan Fraccaro, Vic Fraccaro

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Oktoberfest and thanks to everyone who made it such a fun event!

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

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.

- Oct 1 Amy Akers, Paul Schrimpf, Theresa Herlevsen, Katlyn McVey
Oct 2 Derek De Haan
Oct 3 Jesse Russell, Barbara Javorcic, Eve Lytal, Theo Lytal
Oct 4 Cynthia Cata, Emily Cromwell, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull, Paul Raiman, Robin Scott,
Solveig Roverud, Tom Connolly, Garrett Keegan
Oct 6 Bruce Voice, Eric Simonton, Karen E. Johnson
Oct 7 Anya Kompare, Jenna Kent, Lisa Donofrio

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 - MEDICAL FAIR: VACCINES & MORE - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym

We will cover: 1. AED Demonstration 2. Blood Pressure 3. Five Wishes 4. Vaccinations administered by an RPh from Walgreens, no appointment needed. Covid booster, Shingles, Pneumonia, and Flu shots. Kids under 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Remember to bring your Covid vaccine card and your Medicare card or insurance card for the pneumonia and shingles shots.

OCT 17 - RETIREMENT GROUP - 10 a.m., Parlor*

The Retirement Group meets 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.

OCT 19 - LPCS TASTE OF FALL - 6:30 p.m., Ovation, 2324 W. Fulton

Support Lincoln Park Community Shelter's mission while enjoying delicious food and beverages from some of your favorite local establishments, as well as a whiskey tasting and DJ. LPCS brings communities together to empower individuals facing homelessness and poverty to secure stable housing and make sustainable life changes. There will be a silent auction, raffle items and a wine pull. Tickets are \$75. Please visit lpcschicago.org to purchase tickets and for more information. LPCS appreciates the generous support St. Pauls has provided over the years as one of our founding churches. You have definitely made a permanent difference in the lives of the many people experiencing homelessness who arrive daily at our doorstep seeking help.

OCT 20 - HISTORIC UCC GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT INSTALLATION - 4:00 p.m., Live streamed (registration required)

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson will be installed as the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ (UCC) on October 20, at Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, OH. It will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. She is the UCC's 10th and first female elected General Minister. Previously, Rev. Thompson served the national setting of the UCC for 14 years: two years as minister for racial justice, eight years as minister for ecumenical and interfaith relations, four years as Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries, beginning in 2019. Rev. Thompson was elected as General Minister by the UCC General Synod on July 3 and took office August 1, 2023. Register for livestream at tinyurl.com/2wfips2e.

OCT 24 - LUNCH GROUP: FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12-1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
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. David Faulkner will be hosting October's Food for the Soul. During this event, we will delve deeper into Ecclesiastes 3, including the musical connection to the '60s! Don't miss it! Just come if it is your first time. Those who have previously attended should please RSVP via the group email reminder. Coming at the last minute is fine, as well as needing to leave early!

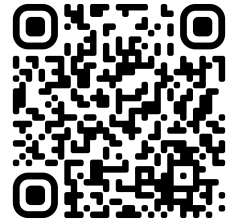
ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Send our college students some love by bringing small care package items to the church office **by October 7**. If you have a daughter or son in college, please send Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield their mailing address so the Connectors can send them a care package this fall. danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

WINTER COAT AND BOOT DRIVE

RefugeeOne is gearing up for its annual winter coat and boot drive. During the last three months, RefugeeOne has resettled more people than they did the previous year. So, the need is greater this year than ever. The drive runs until 10/21. There are two ways to donate: online via an Amazon wish list or in person on 10/20 and 10/21. For complete information on the drive, including the link to the Amazon wish list, see here, refugeeone.org/donatestuff, or scan the code for the wish list.



HAWAII WILDFIRES RELIEF

The Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ is assisting people impacted by the wildfires on Maui through local UCC churches, including the historic 200-year-old Waiola Church in Lahaina, which was burned in the fire. Donate at bit.ly/hcuccrelief.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE - LITTLE LIGHTS FUNDRAISER

It's time for our annual fundraiser for Little Lights - Cards for a Cause! You can choose between five greeting card boxes with 30-50 greeting cards each for \$30, and Little Lights will receive 40% back in funding for our programs! The cards are beautifully embellished and come with coordinating envelopes and the box itself is sturdy and attractive enough to use for future storage needs. Check out the different card options and view some samples of boxes and cards in person during coffee hour on Sunday! You can place your order here now through next Sunday, October 8 at forms.gle/KoTSskXyr1NGrpFE7. Thank you for your support!

