

May 25, 2025
Ascension 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

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

- Romans 15:13

PRELUDE

No Ways Tired
St. Arbucks Quartet

Rev. James Cleveland

I don't feel no ways tired,
I've come too far from where I started from
Nobody told me that the road would be easy
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We wait for God.

All: **But waiting is hard, we want to act now.**

One: God teaches us as we wait to receive what we need to do our work.

All: **We were made to work together, just as God works together, because we draw strength from each other.**

One: Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one.

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

* HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for thy Lord to
4. And all who are of ten - der heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship him in hum - ble -



sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
 - long, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, O___ sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
 - ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 bright, That giv - est us both warmth and light, *Sing-ing prais - es Sing-ing*
 bear, Praise God and on him cast your care.
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One.



prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

Loving God, we live in a world that moves too fast. We can barely keep up, and so we rush past what is most important and focus on what shouts the loudest for our attention. Teach us that it is not all up to us. Forgive the self-importance that we claim. Forgive us for all the ways that we go astray. Redirect our steps. Help us to realize that our power comes from you. Align us with your priorities for our lives and our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Lift Thine Eyes
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Sopranos and Altos of the Chancel Choir

Lift thine eyes to the mountains,
From whence cometh thy help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth,
He hath said, Thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber.
Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE

Marti Pechnyo

Acts 1:1-8

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

* 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

Breathe On Me Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do__ what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do__ and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

SERMON

"Waiting"

Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

Come, Teach Us, Spirit



1. Come, teach us, Spir - it of our God, the lan - guage of your
2. Ex - cite our minds to fol - low you, to trace new truths in
3. En - gage our wits_ to dance with you, to leap from log - ic's
4. In - spire our spark to light from you to catch cre - a - tion's
5. De - light our hearts to wor - ship you, to learn com - pas - sion's



way,_____ the les - sons that_ we need to live, the faith for
store,_____ new flight paths for_ our spir - it space, new mar - vels
base,_____ to cap - ture in - sight on_ the wing, to sense your
flair,_____ new ar - tis - try_ to cel - e - brate, new har - mo -
code,_____ to live in con - text of_ your love, great teach - er



ev - ery day;_____ the faith for ev - ery day._____
to_ ex - plore:_____ new mar - vels to ex - plore:_____
cos - mic grace:_____ to sense your cos - mic grace:_____
- nies_ to dare:_____ new har - mo - nies to dare:_____
who_ is God!_____ Great teach - er who is God!_____

OFFERTORY

Sanctus

Franz Schubert

From the *German Mass*
(Sung in English and German)
Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir

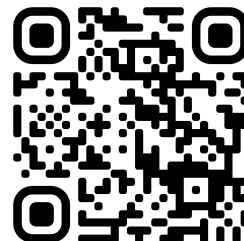
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Heilig, heilig, heilig ist der Herr!
Heilig, heilig, heilig ist nur Er!
Er, der nie begonnen,
Er, der immer war,
Ewig ist und waltet,
Sein wird immerdar!

Heilig, . . .
Allmacht, Wunder, Liebe,
Alles rings umher!
Heilig . . .

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WELCOME CARD

*If you are a visitor, welcome! Thank you for
worshiping with us today!
If would like to learn more about the church, please
scan the QR code.*



** FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY*

A musical score for the Festival Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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

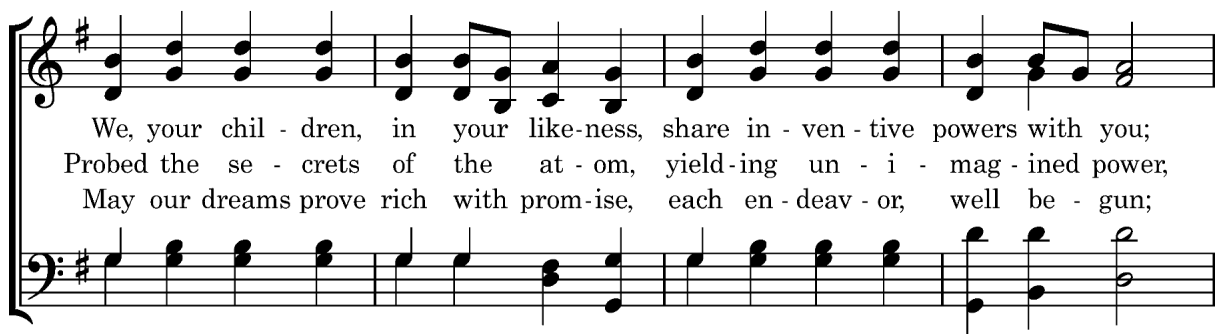
God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



