



September 3, 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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” *Matthew 16:24-25*

PRELUDE *Intermezzo in E Major*, Opus 116, No. 4 Johannes Brahms
Jeff Wagner, piano

CHIMES

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Morning has broken, like the first morning

All: Let your Spirit dawn in us, Oh, Lord

One: Ours is the sunlight, sunlight from heaven

All: Let your Spirit dawn in us, Oh, Lord

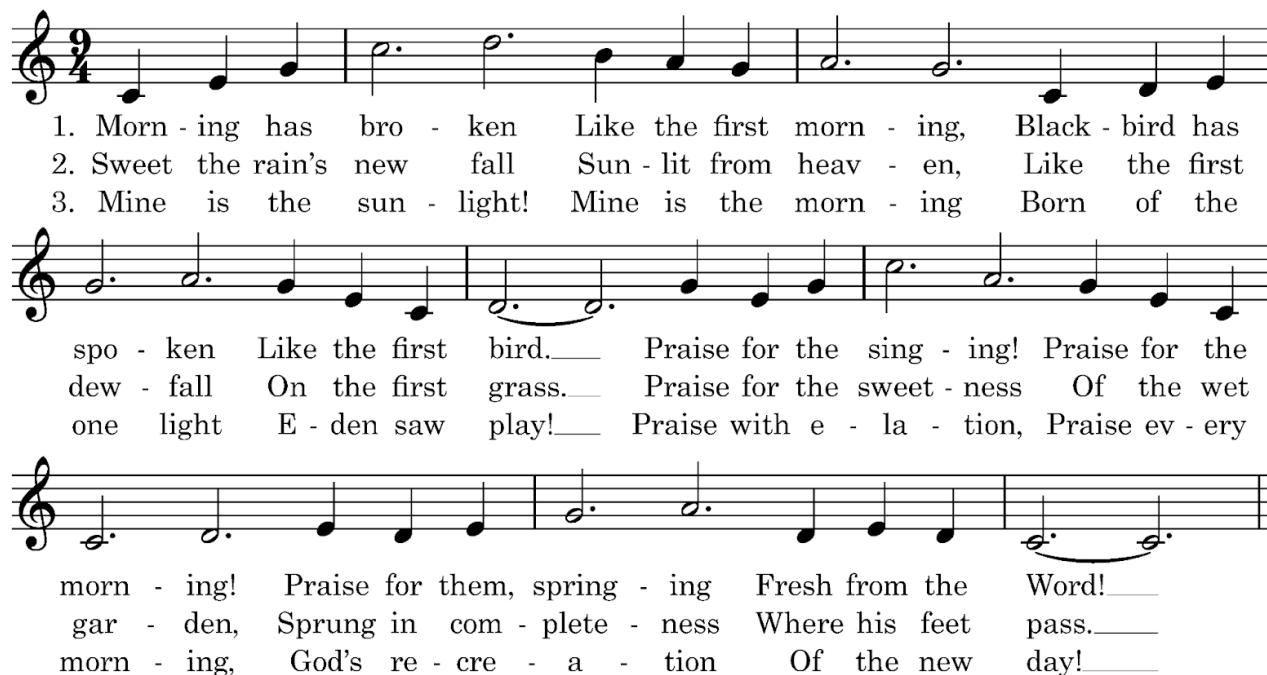
One: Born of the one light, praise for this morning

All: We give thanks for this day.

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

* HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the
spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the sunlight, forgive us for the darkness we bring into the world.
Help us to let go of the hurt, the fear, and the self centeredness that absorbs
us. Teach us to learn from you, and to become brave enough to truly follow
Jesus. Focus our thoughts on divine not human things. Show us that
sacrifice is the way to abundance. Recreate us and make us complete in you.
Hear now our silent confessions...**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

I Know a Man Who Can Jimmie Davis and
Nathen Streeter, tenor with Brendan Henry, piano Jack Campbell

I can't take a heart that's broken, Make it over again
But I know a man who can.
I can't take a soul that's sin sick make it white as the snow,
But I know a man who can.

