May 10, 2026

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 our love for our beautiful God that makes us beautiful. St. Augustine

PRELUDE *Symbiosis* Kris Hansen
St. Arbucks Quartet

INTROIT *The More We Get Together* Traditional
Kinderchapel Singers arr.
Irving King
Tom Casserly, director

The more we get together the happier we'll be.
Because your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends.
The more we sing together, the happier we'll be.
The more we pray together, the happier we'll be.
The more we hold hands together, the happier we'll be.

CHIMES

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* 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.

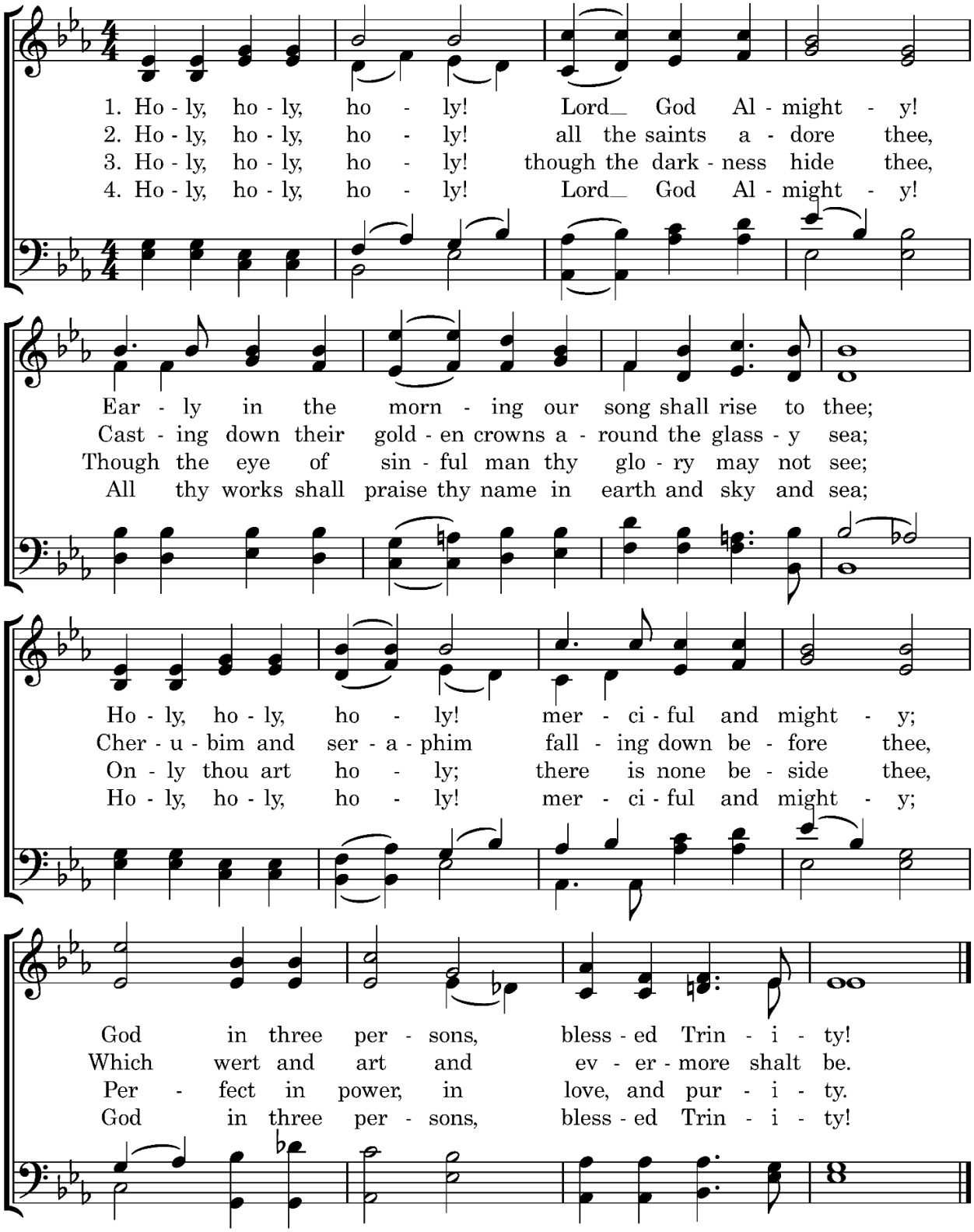
All: AND GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE LIFE!"

