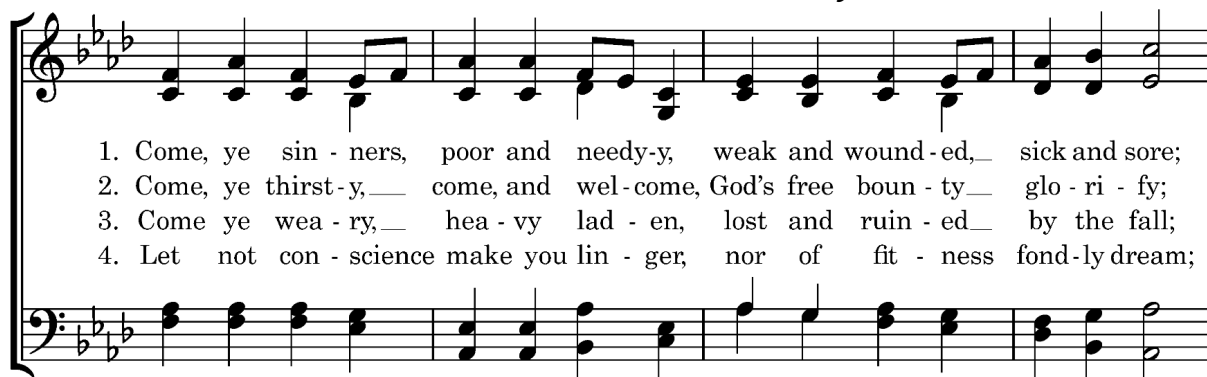


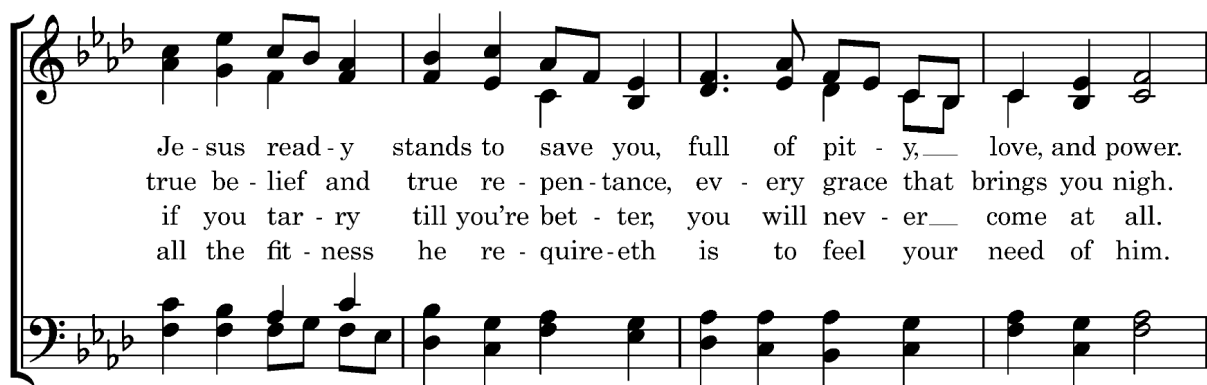
July 21, 2024
Baptism Sunday

* HYMN

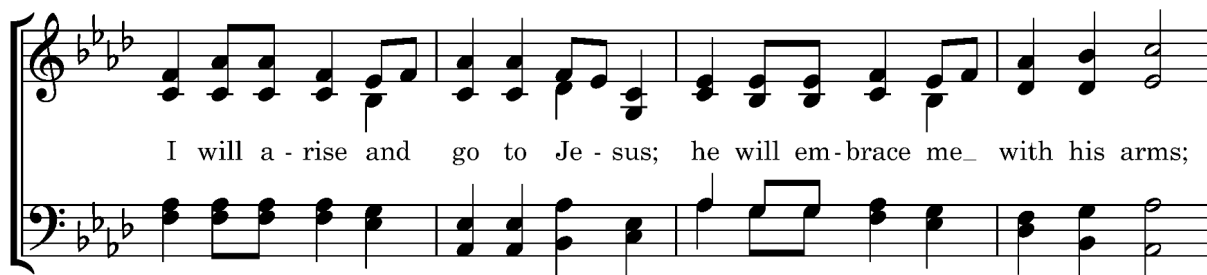
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



