

July 6, 2025
Communion

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.*

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul
St. Arbucks Quartet

Horatio Spafford
arr. Colleen Henry

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Morning has broken!

All: Let us give thanks, for Christ is here!

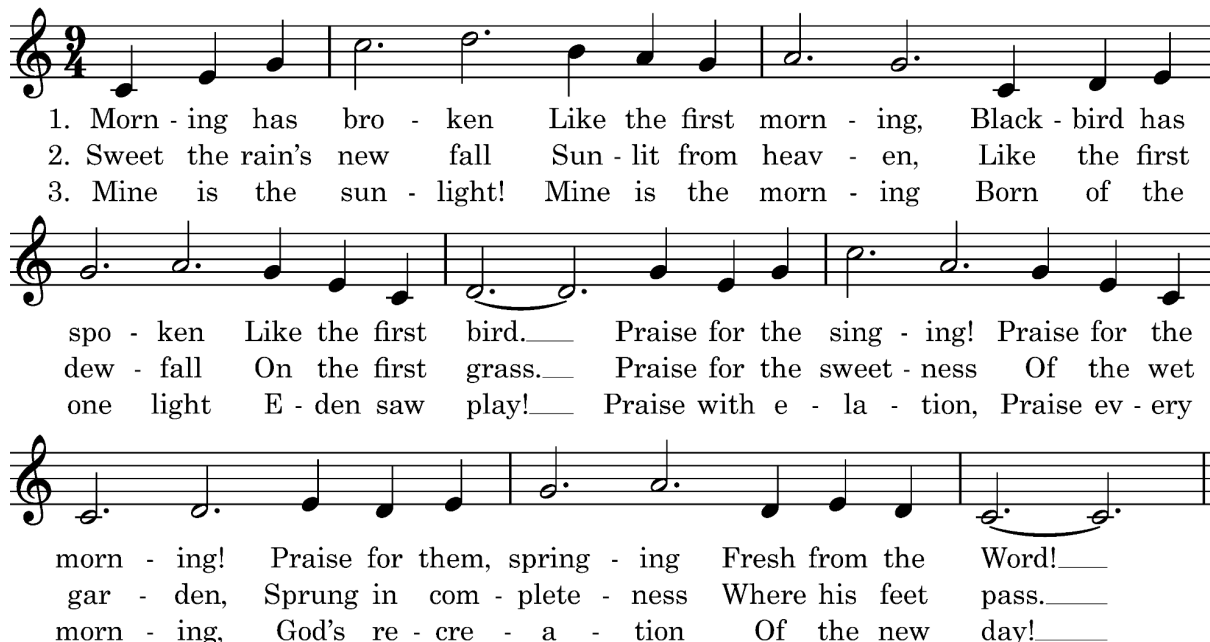
One: Let us praise God together!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

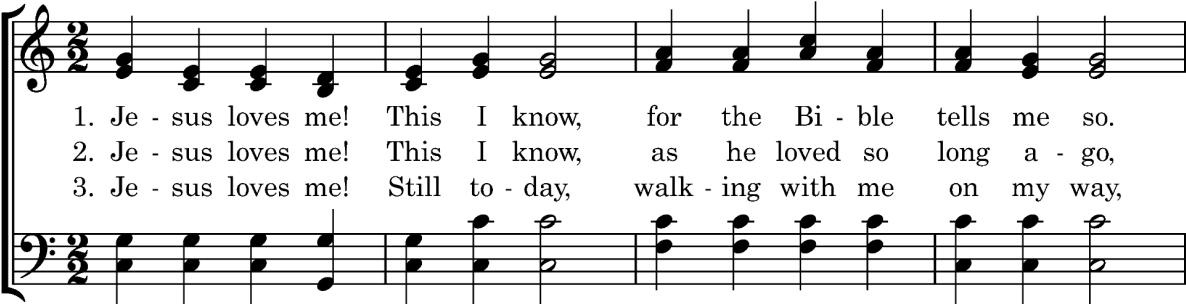
Liz Nickerson

**Lord, our God,
we are made to praise You.
But devotion go sideways
and we wind up worshipping
strength, skin, self,
intellect, nation, wealth.
Reform us!
Remake us!
Don't hold your love back.
Pour it out again and again,
until returned and redelivered,
your mercy rolls
through us like a river.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