One: And God saw that it was good!

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

** Please stand as you are able.*

* HYMN

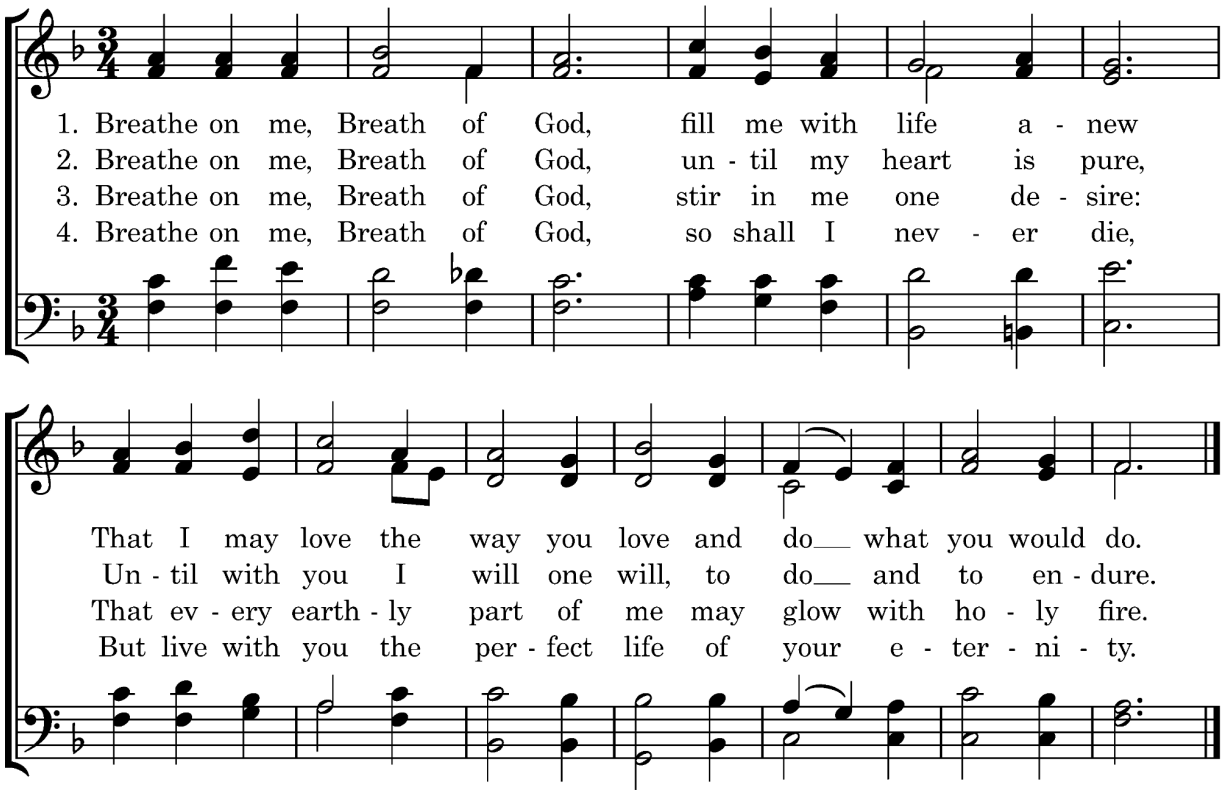
Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we forget you,
taking your good gifts and this good world for granted.
Dear Jesus, we confess that we have trouble following you.
We stray from your way of love.
Holy Spirit, we confess that we resist your work in our lives,
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

RESPONSE *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Verses 1–2



ANTHEM *Rise and Shine (Arky Arky)* Traditional
Children's Choir arr. Coe & Penniman
Ross Penniman, piano
Breanna Coe, director

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Children of the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE BIBLES

SCRIPTURE David Faulkner

John 14:15–27, excerpts

"When you love me, you will show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you! I will not leave you orphaned.

The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that's who loves me. When you love me, you will carefully keep my word and my Father will love you, and we will come to you and make our home in you!