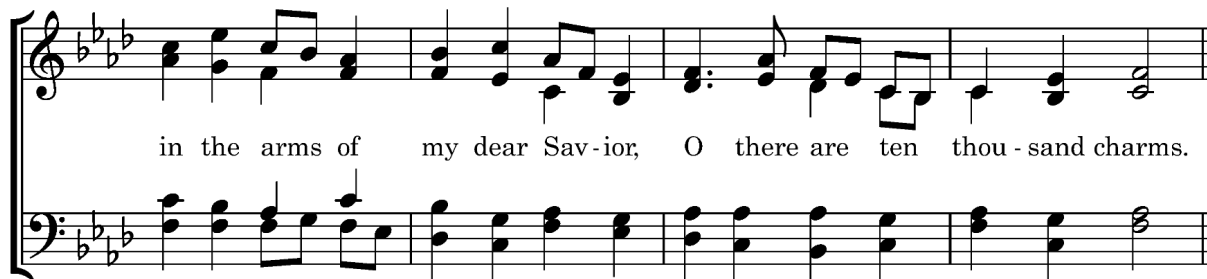
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quire-eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are what we have sung:

**poor and needy;
weak and wounded;
thirsty and weary;**

God, in your mercy,

**feed us,
sustain us,
heal us,
forgive us,**

**That we might live as you have made us -
your beloved children. Amen.**

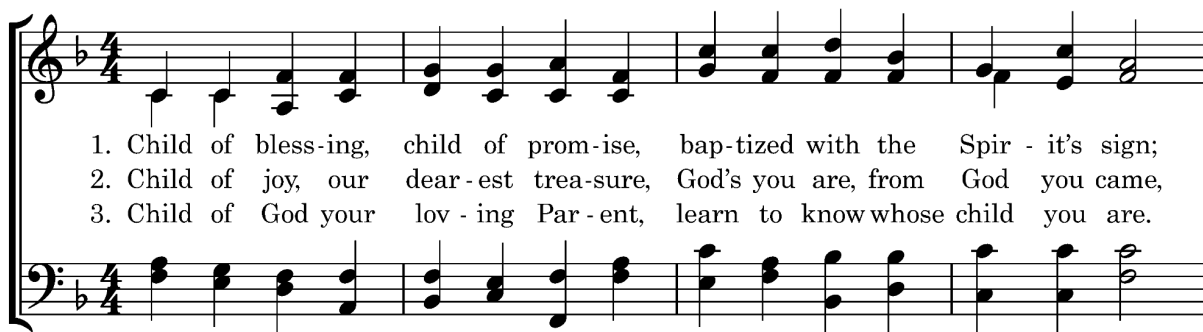
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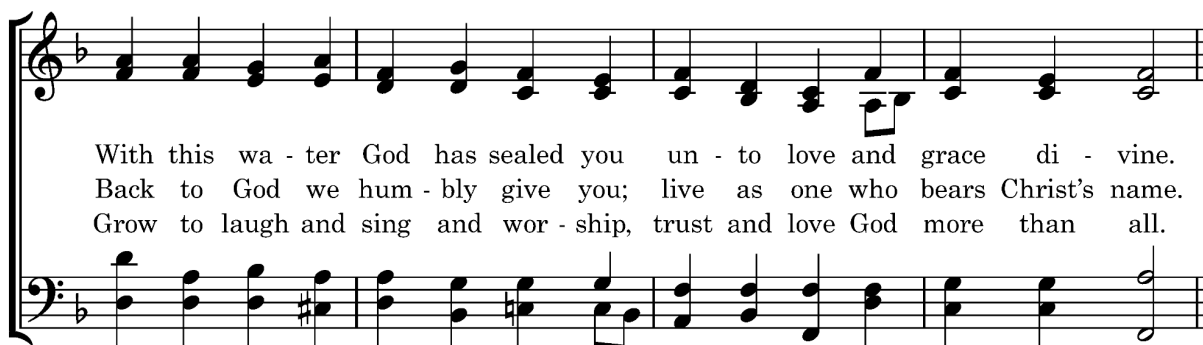
RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

v. 1



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign;
2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came,
3. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Gustav Xavier Quintos

Pastor: Gustav Xavier, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as a child of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Gustav is now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your child, Gustav Xavier. Inspire his life. May he sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for his parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with this family as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.