Some call him savior the redeemer of all men.
I call him Jesus for he's my dearest friend.
If you feel that no one loves you and your life is out of hand.
I know a man who can.

I can't walk upon the waters or calm the troubled sea,
But I know a man who can.
And I can't cause blind eyes to open Or make the lame to walk again,
But I know a man who can.

Some call him savior the redeemer of all men ...

SCRIPTURE

David Faulkner

Matthew 16:21-27

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

RESPONSE

The Church's One Foundation

vv. 1 & 2

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
4. Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the treble staff. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are grouped into four stanzas, each corresponding to a system of music. The first stanza has four lines of lyrics. The second and third stanzas have three lines of lyrics each. The fourth stanza has four lines of lyrics. The music consists of a simple melody on the treble staff and a harmonic accompaniment on the bass staff. The lyrics are printed in a serif font, with hyphens used for syllables that span across two lines of music.

“Deny yourself, take of your cross and follow me”

Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

vv. 3 & 4

See previous hymn

OFFERTORY

Adagio cantabile

Robert Nathaniel Dett

from the *Cinnamon Grove Suite*

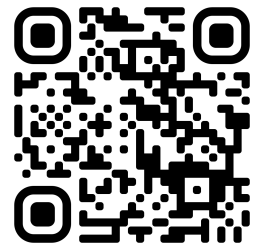
Jeff Wagner, piano

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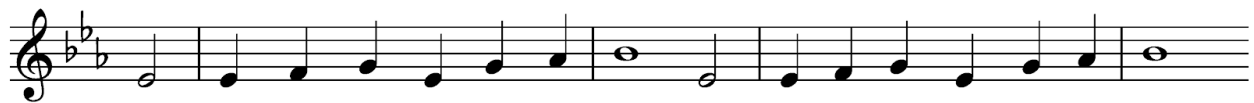
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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



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



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



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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

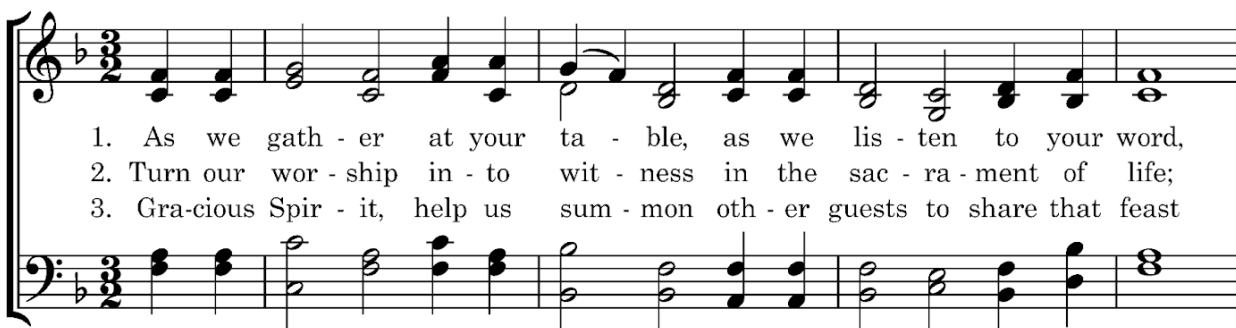
*Please come forward for communion.
Take the bread and eat it. Then take the cup and drink.
Deposit the cups in the baskets on the way back to your seat.
The outer ring of cups contains grape juice. The inner rings contain wine.
A gluten-free bread option is wrapped and available on a separate tray.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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

