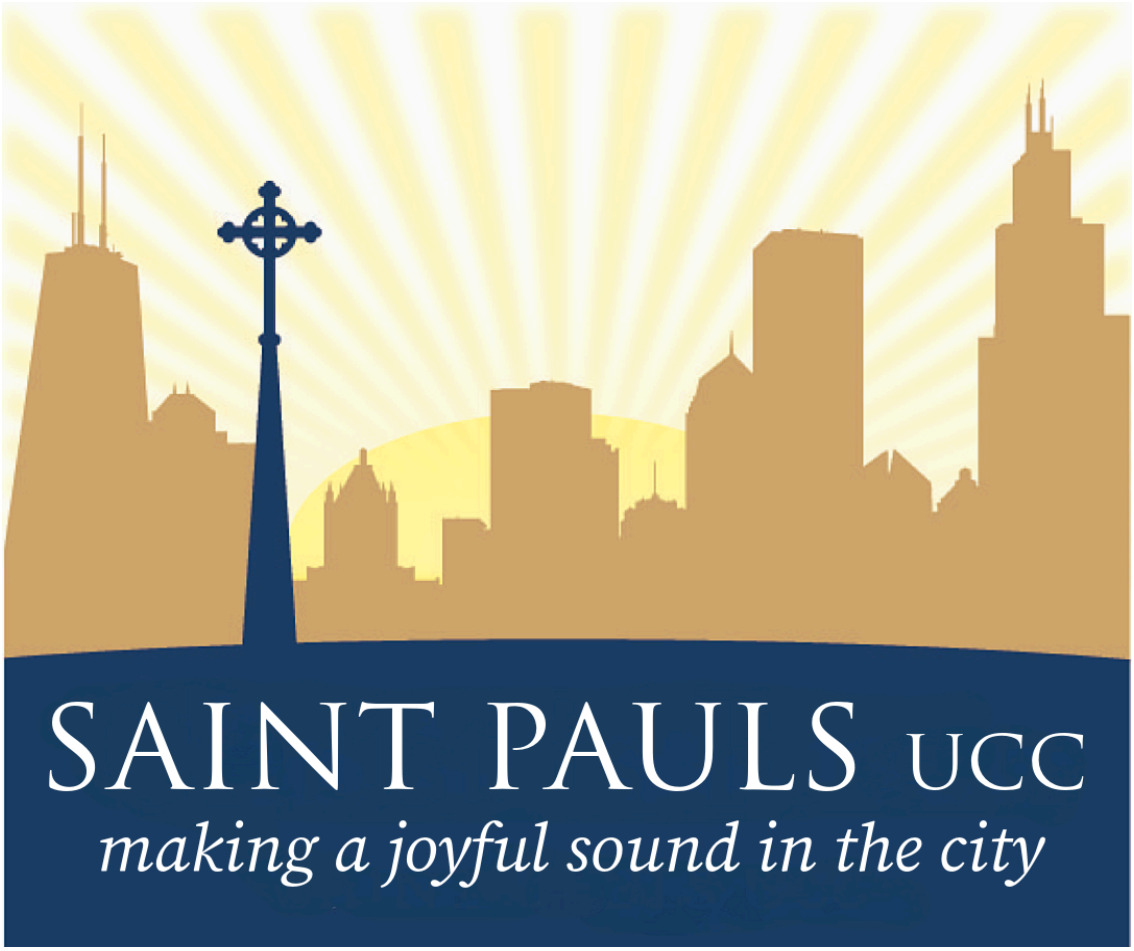


July 5, 2026
Communion

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 *I Expect To See Him* Jessie Dixon
St. Arbucks Quartet

CHIMES

INTROIT *The Church In The Wildwood* William S. Pitt
Nadia Jimènez, Nancy Pifer, Joe JaQuay and Jeff Carlson
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, you who are thirsty, come and drink!
All: Come, you who are hungry, come and eat!
One: God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.
All: God watches over strangers and lifts up the orphan and the widow.
One: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
All: Let us worship the source of all goodness and life!