Pastor: Gustav, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

All: Amen

RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

vv. 2 & 3

See previous hymn

SCRIPTURE

Peg Wander

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, “Come off by yourselves; let’s take a break and get a little rest.” For there was constant coming and going. They didn’t even have time to eat. So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.

When his disciples thought this had gone on long enough—it was now quite late in the day—they interrupted: “We are a long way out in the country, and it’s very late. Pronounce a benediction and send these folks off so they can get some supper.” Jesus said, “You do it. Fix supper for them.” They replied, “Are you serious? You want us to go spend a fortune on food for their supper?” But he was quite serious. “How many loaves of bread do you have? Take an inventory.” That didn’t take long. “Five,” they said, “plus two fish.”

Jesus got them all to sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred—they looked like a patchwork quilt of wildflowers spread out on the green grass! He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples, and the disciples in turn gave it to the people. He did the same with the fish. They all ate their fill. The disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. More than five thousand were at the supper. As soon as the meal was finished, Jesus insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead across to Bethsaida while he said goodbye to the crowd. After sending them off, he climbed a mountain to pray.

*** 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

Love Diving, All Loves Excelling

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,

Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;

Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.

* HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

1. & 6. Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may
 trav - elers on the road; We are here to
 shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my
 laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your
 find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

OFFERTORY

Zart und mit Ausdruck
from *Fantasiestücke Op. 73, No. 1*
Natalie Grana, French horn
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

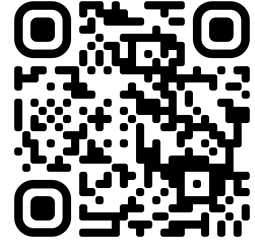
Robert Schumann

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

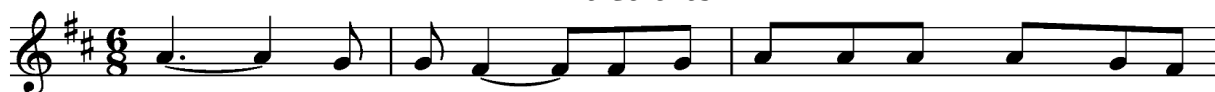
Matt Fitzgerald

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

De Colores



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
St. Arbucks Quartet

Hank Williams

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 for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall, directly below the Sanctuary.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, 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

Head Ushers: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

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 21 Coco Schuster, Donn Schimp, Jake Nitzsche, Jim Waldschmidt,
Sammi Fayhee
July 22 Anton Schuster, M. Carleton Koldyke
July 23 Lucy Bashiti, Lukas Hecht, Nic Mutch
July 24 Benjamin Ritchie
July 25 Benny VanDerburgh, Maira Simonton
July 26 Andrew Cittadine, Colleen Kompare, Doug Dunham, Nicole Jackson,
Samantha Beck
July 27 Andy Davis, Paul Malley

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Childcare is available during worship for babies and toddlers up to age 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the Nursery and Toddler Room. Activity “busy bags” are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY - JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE SPEAKER - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer
The Palestine Study Group welcomes longtime peace and justice activist, **Bekah Levin**, of the Chicago area Jewish Voice for Peace. Bekah will be discussing the historical background and current conditions in the Gaza conflict.
Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/5b8zfra8> Questions: burnett.db@gmail.com

JULY 23 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL LUNCH GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall
Adults of all ages are invited. Make new friends and connect with old ones with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun and faith. You may register here if you wish: tinyurl.com/2p3w8jnf.

JULY 23 AND 30 - TUESDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL – 5:30-8 p.m., Gym
Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold regular adult pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every Tuesday night, separate from the Young Adult group games on Monday nights. Sign up at the Church Center link below or just show up at the Church gym! All ages and skill levels are invited. Game Time: Tuesdays: 5:30-8 p.m. (Come any time during that window.) If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636. To join us, visit: tinyurl.com/Tuesday-Pickleball.