UCAN GIFT TRAIN

As the Christmas Season approaches, the Outreach & Benevolence Committee is making preparations to help St. Pauls participate in UCAN's gift train for another year! This is a great opportunity to engage with UCAN and support those they serve. Keep an eye out for more information in late October on how you can participate!

REGISTER FOR CHURCH SCHOOL!

God created us to be creative and to create! This will be our theme as we start Church School. Each child will learn that they were each created in God's own image. They will learn to love and value all people and to love themselves. They won't want to miss growing in their faith and making new friends this fall! Please fill out the one-time registration for the '23-'24 school year below. We have a nursery for children under 2, Preschool Child Care for children 2-5, and Sunday School/Confirmation I & II for 5-year-olds to high school. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org. Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1850397

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Columbus Day? Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Efforts have been made in recent decades to change the name of Columbus Day to **Indigenous Peoples' Day** to celebrate the past, present and future of civilizations that were in the U.S. long before Columbus's arrival. It is observed in addition to Columbus Day in 30 states and is a state holiday in three states. Alternatively, many Hispanic countries celebrate **Dia de la Raza** ("Day of the Race") on October 12 to recognize and lift up the cultural fusion of indigenous America and Spanish heritage.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

New Vocabulary for the Tipping Point - Eco-anxiety or eco-angst are the phrases attached to our stress as we experience the full force of climate change. For decades we have been warned and this past Chicago summer we reached a tipping point, with severe storms, heat domes, smoke from Canadian fires and flooding. According to Dr. Paulo Ciansoni, an Italian psychiatrist, eco-anxiety is accompanied by "...frustration, powerlessness, helplessness." You can shift your anxiety and empower yourself and your family by taking concrete steps to live a more sustainable life. Measure your carbon footprint at: carbon-calculator.climatehero.me

PASTORS' SABBATICAL SCHEDULE

St. Pauls provides a three-month sabbatical to each of our pastors every seven years. This year, Pastor Jeff is on sabbatical through October 23. Pastor Matt will be on sabbatical October 16 to December 16.

SPECIAL MUSIC 2023-2024 "MASS APPEAL"

Once again, there is a theme for special music during the 2023-2024 season offered by our Chancel Choir during our 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship services. Please add these dates to your calendar and please invite your friends to join us in person or online at spucc.org/streaming.

Mass Appeal is a way to look at one of the oldest forms of Christian liturgical worship in three very different ways. The goal is to share how the words of the liturgical Mass can be expressed in varied musical styles but always with the same goal: expressing the spiritual joy, longing, majesty, and supplication.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - *St. Francis in the Americas - A Caribbean Mass* composed in 1997 by Glenn McClure. This joyfully rhythmic Mass setting is a perfect expression of the journey from the anticipation of Advent to the birth of Jesus on Christmas. It is accompanied by a steel drum band.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - *Messe solennelle* by Louis Vierne. This French Romantic setting in Latin was composed for choir and organ in 1899. It showcases beautiful and majestic writing for both choir and a pipe organ with the breadth of colors available on our Phoenix and the talents of Kevin Dzierzawski.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - *A Gospel Mass* was composed in 1982 by Robert Ray. This wonderful setting, largely in English, marries the spiritual energy and uplift of Gospel music with the timeless words of the Mass ordinary. This gives us a chance to showcase not only the Chancel Choir, but also our incredible St. Arbucks Quartet.

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.

BIBLE STUDY – Starting again November 1. Weekly on Wednesdays, noon to 1p.m. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, jcarlson@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 Pam Woll pamelawoll@sbcglobal.net with questions, or 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.

CONSIDER THE LILIES – Are you looking for a way to get involved with the life of St. Pauls? Join the team that delivers our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. We hope to have enough volunteers so that each team member makes a delivery once a month. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please email lilies@spucc.org.

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.