The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you and will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't 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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* verses 3–4
Previous Insert

ANTHEM *You'll Never Walk Alone* Richard Rogers
Pauls People Lyrics - Oscar Hammerstein
Kecia Waldschmidt, director
Chloe Combs, Mabel Fletcher, and Jane Mix, soloists

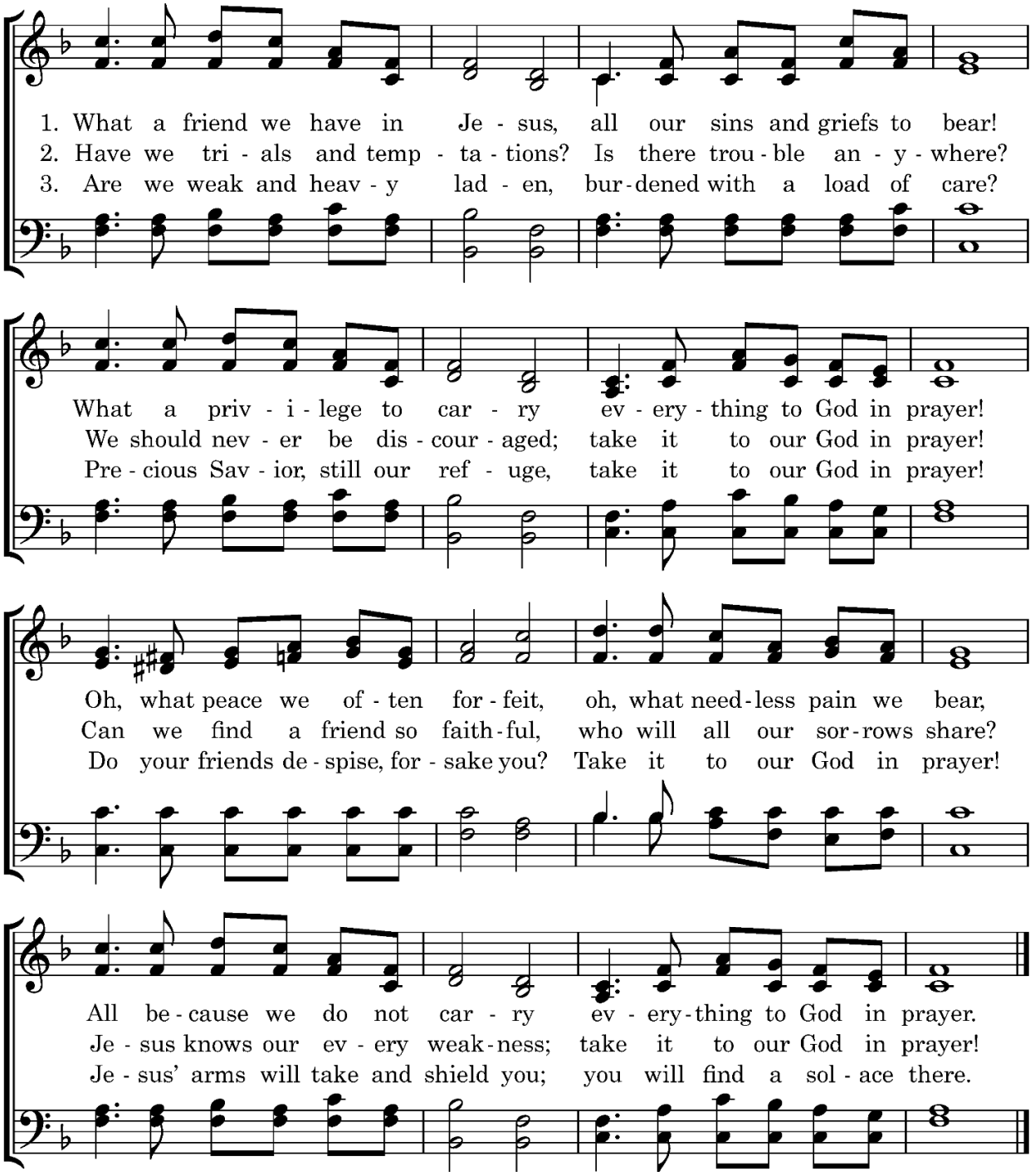
When you walk through a storm
Keep your chin up high
And don't be afraid of the dark.

At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet, silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Though your dreams be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart,
And you'll never walk alone!
You'll never walk alone.

SERMON "A Friend Indeed" Jeff Carlson

* HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



OFFERTORY *Alleluia* Randall Thompson

Chancel Choir

Alleluia!