JULY 24 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - REVELATION - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

The last book of the Bible is one that many have found confusing or frightening. Some Christians completely ignore it. Others have been obsessed with it. We're looking at Revelation as a wake-up call, not a blueprint for the final apocalypse. Revelation spotlights corrupt human politics and nationalistic religion while celebrating the hopeful coming of Christ, the Lamb of God, into the world. In light of the renewed prominence of Christian Nationalism in our own time, Revelation is a timely book. Led by Pastor Jeff every Wednesday. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/45rv6kfm>

JULY 28 – REVISED BYLAWS AND PROPOSED NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR ST. PAULS CHURCH - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer

The St. Pauls Bylaws Review Task Force is happy to discuss the more important features of the draft bylaws and proposed new St. Pauls Church governance structure that the Congregation will vote on at the Special Congregational Meeting on August 11. These changes include a revised mission statement and clarified core values for the church. In addition to the Council structure that will remain, there will be seven new or revised Standing Ministries to guide the Congregation. Members and chairs of each Standing Ministry will be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation for specific terms, and each Standing Ministry will have representation on the Council. A more detailed summary and the proposed bylaws will be shared with Congregation members in advance of the Special Congregational Meeting.

AUGUST 4 – UPDATE ON PLANS AND FINANCING OF THE “EXPAND AND ELEVATE OUR OPENNESS” CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer

Come and hear more about developments on the Phase II construction project and ultimately a recommendation of how it will be financed. As has been announced, the St. Pauls capital campaign finished strongly -- with more than \$3 million raised for Phase II. This session will discuss anticipated costs for the completion of Phase II and a recommendation of how the Congregation might finance them.

AUGUST 4 - BOUNCE HOUSE MINISTRY AT UCAN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

UCAN has asked us to bring one of our bounce houses to their North Lawndale campus for some fun for their younger children in residential treatment. Pastor Jeff is looking for a few volunteers to join him in setting up and monitoring the kids after church on August 4 for about an hour. If you can help, please let Jeff know this week at jcarlson@spucc.org.

AUGUST 11 - SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
As was announced at the March 3, 2024, Annual Congregational Meeting, a Special Congregational Meeting is required this year, which the Council has scheduled for August 11. Only three items can be discussed at this meeting: the proposed St. Pauls Church bylaws revisions; the Nominating Committee slate for the new or revised Standing Ministries; and a recommendation for interim financing for the construction of Phase II of the “Expand and Elevate our Openness” Campaign. Members and Friends are invited to participate in person and via streaming, but only Members may vote. Please plan to join us on this important date of St. Pauls history.

AUGUST 18 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL - 5 p.m., Ravinia Park
Join St. Pauls Social and Doug Clark at Ravinia to see the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and our own Rachel Barton Pine! A limited number of lawn tickets are free at your local library or purchase a lawn ticket at www.ravinia.org and RSVP with Doug using this link: tinyurl.com/bdhrrukt. Metra tickets are free with a Ravinia ticket. We will meet at Ravinia. For more information about the concert, go to Ravinia.org/Online/Article/081824-CSORushPine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCAN TRUNK PARTY:

Every year, youth that UCAN serves grow up and need to establish their independence. UCAN provides those aspiring to attend college or trade schools with the essential tools to make this transition from high school as smooth as possible. Your monetary or in-kind donation to this cause will provide these youth with much needed resources and dorm essentials to positively impact their journey. You can find out how to support the effort here: <https://tinyurl.com/7u2eyydf>. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event. Contact Andrea Lee to volunteer or for more information: andrea.lee@ucanchicago.

REFUGEE ONE BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE:

One of our St. Pauls community partners, Refugee One, expects to welcome nearly 700 refugees to Chicago this coming year — and nearly half will be children. Help provide a newly-arriving school-aged youth with a brand new backpack of school supplies to help them walk into the classroom with the confidence and items they need! Please order items to stock their Youth Program school stash by July 28. You can find the Amazon Wish List here: <https://tinyurl.com/4e4pszvy>. All items should be shipped to RefugeeOne at the address provided on the wish list.

WOMEN'S FARM/STARVED ROCK WEEKEND AT MARCIA VOLK'S FARM

Please join us at the Volk farm the weekend of July 27-28! Come for Saturday only or the weekend. Carpool to farm (about two hours southwest) and spend Saturday hiking at Starved Rock and/or enjoy the farm trails, pick wildflowers, or ride in our 4-wheeler and zip line. On Saturday night, we'll have a potluck dinner and bonfire. On Sunday, we'll attend Marcia's summer Congregational church in Lacon (optional.) Breakfast and lunch are at the farm Sunday. Please bring \$10 for expenses, if possible. First 12 people who respond get the beds, two to a bed. All beds require the ability to climb stairs. For more information, contact Marcia Volk (773) 307-6866 or marcia@volkonline.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS SUMMER CAMP

For ages 3-5, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June-August. Camp includes themed and structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym and outside in the sun. Join us for water games, arts & crafts, music, sports, and more! Register here: tinyurl.com/Little-Lights-Summer-Camp.

