

June 15, 2025
Trinity 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

"It is only when the doctrine of the Trinity vanquishes the monotheistic notion of the great universal monarch in heaven that earthly rulers, dictators and tyrants cease to find any justifying religious archetypes any more." – Jürgen Moltmann

PRELUDE

Adagio
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Daniel Gawthrop

INTROIT

We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Liz Nickerson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD WAS GOD**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**All: AND GOD SAID,
"LET THERE BE LIFE!"**

One: And God saw that it was good!

All: LET US WORSHIP THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD!

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

* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

Holy One, we confess that we forget you.

**We devote our lives to idols of our own making,
taking your good gifts and this good world for granted.**

Dear Jesus, we confess that we have trouble living as your disciples.

We stray from your way of love for God and neighbor.

**Spirit of God, we confess that we resist your work in our lives,
preferring our old habits to your fresh ways;
listening to our fears rather than to your voice.**

Beautiful Trinity, forgive us and heal us.

Plunge us into the depths of your mysterious and infinite love. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.

*If you would like to accompany your child(ren),
you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.*

RESPONSE

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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark Sancya

John 14, selections

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

* 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

Santo, Santo, Santo

Sing twice in Spanish and twice in English

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system contains the first two lines of the song in Spanish and English. The second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are:
¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly God.

SERMON

"I Will Not Leave You Orphaned"

Jeff Carlson

* 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



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- lo - res me gus - tan a mí._____
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 tell us God's love to re - call._____

GREEN TEAM MISSION MOMENT

Rick Peterson

OFFERTORY

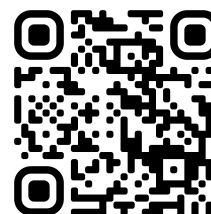
Psalm 98 -*Sing a New Song*
Chancel Choir
St. Arbucks Quartet

Curtis Bradshaw

Sing a new song unto the Lord,
For He has done marvelous things.

ELECTRONIC OFFERING OPTIONS

*Scan this code with your cell phone camera,
Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.*



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 a four-part doxology. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The fourth staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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! A - men." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church choir or congregation.

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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

Liz Nickerson

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

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O__ God be - yond all prais-ing, We wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,
3. The flower of earth - ly splen-dor, In time must sure - ly die,



And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;
Its__ fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;



For__ we can on - ly won - der At__ ev - 'ry gift you send,
And__ wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be__ filled with good or ill,
But__ hid - den from all na - ture The e - ter - nal seed is sown



At__ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heav - ens gar - den grown;



We__ lift our hearts be - fore__ you And wait up - on your word,
To__ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,
For__ Christ, your son, from hea - ven From death has set us free



We__ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.
And through him you have giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry!

* BENEDICTION

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	Chancel Choir	
	St. Arbucks Quartet	

POSTLUDE	<i>God Is Working His Purpose Out</i>	arr. Brendan Henry
	St. Arbucks Quartet	



Trinity (Andrei Rublev)

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. 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!

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Liz Nickerson, Jeff Carlson

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: Jake Gentzen

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Today's altar flowers are given by Jan Bail with thanksgiving for fathers and father figures.

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

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

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.

June 15	Debbie Edwards, Lee Waldschmidt, Suisui Song
June 16	Cheryl Kuba, Janice Keeler, Jeffrey Tegt, Mary Hoffman, Sebastian Liabo
June 17	Andreas Hecht, Beverley Petrunich, Chuck Palm
June 18	Griffin Weil, Jones Brinkoetter, Spencer Weil
June 19	Chris Bettler, Jordan England
June 20	Liz Kurman, Zoe Montgomery
June 21	Elise Wischweh, Paul Kendall

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.

- Walter Crowley and his family on the loss of his wife, Carole Crowley.
- Harrison, Mackenzie, and Cameron Rogers on the death of their father, Toby.
- Family and friends of Ben Ryan Diserod on his death.
- 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, who underwent 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.
- 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.
- Wayne Bradley, pursuing ongoing treatment.
- Craig Wilbanks' mother and father, each of whom are 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

JUNE 15-21- YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Our youth are on a mission trip, partnering with activists and leaders from the Christian Church of Wilkesburg in Pennsylvania. They are participating in "Project Peace," working on carpentry, urban gardening and other projects in the neighborhood.

JUNE 17 - RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING - 10 a.m., Room 028

Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, and what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more information, contact Jana O'Brien: janaobrien1@gmail.com.