Means *Praise the Lord!* in Greek.
"Hallelujah!" means the same thing in Hebrew

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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.

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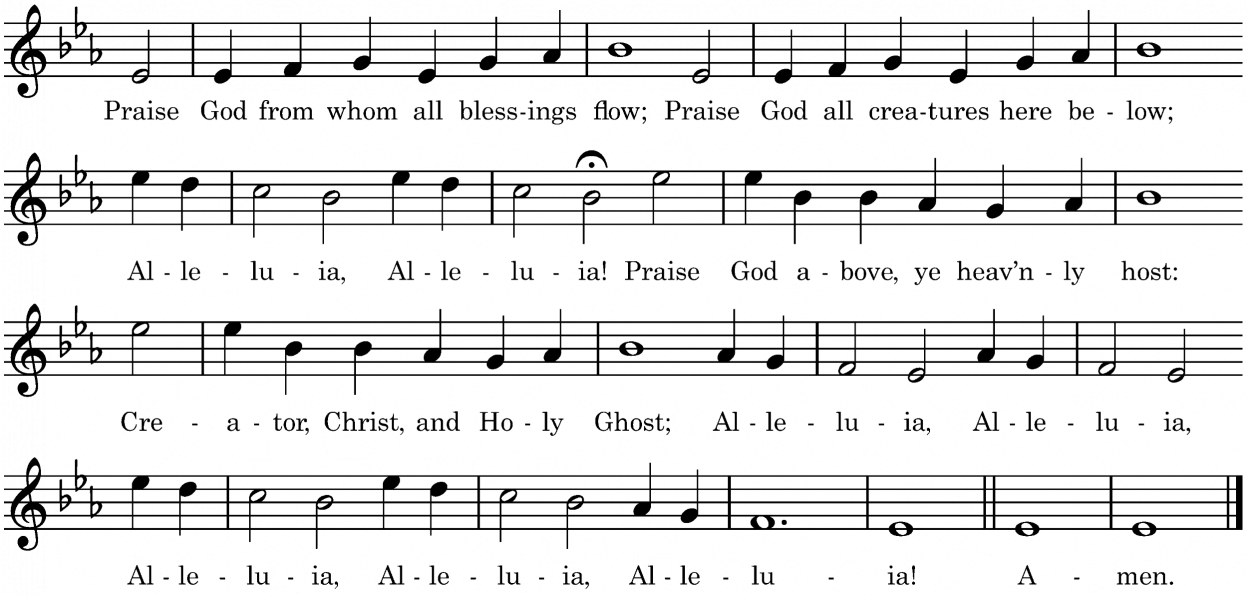


