

August 4, 2024
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

"We are poor indeed if we are only sane."

Donald Winnicott

PRELUDE

My Tribute

Andrae Crouch

St. Arbucks Quartet

To God be the glory...
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His pow'r He has raised me
To God be the glory...

How can I say thanks for the things
You have done for me
Things so undeserved
Yet You give to prove Your love for me
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to Thee

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the whole earth sing!

All: Let all creation sing!

Wild animals and flying birds!

One: Christ is alive and we live in God's world.

All: Praise the Lord!

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

* HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow By or - der from thy throne,

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;—
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eye:—
While all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,—

The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

SCRIPTURE

David Faulkner

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." '

Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

* 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

Amazing Grace

v. 1



1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a__
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my__



wretch like me!_____ I once___ was__ lost, but
fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that

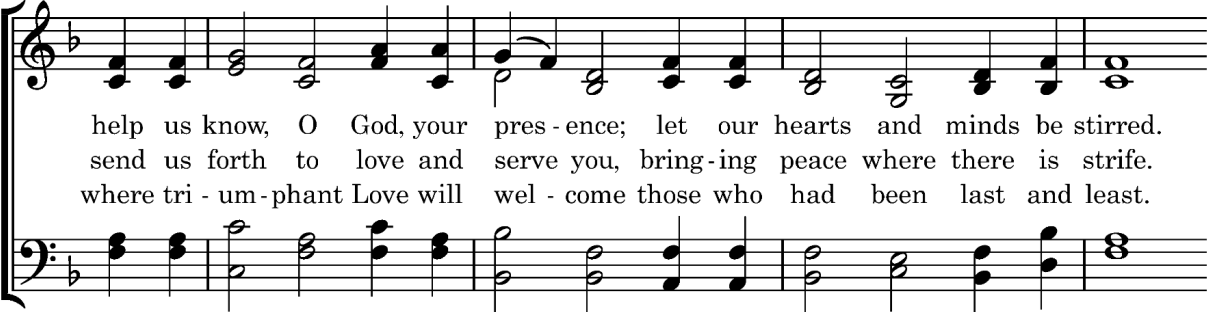


now__ am__ found, was blind but__ now I see._____
grace__ ap - pear The hour I__ first be - lieved!_____

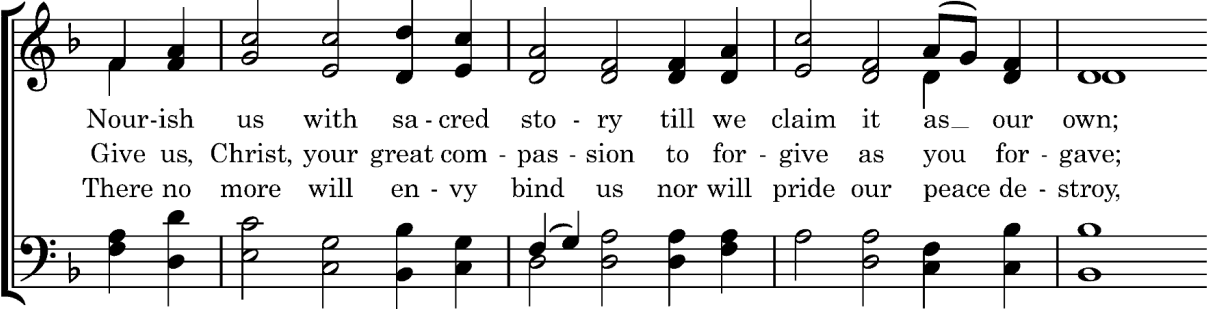
* HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

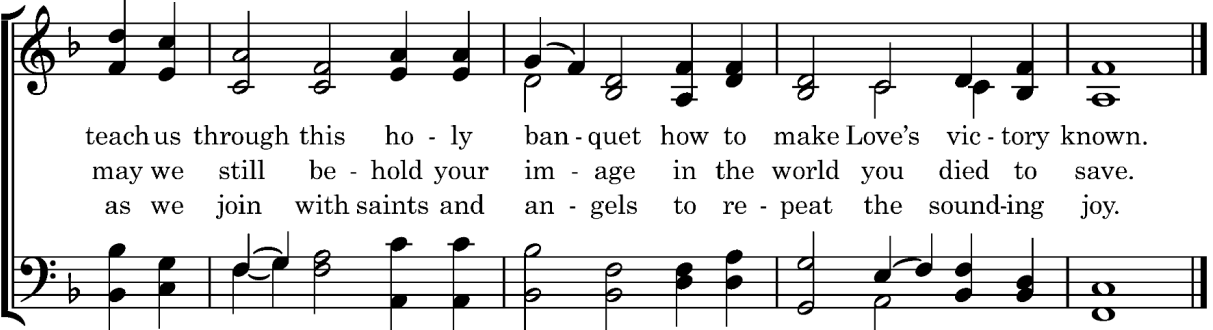

1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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.