JUNE 20 - DINNER TO BENEFIT OUR VENEZUELAN FAMILIES

Join us at a special Faith Family Friday to benefit (and celebrate!) our Venezuelan families. This relaxed evening of fun, fellowship and food will include traditional dishes prepared by our Venezuelan members. There will be fellowship in the Social Hall, as well games in the gym for kids. A suggested donation of \$20 per adult and \$5 per kid will cover the cost of food and also help fundraise for ongoing immigration-related legal costs. You are welcome to bring your own beverages to share and enjoy. Register here: tinyurl.com/362ea99r.

JUNE 24 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

This month: *Angels: The Poems of God* - What and who are angels? Do our popular ideas about them actually come from the Bible? Pastor Jeff will present on what scripture does and does not say about these mysterious creatures that are said to watch over us. 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.

JUNE 26 & 29 - MOMS' GROUP - 9:15-10:15 a.m. Thursday, or 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday

Pastor Liz is looking forward to a meaningful discussion with you! 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.

JUNE 29 - PRIDE PARADE - 11 a.m.

Express our welcome by walking together with St. Pauls and members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches (CCWC) in the 2025 Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29. Because of new restrictions, only four people from each church can walk in the parade. If you are interested in being one of them, please let Pastor Jeff know: jcarlson@spucc.org for more details.

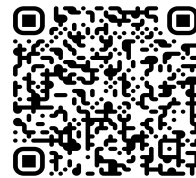
JUNE 29 – ST. PAULS SOCIAL/PRIDE PARADE COOKOUT - 2 p.m., Parking Lot
Adults of all ages are invited to join St. Pauls Social and hosts Rick Peterson and Doug Heyboer for a cookout after the Pride Parade in the St. Pauls parking lot (or in the church in case of rain). Whether you're marching or not, you're invited to join this fun cookout. Please bring your own food and beverages. A grill will be provided for all to share. You may leave your food at the church during the march. RSVP here: tinyurl.com/nk2sfnjh

JULY 9 – SUMMER BIBLE STUDY BEGINS - Noon, Zoom
Join us for seven weeks of summer school in 1, 2 & 3 John. These early Christian letters take off where the Gospel of John leaves off, encouraging lives of life, light and love. Led by Pastor Jeff, we meet once a week for about a half hour to 45 minutes over Zoom through August 20. Sign up on Church Center here: tinyurl.com/yc2dk6kj

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!



NEW! BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

We've updated the process! As of June 1, please use our new bulletin announcement form to submit St. Pauls-sponsored events for inclusion in the Friday newsletter and Sunday worship bulletin. **Submissions are due by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and should be no more than 100 words.** Ready to share information about your event? Fill out the form here: tinyurl.com/5dtmhpra.

K-6TH GRADE YOUTH EDUCATION SURVEY

The Youth Education Committee is eager to hear from parents of this year's K-6 grade church school students. Please fill out one survey for each child here: tinyurl.com/3f6rprae. Your input will help the committee strengthen the program. When you complete your survey, we will enter you in a raffle for a \$50 Starbucks gift card. Submissions are due by June 22. Thank you!

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: tinyurl.com/2j5dy6fp.

WINDY CITY WINDS SUMMER CONCERT- "ON BROADWAY"

Windy City Winds presents three free outdoor concerts in July, performing music from your favorite Broadway shows!

- Saturday, July 12 – 7 p.m. at the Bucktown Garden Walk (Winchester & Churchill)
- Wednesday, July 23 – 7 p.m. at the North Center Town Square (Damen & Lincoln)
- Saturday, July 26 – 3 p.m. at Washington Square Park (Clark & Delaware)

Several St. Pauls Church members participate: Jim Brandt, Tom Clancy, Lorne Frank, Rick Peterson, Nancy Pifer, Mark Swanson and Penny Trowbridge, with announcer Jana O'Brien and conductors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley.

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: tinyurl.com/3pyjmebs.

JANE AUSTEN 250 READING GROUP

December 16, 2025, is the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. We'll read her six complete novels, one a month, beginning July 8 - December 16. Monthly discussions will be over Zoom the second Tuesday of the month, except for December when we'll meet on her birthday. Sign up to participate here: tinyurl.com/222hj89n.

Contact: Pastor Jeff. July 8 - *Sense and Sensibility*; August 12 - *Pride and Prejudice*; September 9 - *Mansfield Park*; October 14 - *Emma*; November 11 - *Northanger Abbey*; December 16 - *Persuasion*.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - SEPTEMBER 21

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. Next class: September 21 at 11 a.m. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

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: 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.