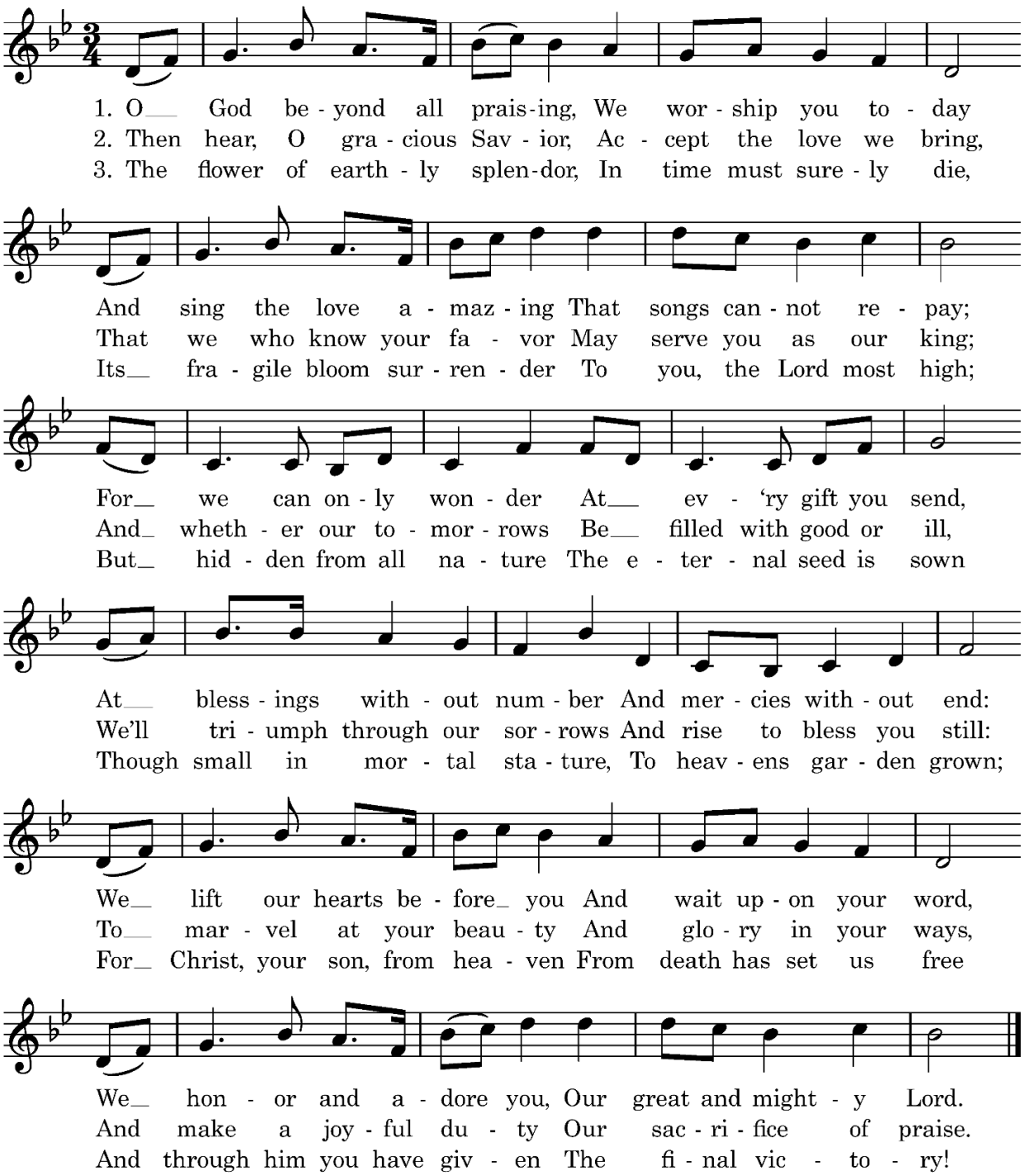
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Liz Nickerson

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



* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go Now In Peace* Natalie Sleeth
Combined Youth Choirs

Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere you go.
Go now in peace.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Are you going through a crisis, such as the death of a loved one, a diagnosis, a divorce, a job loss, etc.? Extensively trained in Christian caregiving, Stephen Ministers are also available to listen, support and offer confidential caring on a weekly basis to our members at a mutually agreeable time. If you wonder whether this may be helpful to you, please contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org

Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall, downstairs, directly beneath the Sanctuary. 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 Fitzgerlad, Jeff Carlson, 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
Scripture Reader: David Faulkner
Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji
Ushers: Doug Dunham, Fred Pearson, John Balevic
Greeters: Elaine Filus, Mark Sancya
Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown
Camera Operators: Nana Addadzi-Koom, Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Brian Hafner, Trevor Hafner
Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

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

A gift in memory of Kevin O'Brien was made by Juanita Barlow

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 10 James Grunst, Steve Singles, Rob Montgomery
May 11 Marcus Ball, Doug Walters
May 12 Doug Dobmeyer, Alec Riportella, Rob Sorum, Tim Loeffler
May 13 Om Bienvenu
May 14 Polina Svetlitskaya
May 15 Mark Roschen, Nancy Heffernan, Evie Drew, Jeanie Bond, Brandon Reed
May 16 Grace Magliola, Gwynne Noth, Helen Chang

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. You may also share your request at tinyurl.com/3j6sayku. 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.

- Prayers of Thanksgiving for Anders (Andy) Johannes Worby, who was born on March 25 to Amy Linman Worby and Trevor Worby.
- Bea Jaji at the death of her sister Elizabeth.
- Drew Occhipinti at the death of his father.
- Prayers for Ashley Saluga over the loss of both of her cats.
- Michelle, being treated for kidney cancer.
- Ally, a college student, getting OT and PT at Shirley Ryan for double vision.
- David Folkes recovering from cancer surgery and beginning radiation.
- Juanita Barlow and Paquita Mueller's brother-in-law, Jerry, in hospice.
- Brent Carstensen and family at the death of his father James.
- Prayers for the family of Ken Travers following his death on 3/23.
- Prayers for Barb Kaiser's sister as she recovers from surgery and begins cancer treatments.
- Prayers for Jim Alrutz's friends, Megan Behnke, Connor Liss, and their families as they mourn the passing of Connor's father, Ron.
- Julie Higginbotham's recovery from broken vertebrae.
- Donn Schimp and his family as Donn continues cancer treatment.
- Dianne Witkowski, as she deals with cancer chemotherapy.