PALESTINE STUDY GROUP

Join us for a discussion on "*Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917-2017*" by Rashid Khalidi. All are welcome! Connect with us through tinyurl.com/Palestine-Study-Group or contact David Burnett at burnett.db@gmail.com.

"HEALING HEARTS" PET SUPPORT GROUP: ST. PAULS PET LOSS COMMUNITY

Are you struggling with losing a beloved furry friend/companion/animal assistant? Losing a pet can be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences in life. At St. Pauls, we understand the deep bond you shared with your beloved pet/family member and we're here to offer support, understanding and a virtual shoulder to lean on. To join, visit tinyurl.com/healing-hearts-support. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Age 18+ only, 15 participants maximum.

FAITH IN ACTION MESSAGING GROUP

Some people call it showing up for a protest or marching against a government policy. Others call it public witnessing for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded members of our congregation. Members and friends of St. Pauls can join this group. If you'd like to receive advance email notice of such protests, gatherings or advocacy opportunities – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action - or to invite others in the group to join you in an advocacy opportunity, join Faith in Action. Register here: tinyurl.com/wuphf495.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Petition Drive: Special Meeting of the CCPSA (Community Commission for Public Safety) on Pretextual Traffic Stops

Each day, the Chicago Police Department makes more than 1,000 traffic stops, with more than 44 percent of these stops involving minor traffic offenses (e.g., expired registration, an unlit headlight) rather than moving violations, such as speeding or driving under the influence. Officers use such stops as pretexts to investigate non-traffic-related criminal activity. However, contraband such as narcotics, weapons, guns, and alcohol are recovered in less than 1 percent of the stops. Please consider signing a petition sponsored by the Community Renewal Society and the Free2Move Coalition asking the CCPSA to hold a special meeting regarding pretextual traffic stops. If you would like to sign the petition and learn more about the issue, please seek out SPARC members who can point out Julia Ehrhardt, petition coordinator. She will be available after church in the Narthex and at coffee hour during June and July.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

St. Pauls Initiatives to Reduce Plastic

Change needs to happen at all levels. The Green Team is now part of a regular Green Team meeting with other Lincoln Park parishes. The objective is to make a greater impact locally with a focus on reducing single-use, non-biodegradable plastics. We also will be making recommendations about changing usage within the parish.

At a city level, the Shedd Aquarium is promoting "2025 Year of Plastic Reduction." We encourage all to visit the Shedd's website, as well as its special exhibits, in our efforts to reduce the 22 million pounds of plastics that enters the Great Lakes.

Please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mpdcsr3j>

JOIN A GROUP



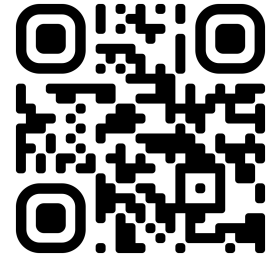
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



PLEDGING & GIVING INFORMATION

PLEDGE WITH BOLD GRATITUDE FOR 2024

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge for 2024! Your generous support of St. Pauls is greatly needed and much appreciated. If you have yet to pledge your time, talents or treasures for 2024, you can fill out a paper pledge form and put it in the offering tray or return it to the office. Or, you can pledge online at spucc.org/pledge or by scanning this QR code.



Making a pledge shares with us your intention to donate your time, talents and financial support. This information helps us plan and budget for the upcoming year. **Important Note:** If your pledged financial support for 2024 is changing from this year, and you have a current recurring donation set up through one of our donation options, please adjust your recurring donation accordingly. Pledge forms do not authorize St. Pauls to create or update recurring donations. Email bookkeeper@spucc.org with questions or for help.

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you have an IRA and are required, or will be required, to take a minimum annual distribution (RMD) from your account, you may be interested to know that there are tax advantages to taking your distribution as a direct contribution to a charitable organization such as St. Pauls.

If the distribution is made directly from your IRA to St. Pauls, then you enjoy two tax benefits: 1) the distribution does not count as taxable income and 2) the distribution does count towards satisfying your RMD if over age 73. The gift, called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), must go directly from your IRA to the organization, and your total gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per year. You can make QCDs after you reach age 70 ½, which is earlier than the current RMD age of 73. You cannot make QCDs from your 401K; it has to be rolled into an IRA first.