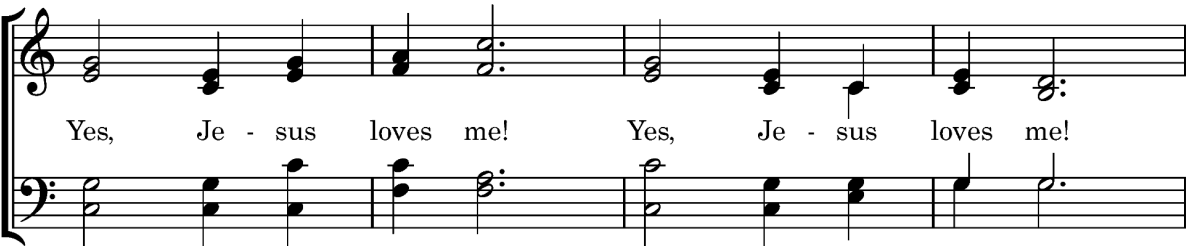
v. 1



1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,



Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Isaiah Karl Darin

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

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

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

All: Amen

*RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me
See Previous Hymn

vv. 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE

Allen Heinemann

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her;

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply and be delighted

with the abundance of her glory.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm

and bounced on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass,

and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies.

* 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

We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear

1. We have gath - ered, Je - sus dear, we have come to
 2. All our in - tel - lec - tual dreams come to noth - ing,
 3. Born of God, true light of light, Ho - ly Spir - it,

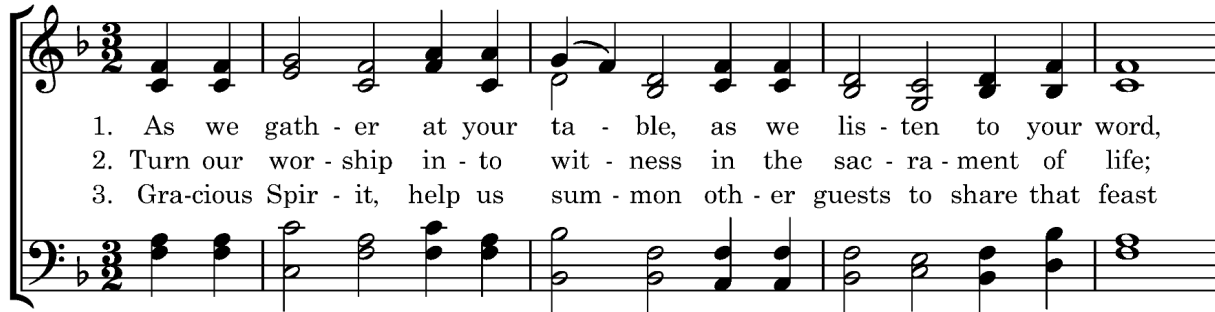
watch and lis - - ten. Fix our minds, our sens - es clear,
 fade at day - break. All our hope - ful plots and schemes,
 pure, un - fail - - ing: All our fac - ul - ties ex - cite,

to re - ceive your heaven - ly les - son. Please im - prove our
 start in pre - tense, end in heart - ache. Thought - ful speech, and
 ears and heart and mouth un - seal - ing: Then, through Je - sus'