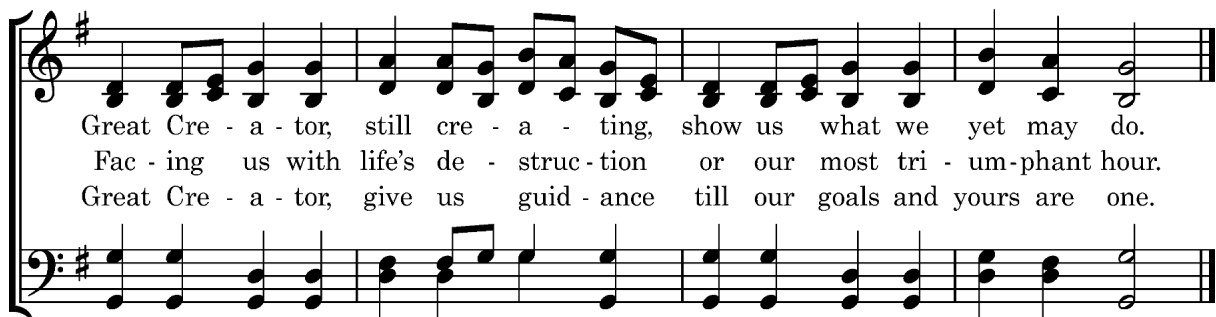
1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3. As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,



Flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
Known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon-oring you.



We, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;

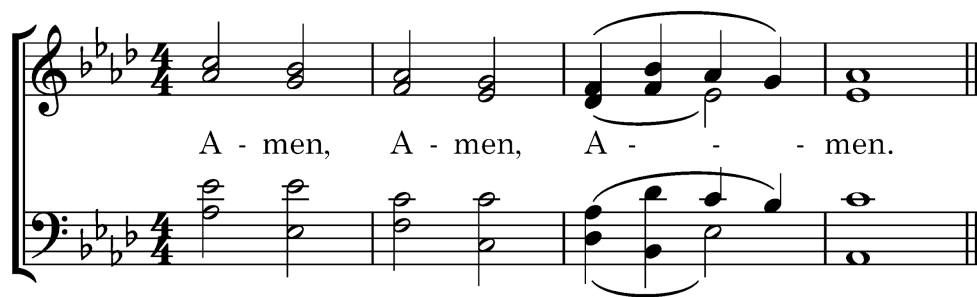


Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

* BENEDICTION

Liz Nickerson

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

J. S. Bach

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 Gym. If you're visiting, be sure to stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you and you can find out more about St. Pauls!

SAVE THE DATE & NOTE THE TIME
Joint Worship with Lighthouse UCC, JUNE 8 at 10:30 a.m.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Pastor Jeff Carlson is on vacation and will return on June 8.

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Marti Pechnyo

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, John Balevic, David Faulkner

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Today's flowers are given by Mary and Dodd Brown in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Would you like to donate altar flowers? Sign up here: tinyurl.com/4w6fu5js.

We welcome Confirmation students from Trinity UCC in Chicago who are worshipping with us today!

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY

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.

May 25	Becca Fayhee, Carlos Cata, Spencer Ward, Spencer Weldon
May 26	Grady Clarke, Marinel Workman-Mandell
May 27	Graham Roark, Libby Braband, Norman Beck
May 28	Christine Terborg, Nancy Curotto, Tyler Holland
May 29	Faye Johnson, Larry Kearns, Liana Cramb, Molly Terborg, Monty Kehl, Nora Penniman
May 30	Angi Miller, Brooklyn Singles, Leo Patton, Margaret Palm
May 31	Anaïs Jarzebowski, Charlotte Bunch, Marnee Lumm, Terry Breitwiser

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.