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: tinyurl.com/2nt8zsvx.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT 2025-2026

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

The Senate is still thrashing out its version of the national budget which will be reconciled with the House version. The House version excoriates Green Energy initiatives. For example, "...provisions to terminate renewable energy tax breaks that could strand tens of billions of dollars in investments to Republican states, such as West Virginia, where the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub is in danger of losing funds if construction isn't underway before the end of this year. Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)...wants to immediately repeal climate-related tax breaks." –Alexander Bolton, *The Hill*, June 10, 2025. Keep informed, make your voice heard!

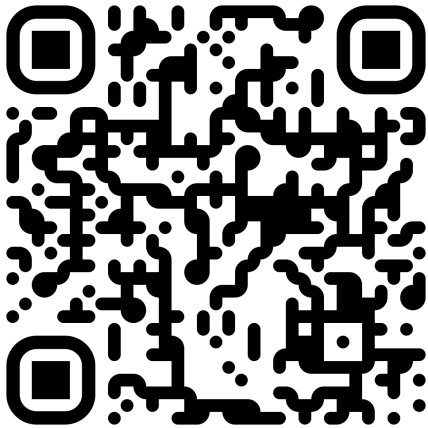
STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS

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.

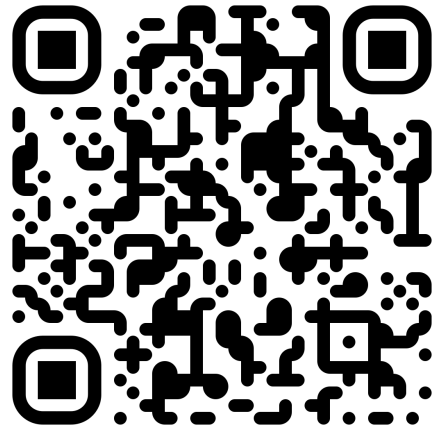
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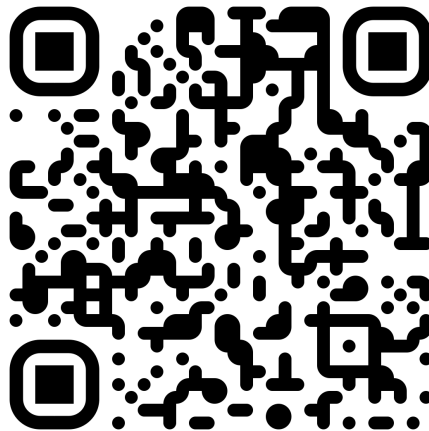
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TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude today, ***Adagio***, was composed by Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949). Born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, he is known for his compositions for choirs and the organ. He has been the recipient of more than 100 commissions for his works. He attended both Michigan State University and Brigham Young University and currently resides in southern Idaho with his wife.

Tobias Clausnitzer (c. 1619-1684) wrote the original German text in 1663 for ***We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear***. He became a chaplain to a Swedish regiment and later became Kapellmeister at St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig, the church that Bach would eventually serve. The English translation was made by Madeleine Forell Marshall (b. 1946). She is a respected academic having begun her studies at St. Olaf College. She is now on the faculty at Claremont School of Theology in California. The tune, LIEBSTER JESU, was composed in 1664 by Johann Rodolf Ahle (1625-1673). He was educated at Erfurt University and was well known as an organist, but beyond that, little is known about his life.

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 are 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.

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

Santo, Santo, Santo (*Holy, Holy, Holy*), originally in Spanish, is an unattributed Argentine folk melody. It is so simple and popular that it has been translated into at least five languages and published in 45 hymnals...so far.

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; the translation, however, is unattributed.

Psalm 98-Sing a New Song was composed in 2002 by Curtis Bradshaw on a commission from The Irving Chorale of Irving, Texas. It is an upbeat jazz cantata for choir, piano, bass, and drums. This morning you will hear the first movement of this five-movement work. Mr. Bradshaw received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from Northern Iowa University, which is known for having one of the nation's finest jazz programs. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army field bands and earned his master's degree from North Texas State University, another top jazz program. In 2013, he received "Jazz Artist of the Year Award" from the Sammons Center for the Arts in Dallas. Mr. Bradshaw is the father of our congregant, Renae Bradshaw. In addition to being a composer, pianist and educator, he is also a wonderful singer. We are delighted that we can share his work with him in attendance on this Father's Day.

O God Beyond All Praising is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. It is a truly majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted "Thaxted" as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942–1996). He began studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

God Is Working His Purpose Out is a favorite hymn of our late Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry. The text was written by Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841–1919) in 1894. The text demanded a muscular tune, which Martin Shaw (1916–1999) provided in 1951. This arrangement was made by Brendan Henry and is a perfect homage to his dad on Father's Day.

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

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

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Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are blessed by your presence and
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