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

* HYMN

We Praise You, O God

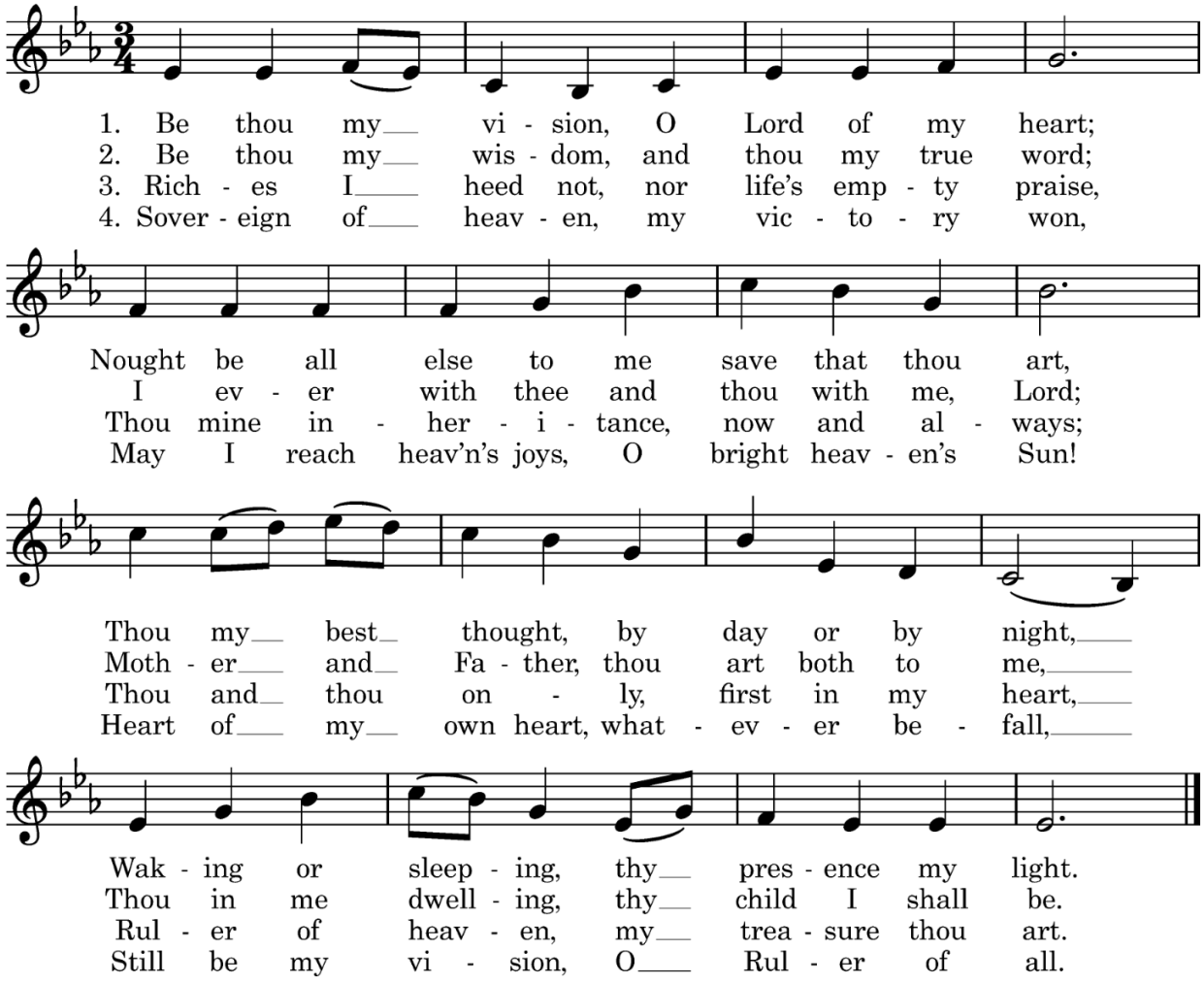
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Jeff Carlson