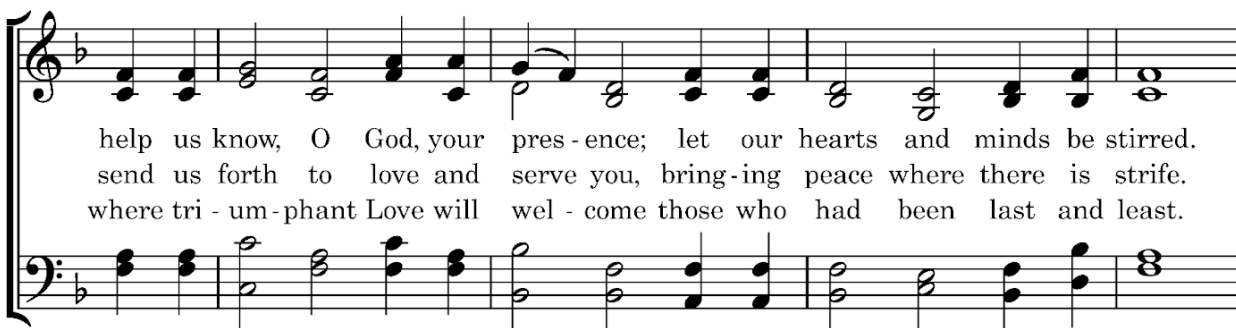
**Gracious God, we thank you
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
which you have prepared. Help us to focus our lives on God's concerns
and not our own. Send us out to serve the world in the power of your
Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* COMMUNION HYMN

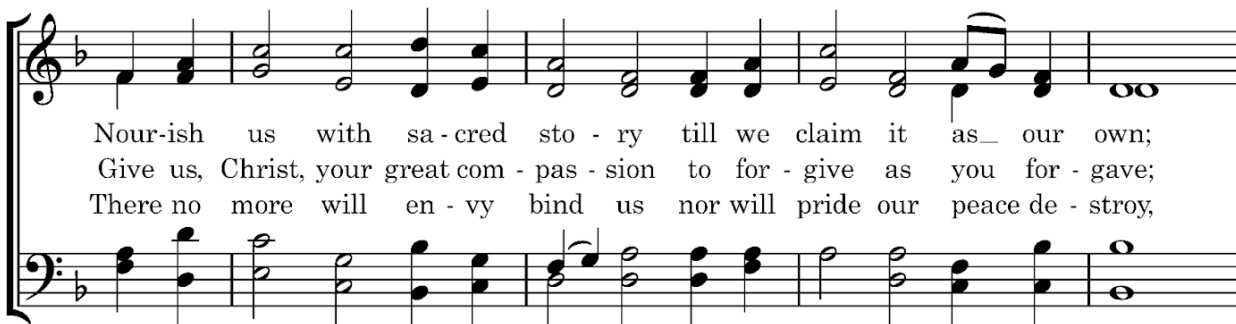
As We Gather at Your Table



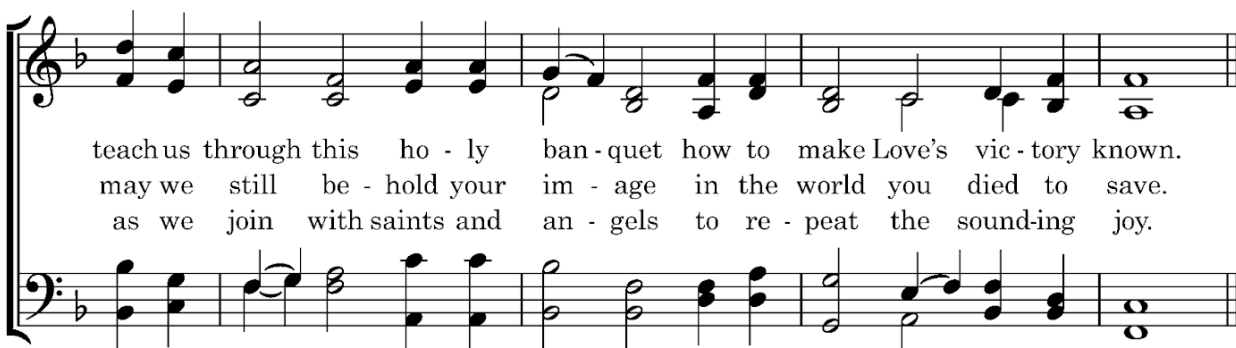
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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



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



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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Arioso in C Major
 Jeff Wagner, piano

J.S. Bach
 transcribed by
 Leopold Godwsky

* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing spir - it, In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life — re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, — thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let — us be;

Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all — in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see — thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - meg - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us — with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — thy pre - cious love.
Till we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Balm in Gilead
St. Arbucks Quartet

African American Spiritual
arr. Brendan Henry

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 Nursery and Toddler Room downstairs.
- 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.
- REGULAR SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS resume on September 10.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen, on vacation through September 6

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: David Faulkner

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Doug Clark, David Faulkner

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 the wedding anniversary of Char and Larry Damron.