- Karen L. Johnson and loved ones of Leroy Johnson on the first anniversary of his passing, May 24.
- Bob Ball at the death of his older brother Phill, and for Phill's wife Jane and daughters Stephanie, Allison and Cherilyn.
- Juanita Barlow undergoing a heart procedure on June 2.
- Loved ones of Mike Stensaas at his death.
- Nancy Barnett in the hospital.
- Dr. Rod Sippy, as he faces a long recuperation, as well as Erica Barbosa as she heals from a long illness.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Julie Chambers is in the hospital.
- Joe Harrington's mother on a recent diagnosis.
- Matthew Wallace, recently diagnosed with epilepsy.
- Dianne Witkowski, as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.
- Friends and loved ones of Marcia Knudson at her death.
- That we each find our role, our voice, in bringing peace forward.
- Students, workers, and communities at risk of family separation, loss of homes and businesses due to government overreach.
- Karen L. Johnson, recovering from a fall.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Bob Ball's brother, Phill, being treated for complications associated with leukemia, and Jane, who is Phill's primary caregiver.
- Craig Wilbanks mother and father each facing serious health challenges.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 27 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited to make new friends and reconnect with old ones through lunch, fun and faith. Childcare provided.

MAY 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 this Wednesday, May 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 labeled 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. You may also contact Gloria Joseph at glrjoseph@yahoo.com.

MAY 30 - BBQ NIGHT (FAITH FAMILY FRIDAY) - 4:30-8 p.m., Parking Lot

Join us for Faith Family Friday, a night of fun, fellowship, and food with our church family! Enjoy a relaxed evening hanging out in the St. Pauls parking lot filled with outdoor games and plenty of laughter. We'll provide the grills and a full hot dog bar with all the fixings. You are welcome to bring a blanket or folding chair to sit on, other items you want to grill, and a side dish or beverage of your choice. Register here: tinyurl.com/yckf2kxt.

JUNE 1- MAKING DINNER FOR GUESTS AT LPCS - 6-8:30 p.m.

Make a difference by joining us on June 1 to cook dinner for the residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. The activity is to shop, cook, serve, and clean up after dinner for 35 people. We'll be starting at 6 p.m. and should be finished by 8:30 p.m. We'll do this at the LPCS kitchen at 600 W. Fullerton. Each participant will be given a shopping list of items to bring. We estimate the cost will be about \$35/participant. If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up to participate tinyurl.com/msytj254. If you have questions, please contact Evie Kling at eviekling@gmail.com.

JUNE 13 - ST. SABINA PEACE WALK - 6:30 p.m.

Join a group from St. Pauls as we join St. Sabina for their annual summer peace walk through neighborhoods. Thousands of people will gather for this powerful event! The first peace walk on June 13 begins at 6:30 p.m. with a kick-off, music, prayer, and refreshments. Contact Louise Gram at (773) 870-6311 for additional information and RSVP on Church Center at tinyurl.com/55x9dj9x to coordinate carpools with other attendees!

JUNE 15-21- YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are excited to invite our youth on the summer 2025 trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Youth will work with activists and church leaders from the Christian Church of Wilksburg, a dynamic interracial congregation in the heart of the community. We will stay at the church, joining youth and young adults from the Wilksburg church in a weeklong effort called "Project Peace." We will do carpentry, urban gardening, and other projects in the neighborhood. Lessons learned will be brought home and put to work at St. Pauls and in Chicago. If you are already planning to join the adventure, you can register here: tinyurl.com/mrxmed3c.

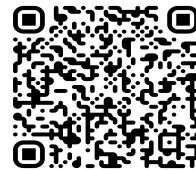
JUNE 22 - MOMS' GROUP - Sun., 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! The upcoming date is Sunday, June 22. Come meet other moms, make new friends, learn from each other, get advice, pray, and get renewed! Each month has a relevant theme on an issue you face as a mom. Free professional childcare is available. Babies can stay with their moms. RSVP to lnickerson@spucc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS

Want to receive reminders and announcements via text? Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form!



RECOGNIZING GRADUATES

On Confirmation Sunday, June 1, we will also recognize our recent graduates from eighth grade, high school, college, and postgraduate. Please send their names and from where they are graduating to danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

DO YOU WANT TO NAVIGATE DISAGREEMENT IN A HEALTHIER WAY?

Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times is an eight-session small group program led by Cindy Ball and Pastor Jeff that guides you in deepening your relationships while staying true to your values. This program draws upon the wisdom of experts in nonviolent communication, civil dialogue, and grassroots organizing, providing practical tools for navigating the political polarization of our time, as well as tough conversations with our loved ones. For more information, tinyurl.com/58z4t5fs. Beginning September 14, we'll meet two Sundays a month after worship through December. Save the date and stay tuned for details! Ready to sign up now? You can do so here: <https://tinyurl.com/3pyjmebs>.

SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Activism and Advocacy Ministry is assembling a committee to put on a silent auction in late October to benefit the Migrant Housing Project Legal Fund. If you have personal or professional experience in organizing a fundraising event, such as a silent auction, and would like to participate, please reach out to Katie Alrutz at Kathryn.passon@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for our 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. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

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. 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! To date we have donated more than 35 pounds of pop tabs!!

DRIVERS NEEDED - SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS

We need members to drive older members to church on Sundays and to occasional doctors' appointments. Please email Pastor Liz for details at lnickerson@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS MIGRANT HOUSING PROJECT LEGAL FUND

St. Pauls housed five Venezuelan migrant families in our building over the past two years. Today, nearly every single member of these families has achieved legal status, helping to safeguard their presence in Chicago for the time being and allowing them to work. Such legal aid is costly and ongoing. In a time of wild anxiety and uncertainty for these new friends, you can help make a difference for our migrant families by supporting our legal aid fund. If you'd like to make a donation, please choose "Migrant Housing Project - Legal Fund" from the drop-down menu on our giving page: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving>.

HAVE SOME ODD JOBS? WE'VE GOT SOME WILLING WORKERS!

As they continue to work at supporting themselves financially, members of our migrant family friends would love to work for you. They are available for things like house cleaning, handyman repairs, moving items, painting, deck-staining, demolition & clean-up, and carpentry on things like deck and dry-wall. We have been assigning work at a rate of \$25/hour and ask that the jobs be a minimum of 3-4 hours. You can find out more by contacting our Migrant Housing Project Coordinator David Brown at dbrown@harrington-brown.com.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our nursery is looking for caring and compassionate volunteers to support our staff and provide extra attention to our little ones. If you love playing, reading, and nurturing young children, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can help for a few hours a month or on a regular basis, your time and kindness will make a meaningful impact. Sign up for a Sunday slot here: <https://tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp>.

BUILDING UPDATE - ROOM NUMBERS AT ST. PAULS

St. Pauls is in the process of converting from room names to numbers. When construction is completed, formal signage will replace the temporary signage. Major locations, i.e., Sanctuary (115), Social Hall (015), Kitchen (010), Gym (009) will commonly use those titles, but their numbers are posted. Numbering begins at the Fullerton entrance (largely inaccessible during construction) and rises to the Kemper Place doorway: Main Level (100s), Upper Level (200s), Lower Level (000s). Yes many rooms have cycled through many names, and we'd love to catalogue the ones you remember using. Thank you for your flexibility.

LITTLE LIGHTS SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for summer fun! Our part-time summer program is geared toward ages 3+ and runs from June through August, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Camp combines play and structured fun inside our classrooms, in the gym and outside in the sun. We create arts and crafts, enjoy music and games, making friends and memories along the way! There is a 10% sibling discount and 20% Church Member discount (contact Erin for the code at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx>.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 25-26

We are accepting applications for the fall! We model and facilitate problem-solving strategies, build empathy and develop self-regulation skills. Through hands-on learning and play, children will benefit from structured socialization and gain a greater sense of themselves within our St. Pauls community. If you are interested in learning more about early education classes for your child, visit our website at www.littlelightslp.org or contact Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Please register your K-6th Sunday School students, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students, and high school class members by scanning this QR code.



PALESTINE STUDY GROUP

Broaden your understanding of the Israel-Palestine conflict in this thoughtful and supportive group. All are welcome. Contact David Burnett at burnett.db@gmail.com.

LOSS AND GRIEVING DISCUSSION GROUP

We've all lost someone we loved. Whether you lost someone you loved last month, last year, or five years ago, you can still grieve that loss. Grief changes, but it never goes away. Would you be interested in sharing stories with others who are in similar situations? We're not therapists, just your friends and neighbors who are also grieving and would like to share our ideas and learn how others are coping. We're planning to start a grief support group at St. Pauls, but we need to make sure there's interest for this. Please contact Pam Woll at pamelawoll3333@gmail.com if you think this might benefit you.