The sanctuary is reserved monthly on the fourth Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. for prayer.

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

TODAY – FILL THE SILLS
Help us fill our sills with much needed items for the Common Pantry. In addition to canned proteins, like chicken/salmon/tuna, cooking oil, whole grains and brown rice are always in high demand. Personal hygiene items needed are: baby wipes, soap, shampoo and conditioner (shampoo/conditioner are much sought after and are not eligible for SNAP benefits). These are all items that the Pantry can't keep stocked on their shelves. Thank you for your participation and support of the Common Pantry and our neighbors in need.

MAY 12 - ILIAD AND ODYSSEY READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Zoom
We're reading and discussing these two foundational classics. Any translation of The Iliad and The Odyssey is fine; Emily Wilson's are recommended but not required. Monthly discussions are over Zoom the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. through June 9. Questions? Contact Emily Emily.cromwell3@gmail.com. Sign up to participate here: tinyurl.com/358yh848**.**

MAY 15 - WINDY CITY WINDS SPRING CONCERT
Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", invites you to celebrate America's 250th birthday at their Spring Concert, Friday evening May 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Their special guest will be actor and St. Pauls member Henry Godinez narrating Aaron Copland's inspirational "Lincoln Portrait". Other music will include the Afro-Cuban dance suite "Unidad en Ritmo" (Unity in Rhythm) in tribute to Chicago's diversity. The 60-piece wind orchestra includes several St. Pauls members, including conductors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. Admission is free and the performance will be livestreamed.

MAY 16 - READY, SET, BLOOM - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Gym & Oscar Mayer Room
May's open gym theme is Spring Fling. We are celebrating our little grads, welcoming back alumni, and welcoming incoming students. This event is open to Little Lights families and neighborhood friends - everyone is invited! Please join us for dancing, snacks, crafts, and bounce house play. RSVP here: tinyurl.com/28mw4dbs

MAY 17 - ST. PAULS BUILDING TOUR - Courtyard immediately following worship.
Join Pastor Jeff for a tour of the St. Pauls building. We'll focus on the architectural history and explore some hidden nooks and crannies. New members and visitors are especially invited! Space is limited. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/yjcmrjt4

MAY 17 - MEAL-MAKING FOR LPCS - 11:15 a.m. & 4 p.m., Kitchen
Join us in the kitchen to prepare meals for the residents of Lincoln Park Community Services. We have two opportunities to serve:

- Lunch-making: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Help us assemble sack lunches right after church. Sign up for Lunch: tinyurl.com/e4m9v9zz
- Dinner-making: 4 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Prepare dinner at the church and help deliver the meal to LPCS (600 W. Fullerton). Sign up for Dinner: tinyurl.com/5n92ywpk

MAY 17 - MOMS' GROUP - Sunday 11:30 a.m.
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.

MAY 19 – RETIREMENT GROUP MEETING – 10 a.m., Parlor
Please join other retirees to discuss our transition paths, what's meaningful, what's on our minds, what brings (and has brought) us joy and sorrow, what's keeping us occupied, and what's next. For more information, contact Jana O'Brien at (708) 846-9415 or janaobrien1@gmail.com.

MAY 26 - FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall
Adults of all ages are invited. Connect with new and old friends with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun and discussion. Jan Fraccaro will facilitate "Patriotism - Earned or Expected?" Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Childcare provided.