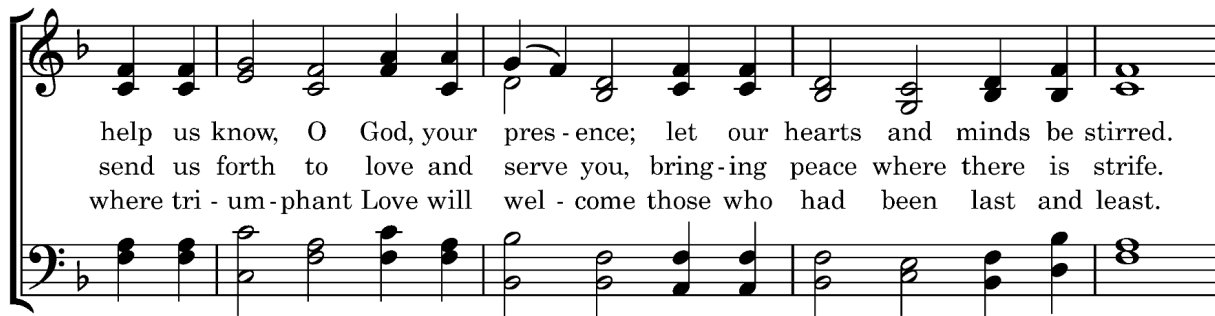
con - cen - tra - tion: draw us in - to con - tem - pla - tion.
 ac - tive jus - tice, you ac - com - plish these with - in us.
 me - di - a - tion, God will hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

* HYMN

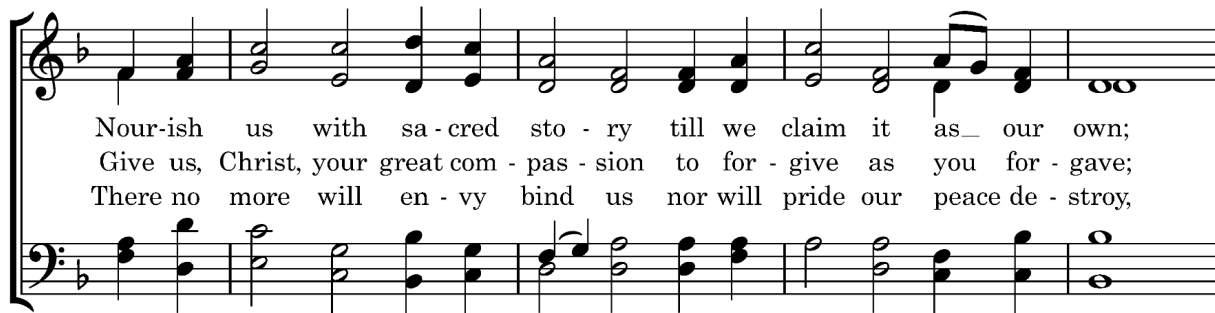
As We Gather at Your Table



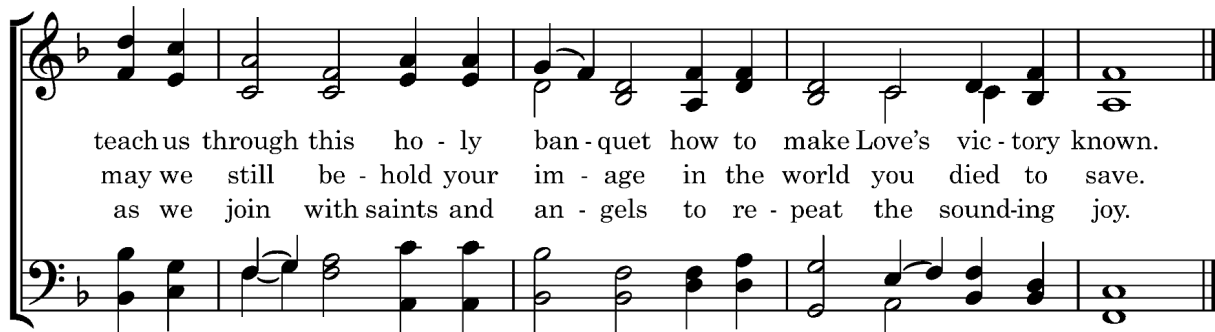
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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.