"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, 30 participants maximum.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

Spring and summer and their many celebrations have finally arrived. When planning gatherings, it is easy to focus on the guest list, food and drinks, and final costs while forgetting about the cost to the environment. Ask yourself how much of what I am using is biodegradable, reusable, recyclable, or even harmful to the environment? It takes far more thought to plan an earth-centered gathering. First, skip the balloons as they are not biodegradable and harm wildlife. Second, use decorations made of cloth and paper instead of plastic. Finally, plan your menu around using utensils and plates that can be reused or biodegraded. This can include wax paper squares, bamboo utensils, chopsticks, coffee filters, and cloth napkins.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

Our Stephen Ministers are here for you if you are going through a tough time. Extensively trained in compassionate Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are matched confidentially with someone in our congregation who is going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc. They meet with you once a week for an hour to offer support through listening, companionship and prayer. If you wonder whether having a Stephen Minister might be helpful for you, please speak with Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org. Every one of us could benefit from a Stephen Minister at some point in our lives.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

JOIN A GROUP



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For St. Pauls sponsored events, send to info@spucc.org **by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin.** Share personal announcements/ events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together. **Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired was composed in 1980 by the Reverend James Cleveland (1931-1991). He was inspired by the exclamation of an elderly woman in his congregation. She'd had a hard life with pain, disappointment, and mistreatment "just because of who she was." She found strength in her faith, redemption in Christ, and liberation in the Holy Spirit, and her words and fortitude inspired the Reverend Cleveland. He also carried on the tradition started by Thomas A. Dorsey fusing the spirit-filled music of gospel with the energy and drive of jazz. Muzette Morgan, our longtime alto section leader and member of St. Pauls, introduced us to this song.

Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove is a text composed in 1707 by the incomparable English religious poet Isaac Watts (1674-1748). The signature achievement of Watts was creating poetic settings of the entire *Book of Psalms*. Among the most familiar to us is *O God Our Help in Ages Past* and *Joy to the World*. The tune, ST. AGNES, was composed by John Dykes (1823-1876), who created many famous English hymn tunes, including NICAEA, which we know as *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*.

All Creatures of Our God and King is a text that was adapted by Sister Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938). She is a Catholic theologian and also a Medical Mission Sister who has worked in a number war-torn areas, including Ethiopia and Cambodia. The German hymn tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN, dates from 1623 and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany. It is recognisable to us as the same tune as our *Festival Doxology*.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), like Mozart, had a very short and artistically productive life. He was born in Germany, but a great source of his popularity was outside his home country. He was especially beloved in England. Amongst his greatest accomplishments was the revival of the works of J.S. Bach and the first "modern" performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since his death. *Elijah* is performed in England almost as often as *Messiah*, which is, of course, by another "adopted" German, Handel. This chorus, ***Lift Thine Eyes***, is sung just before *He watching over Israel* in the oratorio.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God is a text composed in 1878 by Edwin Hatch (1835-1889). He was educated at Oxford, held educational appointments in Canada, and returned to England to lead a school, as well as engage in parish ministry. The tune, TRENTHAM, was composed by Robert Jackson (1842-1914). As so often happens, the tune was composed for another text, but is permanently associated with this one. The tune was named for a town near where Jackson grew up.

Come, Teach Us, Spirit employs a contemporary text written in 1990 by Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020). She was born and educated in New Zealand. Her undergraduate degree was in music and her Master's was in French literature. She became active in Amnesty International and composed more than 100 hymns. The tune, MURRAY, is obviously taken in homage to her married name and was composed in 1993 by Arthur G. Clyde (b. 1940). He is a prominent UCC musician and editor of our *New Century Hymnal* (1995).

The original German text, ***Helig***, was by Johann Philipp Neumann, and Schubert set it as a part of a simple yet beautiful *German Mass* in 1827. The text is a poetic setting of the Latin *Sanctus* in German.

The text for ***God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*** was written in 1967 by Catherine Cameron (1827-2019). She became a professor of psychology in California. HOLY MANNA is an unattributed melody from the great American series of shaped-note hymnals from the early 19th century, including *The Sacred Harp*.

Fugue in G minor "Little" BWV 578 was composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Bach is the acknowledged master of fugue composition. A fugue is a complex version of a round, usually involving four to five layered voices using the same theme, but entering at different times and on different pitches.

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and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

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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.