BORN THIS WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

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.

Sept 3 Erika Keegan, Natalie Mutch

Sept 4 Doug Hamilton, Gerald Saltarelli, Beatrix Kompare, Jake Saltarelli

Sept 5 Brent Bunch, Hayley Leaf, Isaiah Fitzgerald

Sept 6 Greg Pine, Bob Wild

Sept 9 Joe JaQuay, Meg Canfield

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.

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.

SEPT 9 - LIGHTHOUSE CARE MEETING - 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Zoom

Join Lighthouse Foundation for their monthly CARE meeting. This month, they will collectively discuss the importance of affirming Christianity and how that uniquely connects to the work of CARE. Register here: bit.ly:/LFCARE

SEPT 10 - KICKOFF SUNDAY

Our church year kicks off next Sunday, September 10. Church School begins, the Chancel Choir returns. Don't miss this powerful Sunday!

SEPT 17 - MINISTRY FAIR - 11 a.m., Gym

There are many ways to get involved at St. Pauls, make connections and use your God-given gifts, but you might not know where to start or might like to try something new. After worship on September 17, come to our ministry fair, meet representatives from the varied groups and committees within our church, and find out more about how to get involved. There's a place for everyone at St. Pauls!

SEPT 19 - 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.

SEPT 23 - ST. PAULS OKTOBERFEST - 1-8 p.m.

It's Munich meets Chicago as St. Pauls hosts Oktoberfest in celebration of its German heritage! What better way to tap into the excitement of this Bavarian tradition than with authentic German food, local Oktoberfest beers, live music and dancing, a jumpy-house, and games for all ages. This year's live entertainment will once again include the Midwest's premier oompah band, Die Musikmeisters, as well as acclaimed children's entertainer, Laura Doherty. Grab your lederhosen and join us for a festive day of Alpine merriment! Admission is free. This event is open to the public and family friendly so invite your neighbors and friends and join us at the corner of Fullerton and Orchard. In case of inclement weather, the event will be in our gym.



SEPT 26 - 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. 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

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

VOLUNTEER FOR OKTOBERFEST

St. Pauls Oktoberfest block party returns this fall on September 23rd, from 1-8 p.m.. How do we pour 600 beers, serve 500 brats/hot dogs, and run kids' activities for seven hours? With the help of many volunteers! Can we count on you to be one of them? As a volunteer, you will work a 2-hour shift and receive a free food/drink ticket, as well as enjoy the chance to meet new friends, support St. Pauls' neighborhood outreach efforts, and have fun! Please sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1899278, or contact Lorne Frank at lornefrank@lornefrank.com. PROST!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES - 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.

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.



STUDYING JUSTICE FOR THE NATIVE NATIONS

This group will begin by reading cutting edge scholarship on the relationship between the United States and the Native Nations of Turtle Island starting with Steve Newcomb's *Pagans in the Promised Land*. Contact Steve Schwartzberg with questions, stevenschwartzberg@yahoo.com. Join the group:: spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/studying-justice-for-the-native-nations.

CHANCEL CHOIR ON SUMMER BREAK - Our Chancel Choir is on summer break and will return to worship services on our Kickoff Sunday, next Sunday, September 10.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Today, no federally recognized Indigenous tribes reside in Illinois, though Chicago is home to one of the largest urban communities of Indigenous people in the country. This month, Gov. Pritzker signed a law mandating that Native American history be taught in K-12 starting with the 2024-25 school year. Topics will cover sovereignty and self-determination along with a focus on Urban Indians, and include Native Americans in the study of the Holocaust and Genocide. The effort for this legislation was led by the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative, chicagoaicc.com. Learn more about the process at rlucas1118.wixsite.com/chicagonatives/hb-1633.