OFFERTORY

Minuet & Pastorale
Ross Penniman, cello
Scott Banjavcic, organ

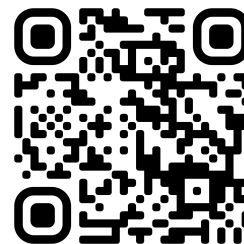
J.S. Bach

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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

Liz Nickerson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,
Take away the deceit that turns our words to riddles.
We live in confusion. We inflict pain.
All the while, your strong hand holds us.
You do not reject or forget any of us.
Let us believe this promise!
Let it change our lives! 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 participate in communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Maria in E Major
Graham Hicks, piano

Franz Liszt

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, we have gathered at your table. We have listened to your word,
help us to know your presence, so that our minds and hearts are stirred.
Stirred to use our lives, for your will and not our own. Fed through this
meal to feed others, giving praise to you alone. Amen.**

* HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its souls a - way;
6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
Be thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
Scott Banjavcic, organ

Johann Pachelbel

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.

We welcome Scott Banjavcic today, who is filling in for Kevin Dzierzawski. We are very grateful for Scott sharing his talents with us. Kevin is on vacation and will return on August 18.

We also thank Graham Hicks for playing during communion and **Ross Penniman**, who is our soloist for the Offertory.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Jeff Carlson, Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Scott Banjavcic

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: David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Maurice Wallace

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Marcia Knudson.

This week's altar flowers are given by Lisa Donofrio.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

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.

August 4 Marah Marshall, Mary Vasys, Nikki Miller, Nolan Mussatt, Tim Weidman, Zoe Lawrence
August 5 Caleb Bryant, Juan Nuno, Vivian Hein
August 6 Jenn Rogers
August 7 Amy Beck, Moe Kelly, Wayne Bradley
August 8 Jim Javorcic, Owen Bunch
August 9 Eleanore McGuire, Pat Grose
August 10 Nate Davidson, Peg Wander, Sally Connolly, Scott Hibbard

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Childcare is available for babies through 5-year-olds from 10 to 11 a.m. downstairs in the Nursery and Toddler Room. Activity “busy bags” for children to use during the service are available in the Narthex and children's Bibles are in the pews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 6 - 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.

AUGUST 7 - 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>.

AUGUST 11 - SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary & Streaming

As announced at the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 3rd, a Special Congregational Meeting is required this year, which the Council has scheduled for August 11. Only two items will be voted on at this meeting: the proposed revisions to Bylaws of St. Pauls Church and the slate of the Nominating Committee for the new or revised Standing Ministries and other positions. Due to the timing of final design, bidding and construction considerations, we will *not* be voting on the Phase II final plans or financing at this meeting, but rather at another Special Congregational Meeting to be scheduled in the fall. 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 - RACHEL BARTON PINE AT RAVINIA - 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 to 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

AUGUST 21 - YOUNG ADULT CUBS GAME AT WRIGLEY FIELD

7 p.m. - Cheer on the Cubs, make new friends, bring a friend, as we enjoy a Cubs game together. They will face the Detroit Tigers. This is a great first event to attend to meet the YA group at St. Pauls! RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/ya3zv2y9> or at youngadults@spucc.org

AUGUST 27 - 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.

AUGUST 28 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE (BAKE YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES AT HOME NOW!)- 5:30 p.m., Kitchen

Join the St. Pauls cookie bakers for dinner, socializing and cookie making on Wednesday, August 28. Meet us in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m. or whenever you can make it. We eat around 6:30. Cookies go to A Just Harvest and the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. If you can't join us, but would like to participate, you may drop off cookies, with your name on them and marked MARCIA, at the church on or before the 28th. Please get in touch with Marcia Volk to reserve a spot and she will let you know what dinner/baking supplies are still needed. Contact Marcia at marcia@volkonline.com or (773) 307-6866.

SEPT 28 - ST. PAULS OKTOBERFEST - 1-8 p.m., Courtyard

It's Munich meets Chicago as St. Pauls hosts its annual 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 acclaimed children's entertainer, Laura Doherty (1:30-3 p.m.), and the Midwest's premier oompah band, Die Musikmeisters (3:30-7:30 p.m.). This free event is open to the public and is family-friendly, so invite your neighbors and friends and join us at the corner of Fullerton and Orchard. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held in our gymnasium. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