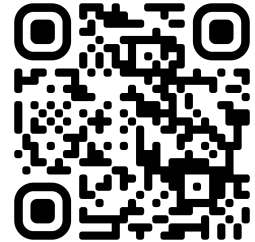
OFFERTORY

Symphony No. 4—Andante Cantabile
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

C. M. Widor

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

Musical notation for the Festival Doxology, consisting of four staves of music in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Liz Nickerson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 take part in communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

St. Arbucks Quartet

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you for drawing us, calling us, moving us to sing your praises,
God! It is what we were made for. Thank you for feeding us at your
table. Amen.**

* HYMN

Thank Our God for Christian Siblings



1. Thank our God for_ Chris-tian sib - lings, one by_ grace, in_ har - mo - ny,
2. Praise to_ God for_ con - gre - ga - tions, keep-ing_ faith with Christ as guide;
3. Ho - ly_ is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re-main;



Join - ing heart to_ heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.
Man - y tongues of_ man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.
Bless the_ church's new en - deav - ors; make our_ wit - ness one a - gain.



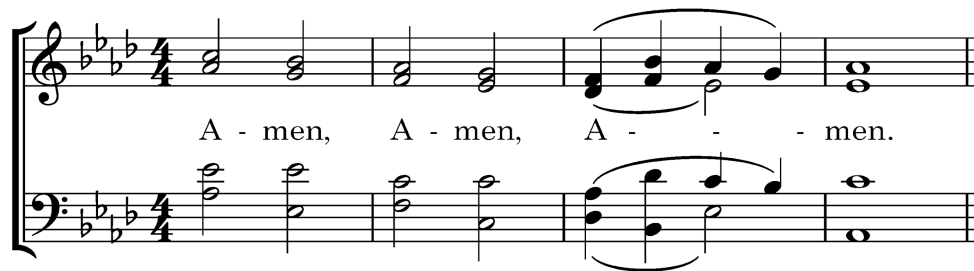
With the_ cross of Christ our_ stan-dard, let us_ sing as with one voice,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the_ car - ol, when our song is raised as_ one.
One in_ Christ and in Christ's gos-pel, make us_ one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom-ise: we who are the church re-joice.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heaven your will be done.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er-more.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 4—Finale
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

C. M. Widor

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: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

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: Allen Heinemann

Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark, David Faulkner, Fred Pearson

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Nana Addadzi-Koom, Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

Communion bread baked by Kristin Lane.

Today's flowers are given by Barb Kaiser in hope for peace.

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

BORN THIS WEEK IN JULY

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

July 6 Betsy Melton, Jan Exworthy, Lisa Montague, Vicki Kendall

July 7 Drew Lumm, Hilary Schmitz, Nancy Mayer

July 8 Eithne McMenamin, Erika Block, Kaili Emmrich, Micah McMenamin

July 9 Barb Kaiser, Dana Leo, Devin Abraham, Michael Dunham, Sandi Weiskirch, Sophia Miller

July 10 Andrew Patton, Gianna Provenzano, Michael McGuire, Smith Beeson

July 11 Hayden McGuire

July 12 Annette Robinson, Cooper Kohler, Gary Landem, Lynn Dykstra Davis, Ryan Wood, Vince Lohnes

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.

- Sarah Good at the death of her brother, David.
- Nadia Jiménez's brother, Adrian, in the hospital.
- 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.
- Maddie Lockhart's mother for her upcoming surgery in July.
- 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

JULY 6 – COMMUNION SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE WITH COMMON PANTRY

Every communion Sunday, we share the table of Jesus by collecting food for the Common Pantry. Let's line our window sills with donations of whole grains, pasta and dried beans to help Common Pantry's efforts to address the challenges that result from economic instability. Please bring what you can to church on July 6th!

JULY 8 – JANE AUSTEN 250 READING GROUP BEGINS - 7 p.m., Zoom

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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

JULY 11 – ST. SABINA PEACE WALK - 7 p.m.

Join a group from St. Pauls as we join St. Sabina for their annual summer peace walks through the Auburn-Gresham neighborhoods. Thousands of people will gather for these powerful walks! 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.

JULY 13 – PRAYGROUND CHURCH - During worship

Kids start in worship with their families and then are released together to learn a specific type of prayer using the acronym P.R.A.Y.: praise, repent, ask, and yield. Then they will head to the park across the street or to the gym to create a prayer and play! Register here: tinyurl.com/54429p95.