CREATION CORNER - provided by the Green Team

"You crown the year with Your
Goodness,
And your paths drip with abundance
They drop on the pastures of the
Wilderness
And the little hills rejoice on
Every side."
Psalms 65, v11-12, NKJ

We are exhorted to celebrate God's goodness during the harvest. However, as God's stewards we are also required to treat abundance with respect: 40% of food produced ends up as waste. Half during production and distribution, and the other half at home. So, plan your shopping, share your abundance and recycle through composting!

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 contact Jan Bail at janbail@msn.com.

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? Arrive at church on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. The ushers and greeters meet for quick announcements and a prayer in the narthex at 9:30am. Stand at the church doors and say “Hello!” to folks—just greet attenders with a smile and cheerfulness. The ushers are inside, continuing to welcome attenders and hand out programs. 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 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 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 CLASS – 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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar. spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social.

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyball11@gmail.com.

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

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 event invitations in our Facebook Group, St. Pauls Together.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

Intermezzo in E Major from ***Fantasien, Opus 1116, No. 4*** is a late work composed in 1892 by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Brahms was a great light not only in German Romantic music, but the entirety of Romantic music. He is often grouped with the "3 B's," Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. His music was championed early in his career by Robert Schumann and he maintained a lifelong friendship with Clara Schumann after Robert died. After a long absence from composing music for solo piano, Brahms composed his *Fantasien Op. 116* while on vacation in Austria. His gift for both beauty and effortless counterpoint are obvious.

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.

I Know a Man Who Can was composed in 1968 by Jimmie Davis (1899?-2000) and Jack Campbell (1927-2007). Jimmie Davis not only composed religious and popular country western songs, he also served as governor of Louisiana TWICE, 1944 to 1948 and 1960 to 1964. He became known as the "singing governor" and was also a close friend of Lawrence Welk. The date and year of his birth are uncertain because his parents were sharecroppers and couldn't remember exactly when he was born. His most famous song was *You Are My Sunshine*. Less is known about Jack Campbell. Born in Arkansa, he was known as a religious song writer and also fronted a gospel group, Jack Campbell and the Ambassadors.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) wrote the text for ***The Church's One Foundation*** in 1866. He became an Anglican clergy and finished his ministry in Hagerstown, PA. AURELIA, which means "golden," was composed by Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876) in 1864 and was originally set to a Wesley text, *Jerusalem, the Golden*. Wesley was English and strove throughout his career to improve church music and the lives of church musicians.

The ***Adagio cantabile*** from the ***Cinnamon Grove Suite*** is based on lines from the collection of devotional poetry, *Gitanjali*, by Rabindrath Tagore. After graduating from Oberlin College in 1908, Robert Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) continued studies during the summer of 1915 at Northwestern University and the American Conservatory of Chicago. "The suite, *Cinnamon Grove*, depends greatly on the literary extra-musical ideas in which Dett shows his great love for, and knowledge of, poetry, as well as his love for [African American] folk song".

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

Arioso in C Major, BWV 156 was originally composed in 1729 as part of a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach also reused this work as part of his *Sonata for Violin and Keyboard No. 5*. Leopold Godowsky (1870-1938) transcribed and arranged Bach's work. Godowsky was a Lithuanian born, American-raised virtuoso pianist, composer and teacher. Transcribing earlier works for keyboard or portions of Romantic operas was a specialty of Godowsky and other great virtuoso pianists, such as Vladimir Horowitz. Godowsky famously hated the process and stress of making recordings. His final teaching post was at the Chicago Conservatory, which operated on Michigan Avenue until its closure in 1997.

The text for ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words were set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well known tune for this text is BEECHER.

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

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.

- 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 just entered hospice care.
- Family and friends of Barb Bolsen at her death.
- 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.