GREETING TEAM – Would you consider being one of our Sunday morning greeters? The ushers and greeters meet in the Narthex at 9:30 a.m. for quick announcements and a prayer. Then, the greeters stand at the church doors to say “Hello!” to folks—greeting attendees with a smile and cheerfulness, while the ushers are inside continuing to welcome attendees and hand out worship bulletins. It’s a great jumping off point to see other ministries and expand your involvement. Contact Madelyn Jansma to learn more: madelynj@live.com.

HANDWORK MEET-UP – If you enjoy handwork, you’re invited to sit together and stitch in community on the first Sunday of the month at our drop-in handwork group. We gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project. We also welcome admirers of handwork should you wish to pull up a chair and join the conversation!

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We have limited spots remaining 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – Join pastors, members, and others curious about St. Pauls for an upcoming New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). See upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes

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 Church Center 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. Join our GroupMe group with the QR code or email us 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 other event invitations in our Facebook Group, St. Pauls Together.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

Le Banquet Céleste (*The celestial banquet*) was composed in 1928 by Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992). Messiaen's first published work, it is based on the slow movement of an earlier unfinished orchestral work, *Le Banquet Eucharistique*, dating from 1926-1927. The title makes it an ideal musical foil for communion, and Messiaen includes an epigraph at the close of the score, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him." (John 6:56) Messiaen was one of the great French composers of the 20th century. Among special traits of his compositions was incorporating birdsongs in his works. He was imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II, but he continued to compose as a prisoner and even had his *Quartet for the End of Time* performed by fellow prisoners for other inmates and guards.

Ekolu Mea Nui was composed by Robert Nawahine (1868-1951). The Hawaiian text is based on I Corinthians 13, which ends: "*And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*" A loose translation of the Hawaiian is Three Greatest Things, but it is intended to be always sung in Hawaiian, never in an English translation. Nawahine was a leader of several churches on Maui and the tune name, NAWAHINE, is a tribute to the popularity of this hymn. With the terrible struggles that continue on Maui as a result of fires, this is an appropriate way to remember and pay tribute to our siblings on Maui during this time of need.

The text for ***O Love How Vast, How Flowing Free*** is a free translation of an anonymous 15th century Latin poem. The tune, DEO GRACIAS, is also known as AGINCOURT. It is an English ballad that also dates from the 15th century.

The text of ***I Come with Joy*** was written by Brian Wren (b. 1936), who is 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 for several years was organist and choirmaster at First United Methodist Church in Evanston.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian is another in a long line of great African American spirituals. Neither the tune nor text are attributed. The origin may go as far back as 1750. The first publication to include it was *Folk Songs of the American Negro* (1907), compiled by brothers Frederick (no dates) and John (1871-1925) Work. John Work was also the music director of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers.

César Franck (1822-1890), the composer of this setting of ***Psalm 150***, was born in Belgium the son of a German mother. He studied at Paris Conservatory and settled in Paris in 1844. He was also organist (eventually at the church of Ste. Clotilde, Paris) and noted teacher. He composed chamber music, piano and organ works, many songs, religious cantatas, and four operas.

The text for ***Bring Many Names*** was written by Brian A. Wren (b. 1936). He is a major British contributor to contemporary hymn writing and was a pastor of a Congregational Church in Essex. **WESTCHASE** was composed in 1989 by Carlton R. Young (b.1926). He served in World War II and became a teacher, editor, composer, and conductor. He edited two editions of the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

The music for ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** (*Ode to Joy*) was composed by Beethoven (1770-1827) and is the chorale melody from the final movement of his Ninth Symphony (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. Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

ST. PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Sister-in-law of Gloria Joseph, dealing with a cancer diagnosis.
- Leslie, sister of Mary Stainton, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Cheryl Kennedy, recovering from a heart attack.
- Family and friends at the death of Bob Knuti.
- Thomas Wikman, beloved conductor and founder of Music of the Baroque, who has entered hospice care.
- Students and staff of the GCE school in Chicago, which recently closed.
- LeeAnne Tongue.
- Friends and family of Bo at his death.
- Leroy Johnson, husband of Karen L. Johnson, in the hospital diagnosed with acute leukemia.
- New member Irem Metin, who is recovering from surgery. Please keep Irem, her husband William, and sons Aidan and Benjamin in your prayers.
- Sarah and her children, Emma and Jack, at the loss of their husband/father in an accident.
- 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 LGPTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.