JUNE 7 - CELEBRATE KURT HANSEN DURING WORSHIP AND SPECIAL BRUNCH
Be among the countless members and friends who will celebrate the remarkable 35-year career of Kurt Hansen as St. Pauls' beloved Music Director. As Kurt moves toward his retirement at the end of June, we will honor him on the first Sunday in June during the worship service and at a catered brunch in the gym immediately afterward. Expect grateful tributes and meaningful music, a delicious meal, and a chance to let Kurt know how much he has meant to St. Pauls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITTLE LIGHTS: AWARD WINNER

We are thrilled to announce that the St. Pauls Little Lights program has been officially recognized as the BEST Preschool in Mid-North District for 2026 - an honor based on verified data from Google Reviews, as analyzed and certified by BusinessRate. Congratulations to our caring staff, our supportive community, and to the wonderful program we've built together. Limited spots are available for the fall - tell a friend! Church members receive a 25% discount on tuition. Scan the QR code to read reviews. Share the link to apply now: tinyurl.com/yeheb43k

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We want to acknowledge all of our grads! Please share the students' name and school from which they are graduating via email to erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org. Graduates will be included in the May 31st worship bulletin.

STAFF ROLE CHANGES

Exciting news from the Saint Pauls office! Aubraea Cleveland is now Director of Operations (acleveland@spucc.org), overseeing administrative functions including human resources, financial audits, building incidents, insurance, facilities, rental agreements, and vendor relationships. Danielle Mayfield is Office Administrator and Children's Program Coordinator (danielle.mayfield@spucc.org), overseeing childcare, Sunday School, baptisms, archives, bulletin issues, room reservations, announcements, church calendar updates, and newsletter signups. Please join us in welcoming them to their new roles!

ST. ARBUCKS QUARTET'S NEW RELEASE - ***People Get Ready*** - a new album-length professional recording by our own St. Arbucks Quartet. It is available NOW on your favorite streaming services, Spotify and Apple Music. We will let you know other ways you can listen and support our wonderful gospel/jazz quartet.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS SPRING DRIVE

Every child deserves dignity. The Teen Leadership Committee is hosting a donation drive to support Cradles to Crayons, helping local kids in need to access clean clothing and essentials. We are collecting new and gently used clothing (all sizes), coats, shoes, pajamas, new socks, underwear, school supplies, hygiene items, and unopened diapers. Items must be free of rips and stains. A donation bin is located in the narthex for drop-off. If you have any questions, please reach out to Annika Ekdahl Hull at aehull09@gmail.com.

BLAST FROM THE PAST - OUR BELL

In 1893, on our church's 50th anniversary, Catherine Muhlke gave St. Pauls three bells for the church steeple. The bells moved to the new Lincoln Park sanctuary in 1898 and remained there until our sanctuary fire in 1955, when all three bells came crashing down. Two of the three melted, and the surviving bell is mounted in our courtyard. Three words written on the bell are still visible: "Glaube. Hoffnung. Liebe," meaning "Faith. Hope. Love." The inside of the bell has the words "Froeliche klange machen," meaning "To Make a Joyful Sound." The bell may be silent, but St. Pauls is not.

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. Please contact Pam Woll at pamelawoll3333@gmail.com if you think this might benefit you.

CREATION CORNER by Green Team

Oz Park Clean Up May 17th, 11 am to 1 pm

The Green Team endeavors to identify opportunities for parishioners to connect with nature and support restoration and clean up activities. To that end:

The 43rd Ward Volunteers, known as the Block Heroes, are sponsoring a clean up event at Oz Park, on May 17th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supplies will be provided. The assembly point is Larrabee and Webster, or the northeast corner of Oz Park.

Pre-registration is requested using the QR code.

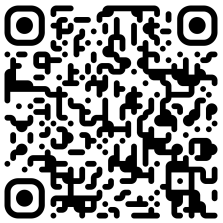
NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS

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

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

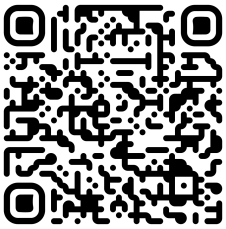
Scan the QR codes to discover ways to connect with others.

CONNECT & GROW



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL SERVICES



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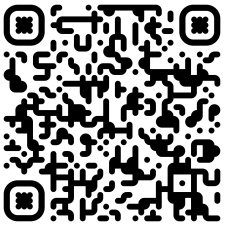
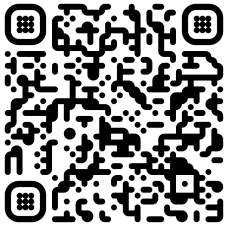


NEW MEMBERS



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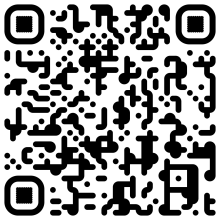
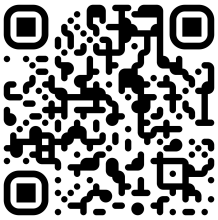


SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT



For St. Pauls sponsored events, please fill out the new form **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

Symbiosis was composed in 2023 by Kris Hansen (b. 1995). The music expresses a collective experience of support. Kris is a member of our St. Arbucks Quartet. He was raised, baptized, and confirmed at St. Pauls. He is an active singer, music producer, composer, trumpet player, and keyboard player in his own group, Semi-Cycle. He also performs regularly with other bands including: The Walters, Kweku Collins, and Othersides.