With the 2017 changes in the tax law, some have lost the ability to itemize their deductions, including charitable contributions, and are now taking the higher standard deduction. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great way to still get a tax benefit for charitable giving. If you have questions about QCDs, consult your tax or financial advisor. Members of the Finance Committee are able to provide more information as well. Reach out to committee chair Allen Heinemann at Treasurer@SPUCC.org

TODAY'S MUSIC

Yes, there are other beautiful movements, in addition to the famous *Toccata* that we hear on Christmas Eve, from *Symphony V in F Major, Op. 42, No 1*. The symphony was composed in 1879 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937). This reflective ***Adagio in C Major*** is the lyric movement that precedes the fiery *Toccata*. It also shows off the warmer tones and huge range of colors of larger instruments. Widor, along with Louis Vierne (1870-1937), were the great French Romantic organ symphonists. Vierne held the post of Organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, and Widor held the same position at St. Sulpice, also in Paris.

Has-Jürg Sommer (b. 1950) is the composer of ***The Spirit of Alphorn Op. 202***. He is a Swiss composer from a working class family who started his career as a decorator. He graduated from the Biel Conservatory as a guitar teacher, trained himself to play the alphorn and has composed more than 500 pieces for this special instrument. The alphorn is a wooden instrument that was used in the fields of the Alps to call cattle. If you were to straighten out all the tubing of the modern French horn, it would be about the same length as the alphorn. Our soloist today, St. Pauls member Dr. Natalie Grana, received her Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) from the Cincinnati Conservatory, is on the faculties of Lake Forest College and DePaul University, and is also an instructor in the Alphorn Institute.

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy, to the tune RESTORATION, is mined from the wonderful early 19th century American shape-note hymnals, including *Southern Harmony*. Its composer and lyricist are unknown, but it was first published in 1835. The melody is characterized by a folk-like swing.

The text for ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*** was written in 1981 by Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948), a UCC pastor and teacher of theology. The tune, STUTTGART, was composed in 1715 by Christian Friederich Witt (1660-1716). Witt completed a huge hymnal, *Psalmodia Sacra*, the year before his death. Of its 774 hymns (!!!), he composed nearly 100. He was Kapellmeister of the Gotha court in Stuttgart at the same time that Bach was in Leipzig, just 300 miles north. An interesting side note is that Nathan Laube, world renowned organist and friend of St. Pauls, was until recently on the organ faculty at the Hochschule für Musik in Stuttgart. He has since returned to the faculty at the Eastman School of Music.

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.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant, tune title THE SERVANT SONG, is a relatively new hymn composed in 1977 by Richard Gillard (b. 1953). Gillard was born in England, but moved to New Zealand when he was only 3 years old. He is a self-trained musician.

Robert Schumann (1810-1856) composed the *Fantasiestücke Op. 73* in 1849 for clarinet and piano. The first movement, *Zart und mit Ausdruck* (Tenderly and with expression) is in A minor, but concludes in A major. Schumann indicated that the clarinet part could also be played by either cello or violin. Since Schumann was particularly fond of the French horn, it makes complete sense to have this “salon piece” also be open for playing by this most lyric of brass instruments.

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

I Saw the Light was composed and recorded in 1952 by Hank Williams (1923-1953). He was a beloved country music singer and composer. In his all-too-short life, he recorded 35 singles, 11 of which reached No. 1 on the Country & Western charts.

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.

- Diane Massie at the death of her brother Ira.
- Dave Verduin, hospitalized.
- Mike Stensaas, health problems.
- Scott Hibbard at the death of his father, John.
- Diane Massie and family over the death of her brother.
- David Baker's brother-in-law, Roger Robert, as he deals with the onset of Parkinson's disease.
- Pastor Liz's high school friend, Joe, who has ALS.
- Gloria Joseph's dear friend, Betsy, as she begins a rigorous treatment program for a new cancer diagnosis.
- Rose Stone relative of Juanita Barlow
- Prayers for peace - in our city, nation and world.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Betty Voice being treated for sepsis.
- Deborah's friend, Anita Smith, recovering at Paul House and Health Care Center following a lengthy hospitalization.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

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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.

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Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who
grieve.

Welcome to LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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