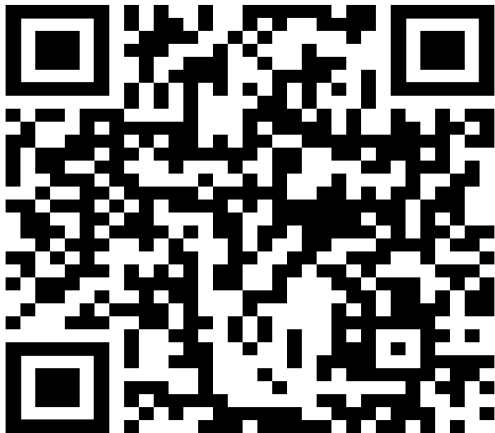
The UCC's "Voting With Love" campaign has officially begun. As people of faith, it is our duty to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:8-9). Let's use our vote to protect and provide for those around us. During coffee hour on Sunday, September 15, join our non-partisan Get Out the Vote table to register to vote online, apply online for a mail-in ballot, learn about Illinois election laws, confirm your polling location, and much more.

CREATION CORNER - provided by 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."
Psalm 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.

JOIN A GROUP



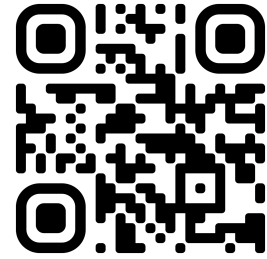
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

Andraé Crouch (1942-2015) wrote both the text and tune for ***How Can I Say Thanks***, MY TRIBUTE, in 1971. Crouch is among the greatest gospel composers and performers. Both his mother and father were pastors and he first began playing in services for his father's church at age 11. The opening lines of the refrain, *To God be the glory*, pays homage to Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) by quoting her famous hymn text.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God is a text by Issac Watts (1674-1848), the eminent English poet, who set the entire book of Psalms as poetry, which included Psalm 90, *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*. His poetry has inspired many composers.

BETHLEHEM was composed by Joseph Barnaby (1838-1896). He was a renowned British choral director who introduced Bach's *Matthew Passion* and *John Passion* in English translations to English audiences. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

The text for ***Amazing Grace*** is by John Newton (1725-1807), who was a slave ship captain, but became an Anglican clergyman and fervent abolitionist. He once said that writing this text saved his soul. The tune, NEW BRITAIN, is most likely an African American spiritual first published in 1829.

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 was first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

Minuet and Pastorale are actually two separate pieces, not part of a single work. The ***Minuet in G*** is the more widely known and for many years was attributed to J.S. Bach (1685-1750). More recently the composer of the ***Minuet*** has been identified as Christian Petzold (1677-1733), a German Baroque organist and composer who spent most of his career in Dresden. The ***Pastorale*** is actually a transcription of a soprano aria, *Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten* (Disappear, you troubled shadows) from the secular *Wedding Cantata BWV 202* composed in Weimar in 1714 by Bach. Bach often repurposed movements or arias from one work and transcribed them into others of his own compositions.

Ave Maria , die Glóckchen vom Rom in E Major, S. 182 was composed in 1862 by Hungarian Franz Liszt (1811-1886). The German in the title translates to *the bells of Rome*. Liszt was obviously moved by the bells playing during the prayers to Mary. This period of this composition was a sad time in his life. He lost his daughter Blandine in 1862, and his son, Daniel, three years earlier. Liszt was a 19th century “rock star.” His technical prowess on the piano was renowned throughout Europe and his concerts sold out wherever he played. There are multiple reports of audience members becoming overwhelmed emotionally and sometimes fainting. He composed also for orchestra, chorus and voice. He spent his last years as a deacon in the Catholic Church.

Issac Watts (1674-1748) penned the text for ***Our God Our Help in Age Past*** in 1719. It is a poetic setting of Psalm 90. We sang Watts' setting of Psalm 23 before and as part of the Offertory Anthem. The tune ST. ANNE was likely composed in 1708 by William Croft (1677-1727) in London. He became the organist at Westminster Cathedral. As a side note, Bach's famous *Prelude and Fugue in E Flat Major BWV 552* (1735-36) is often referred to as “St. Anne,” because Bach seems to quote that tune in the final theme of the “triple fugue.” There is no way Bach would have heard or known that tune, but it certainly is an interesting apocryphal story.

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir, (Lord God, we praise you) is most often recognised by many Protestants as a traditional doxology. The hymn tune is OLD ONE HUNDREDTH, but the composer of the music is in dispute. The author of the German text is Philip Melancthon (1497-1560). He became both a professor of Greek and theology at Wittenberg University. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) is known for the popularity of his *Canon*, which is often requested at weddings as a processional. A worthy predecessor to Bach, he composed for choir, organ and instruments.

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 and family at the death of her brother, Ira.
- Loved ones and friends of Dave Verduin at his death.
- Mike Stensaas, dealing with health problems.
- Scott Hibbard at the death of his father, John.
- 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.
- 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.

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, during the past 180 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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Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org
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Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



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 LGBTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

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