The More We Get Together is a text composed by Irving King at an unspecified date in the early to mid 1920's. Actually, Irving King was the pseudonym for the English composing team of Jimmy Campbell (1903-1967) and Reg Campbell (1895-1963). It was originally written for a children's album, The Ancient Order Of Froth Blowers and was to be sung to the Viennese song *O du lieber Augustin*.

Holy, Holy, Holy - It is interesting to note that the text for this hymn draws from both Jewish and Catholic liturgy. The Jewish prayer for every Shabbat service is *Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh* and the Catholic prayer is *Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*. Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826) penned this text in 1826 just before his death. He won poetry contests at Oxford in his student days. He became a member of the clergy and took over his father's parish. The tune, NICAEA, was named after the Council of Nicaea (325 CE) when the Church formulated the concept of the Trinity. It was composed by John Dykes (1823 - 1876), who created many famous English hymn tunes.

Rise and Shine (Arky, Arky) is an unattributed camp song that is just plain fun to sing! This arrangement is by our own Breanna Coe and Ross Penniman.

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 and also 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.

You'll Never Walk Alone was composed in 1945 for the musical Carousel by the famous team of Richard Rodgers (1902-1979) and Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960). The text is not specifically religious but certainly "hints" at the presence of God during difficult times. The text can also be seen as an encouragement to a nation near the close of the ordeal of World War II. Carousel was the second collaboration of Rodgers and Hammerstein after the huge success of Oklahoma, which opened in 1943 on Broadway.

Joseph Medicott Scriven (1819-1886) wrote the famous text for ***What A Friend We Have In Jesus*** in 1855. He was an Irish immigrant to Canada. His life was full of ill health and grief, which he worked out in Christian poetry. The tune, ERIE, is also known as CONVERSE and was composed in 1868 by John C. Converse (1832 - 1918) who grew up in Erie, PA, which explains both tune names. He was an attorney who also composed "church songs." He studied both law and music in Leipzig before returning to this country.

Randall Thompson (1899-1984) wrote ***Alleluia*** in 1940 on a commission from Serge Koussevitsky, Music Director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. It was performed by the entire student body for the opening exercises of the Berkshire Music Center, summer home of the BSO. A historical note: this anthem was sung to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the night before he was assassinated. A high school choir that was supposed to have sung for the meeting in Memphis that evening was delayed by bus trouble and missed the meeting. The students were upset, and when Dr. King found out they had arrived late, he asked them to please sing for him in his motel room. The students crowded into that small place and sang this inspiring work, the last music in this world that Dr. King would hear.

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 truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams who 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.

Go Now In Peace was composed in 1976 by Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992). Natalie Sleeth became one of the most performed and popular composers of church anthems especially for children's voices. One of her hymns was chosen for our New Century Hymnal, *In The Bulb There Is A Flower.* She was born in Evanston, received her musical training at Wellesley College, and her husband was a professor of homiletics.

Prelude In A Classical Style was composed in 1966 by Gordon Young (1919-1998). He composed choral work and also organ repertoire. He was born in Kansas and received his advanced training at The Curtis Institute. He became organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit and also was on the faculty at Wayne State University. This is his best known work and has been recorded many times.

Special Music Theme 2025-2026

Joyful Sounds

Enjoy another year of special music during worship services.
Mark this date in your calendar!

June 13, 2026 - 7 p.m.

Gospel Mass **- Robert Ray**
A benefit for the National Gospel Music Museum with the St. Pauls Chancel Choir joining with Pilgrim Baptist Church,
UCAN and St. Sabina Church.
Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church
5141 South State Street
Chicago, IL

ABOUT ST. PAULS

Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

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

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, during the past 180 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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Welcome to Saint Pauls UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.
Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.
Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.
Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.
Welcome to LGBTQ+ people.
Welcome to each and to everyone.
We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.