JULY 13 – LUNCH MAKING FOR GUESTS AT LPCS - 11:20 a.m. -12 p.m.

Right after church, come to the kitchen across from the gym and help make sack lunches for the residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We will provide all the food needed, but volunteers are asked to contribute \$20 each to help cover the cost of the food for the lunches. Donations can be made via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up: tinyurl.com/y46tn3pp

JULY 13 – DINNER MAKING FOR GUESTS AT LPCS - 4-7 p.m.

Make a difference by helping prepare and deliver dinner for residents of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. We'll meet at St. Pauls at 4 p.m. and deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton) around 6 p.m. We will provide all the food needed, but volunteers are asked to contribute \$30 each to help cover the cost of the food for the dinner. Donations can be made via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. If you're interested, please use Church Center to sign-up: tinyurl.com/msytj254. Email Evie Kling at eviekling@gmail.com with questions.

JULY 17 – MOMS' GROUP - 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Thursday

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.

JULY 22 – FOOD FOR THE SOUL GROUP - 12-1:30 p.m., Social Hall

Bring your own lunch. Pastor Matt will share about the June Youth Mission Trip with UCAN to The Christian Church of Wilkinsburg in Pennsylvania. 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.

JULY 30 – COOKIES FOR A CAUSE BAKING

Join in an evening of baking cookies and sharing dinner in community at St. Pauls. Cookies are donated to A Just Harvest and LPCS. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer your time and take part in a very enjoyable evening of fellowship. For more information on this activity contact MarciaVolk or Gloria Joseph at: glrjoseph@yahoo.com.

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.

VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM SALON

Nonviolent civil resistance -mass demonstrations, strikes and boycotts, art, literature, journalism, poetry is discussed thru a monthly film series. Sign up and receive the link for **5 Broken Cameras** (Trailer tinyurl.com/VFHL-July2025Trailer). You watch anytime before the discussion. Zoom meeting with 4 panelists on Sunday, July 20th 2:00 pm, register for the InterFaith coalition program at tinyurl.com/VFHL-July2025. Any questions, contact Pat Ruch (773) 679-8106.

HELP US EXTEND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY!

The Care and Connection Ministry invites you to serve as a host during Social Hour. Hosts are asked to circulate and introduce themselves to those they don't know and engage with those who may not be involved. As you welcome visitors, new members and perhaps those re-engaging, you help make St. Pauls a welcoming church. If you would like to serve as a host, register here: tinyurl.com/3f384fcm.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT POLITICAL POLARIZATION?

Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times is an eight-session small group program 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. To find out more, visit tinyurl.com/yzj4cvan. Ready to sign up now? You can do so here: tinyurl.com/3pyjmebs

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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

Environmental Concern

Since we “care for creation”, please be aware of issues with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Their [website](#) says, “The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment,” with details on mission and services. New EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, announced mostly [different priorities](#). Almost 600 EPA staff and former staff have signed a [Declaration of Dissent](#), that the EPA administration is “recklessly undermining the EPA mission”. It gives examples and the link includes a button for people who wish to sign a petition supporting the original EPA mission and the signers.

Full Links embedded above:

EPA Website: [tinyurl.com/3ptnsx7s](https://www.epa.gov/)

Zeldin’s priority list: [tinyurl.com/rcm6hetj](https://www.epa.gov/)

Declaration of Dissent on website of Stand up for Science: [tinyurl.com/mr2me2vy](https://www.epa.gov/)

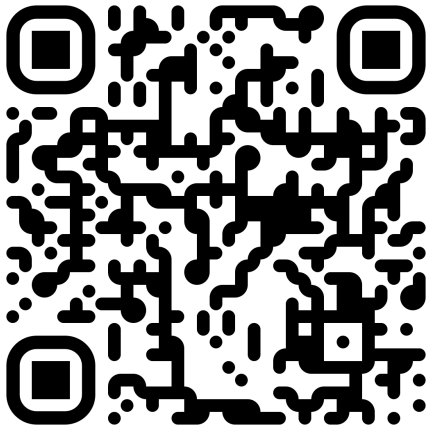
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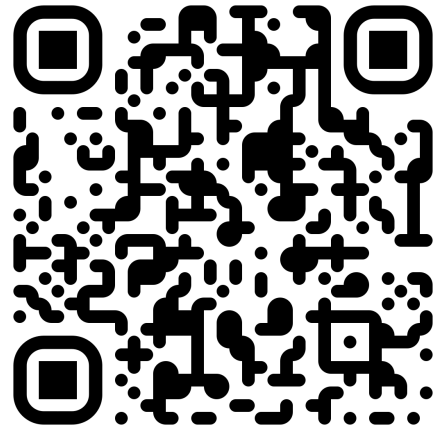
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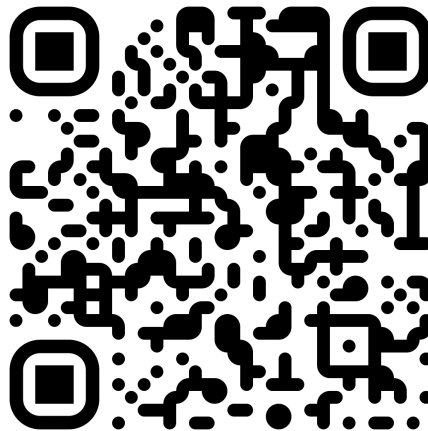
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TODAY'S MUSIC

Our Prelude, ***It Is Well With My Soul***, was composed by Philip L. Bliss (1836-1878) in 1876. He was a largely self-taught itinerant music teacher. He was converted at age 12 at a revival, and it was Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899), famous evangelist and founder of the Moody Bible Institute here in Chicago, who encouraged Bliss to become a singing evangelist. The text was written by Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) in 1873. He also gave the Bliss tune its name, VILLE DU HAVRE. The tune is the name of the ship carrying his wife and four daughters from Chicago to vacation in France. The ship sank in the Atlantic after a collision with another vessel and only his wife survived. He wrote this text ***after*** this loss. This arrangement was made by Colleen Henry (1946-2014), mother of Brendan Henry.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune, BUNESSAN, we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

Jesus Loves Me This I Know is one of the first hymns many children learn. The words are both simple and profound. They were written in 1859 by Anna Bartlett Warner (1824-1915). She was born in New York City, wrote many hymn texts and collaborated with her sister Sarah on novels. The composer of the tune, JESUS LOVES ME, is William Bradbury (1816-1868). He penned this sweet melody in 1861. He also composed the famous hymn *Just As I Am*.

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 started her studies at St. Olaf College and 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 ***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 PhD in English literature. He has penned a number of hymn texts. The tune, BEACH SPRING, is attributed to Benjamin F. White (1800-1879) and is first found in the great American shape-note hymnal, *The Sacred Harp*, which dates from 1844.

The original text for ***Thank Our God For Christian Siblings*** was written in 1948 by Roger K. Powell (1914-2003) as a rallying song for The National Council of Churches meeting in 1952. The text was updated for our *New Century Hymnal*. PLEADING SAVIOR was first published in 1830 and is attributed to Joshua Levitt (1794-1873). Levitt was a Yale graduate and became a Congregational minister. He aided a slave to escape the South and raised funds for the defense of the Armistad captives.

The *Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op 13 No. 4* was composed by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) and dates from 1872. This morning we hear the ***Adagio*** as our Offertory and the ***Final*** as our Postlude. Along with Louis Vièrne, Widor was one of the great Romantic symphonists for organ. Vièrne was one of his students, as was Marcel Dupré. He was born into a family of organ builders and he composed 10 symphonies for the organ. He was also the organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris from 1870 to 1933. The *Final* has been eclipsed in popularity by his *Toccata* from the *Fifth Symphony*, but it shows his brilliance as both a composer and his own talent as a performer.

ABOUT ST. PAULS

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St. Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ+ people.

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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.