Gracious God, we confess that we misuse your name for our own causes.
We prefer our kingdom to your Kingdom,
our will to your Will.
Daily bread is not enough for us.
We carry grudges rather than forgive,
as freely as you have forgiven us.
Our feet are easily led into temptation.
God, deliver us from evil.
Let your kingdom, your power and your glory shape our lives,
That we might live the prayer that Jesus taught us.
Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE *Be Thou My Vision* vv. 1–2



SCRIPTURE Mark Sancya

Matthew 11:16–30

"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
> we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Then Jesus began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

At that time he said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

* 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	*Be Thou My Vision*	vv. 3–4
SERMON	"The New Colossus"	Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

OFFERTORY | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* | William M. Runyan

Nancy Pifer and Nadia Jimènez | arr. Grant Wall

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hast provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, . . .

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness, . . .

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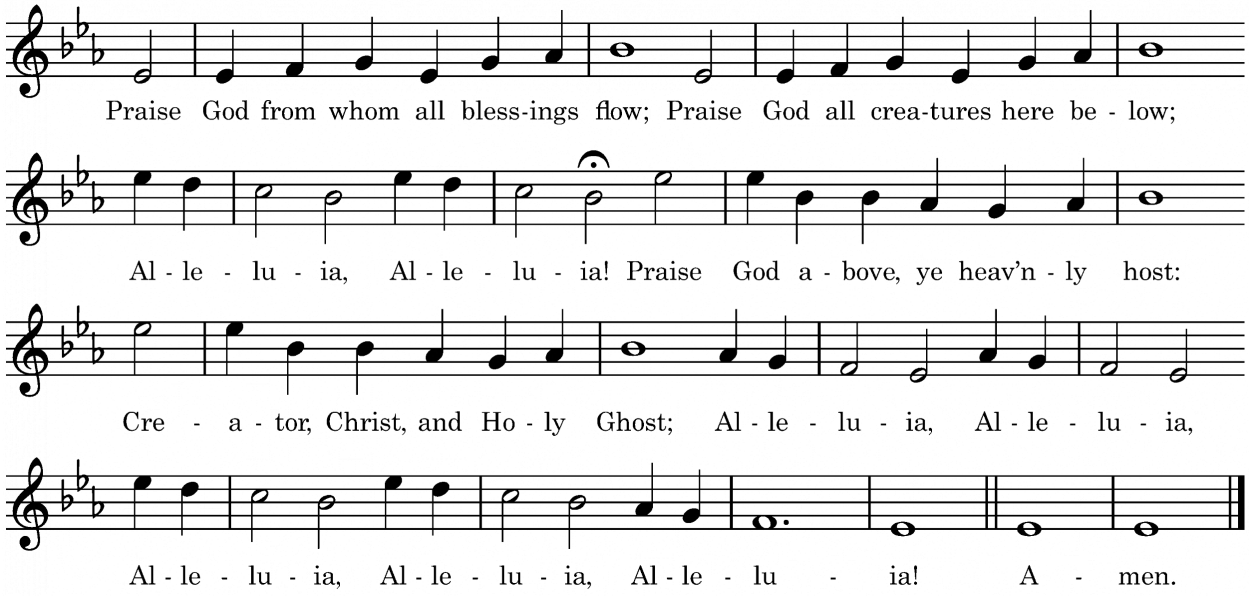


CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

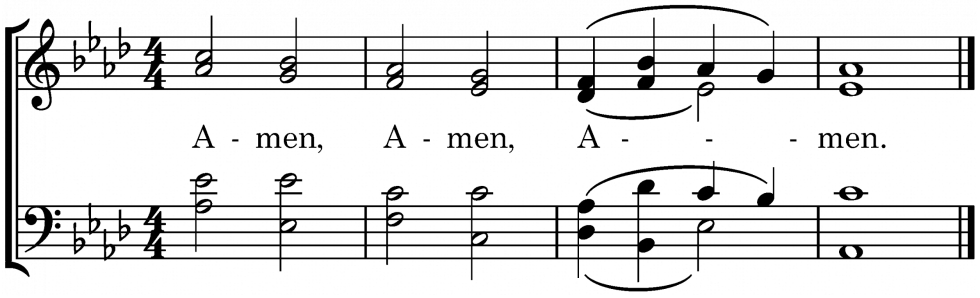
Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN

God of the Ages

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE *Melita* C. Callahan

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, please stop by the Welcome Table so we can greet you and you

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, 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
Scripture Reader: Mark Sancya
Communion Coordinator: Jana O'Brien
Communion Servers and July 5 Preparers: Char and Larry Damron
Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji
Ushers: Fred Pearson, Mary Brown
Greeters: Elaine Filus
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

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 5 Charlotte Clarke, Charlotte Malley, Cullen Clarke, Sean Heffernan
July 6 Betsy Melton, 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

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 for Cossette Millard as she recovers from surgery for a water skiing accident
- Prayers for the families of the victims from last July's flood at Camp Mystic as they face the one year anniversary of the tragic loss of 27 young lives.
- Prayers for Ninon Freeman's neighbor beginning treatment for an aggressive form of breast cancer.
- Jack Lyons and his son, Randy, and Randy's mother, Donna. Serenity as they wait for a treatment plan for Randy's lung cancer and healing for Randy.
- Lorne and Marcia Frank and their family on the death of Lorne's father Sheldon Stadel Frank.
- Pat Kirby as she recovers from ongoing health challenges.
- Holly Stovall requests prayers for her father, Jim; he is beginning hospice care in his nursing home. Pray for his comfort and dignity.
- Ninon Freeman requests prayers for two dear friends who are facing life-threatening surgeries.
- Prayers for the elderly and families affected by the reduction in SNAP funding at the federal level.
- Rob Montgomery over the death of his brother Bill, and for his partner Rob Sorum, and his family.
- Prayers for a new treatment for Megha Whiteman family following the death of her father.
- David Folkes recovering from a stroke.
- Pam Woll's brother-in-law Jim, learning to manage surgery-related injuries that have affected his ability to swallow.
- 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
This summer we will continue to collect items for the Common Pantry. The Pantry has many gluten-intolerant clients but rarely has gluten-free items in the pantry. St. Pauls has been asked to help fill their shelves with gluten-free items. There is also a continued need for personal hygiene items (shampoos, razors, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, diapers, baby wipes, etc.) and, of course, proteins are always in demand. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

JULY 6 - GAME NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS
Join us for a relaxed evening of games, conversation, and connection! Whether you enjoy board games, card games, or simply spending time with others, you're welcome to join us. Stop by after Chair Yoga or your Labyrinth Walk and stay as long as you'd like. This is a casual drop-in, drop-out gathering — come when you can and leave when you need to. Questions? Text Wendelin (Lin) at (773) 304-6734 or email wendelin@wendelindunlap.com.

JULY 9 - WATER IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS
The Friends of the Chicago River, in conjunction with the McCormick Bridgehouse and Chicago River Museum, will present a panel presentation on WATER IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS on July 9th, from 5-7 p.m. at 99 River Walk, Chicago River Museum. The panel will include representatives from the UIC Waterlab, the Nature Conservancy, Chicago's Department of the Environment and the consulting firm ETHOS.

There will be a social hour afterwards, and St. Pauls attendees can join Green Team members for dinner nearby. If you can, please let Ninon Freeman know if you plan to attend: nlanda05@yahoo.com; however, an RSVP is not necessary.

JULY 11- ROMEO AND JULIET - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Join us for a free performance of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, presented by Fools of Sound and Fury, a Chicago-centered Shakespeare collective dedicated to bringing bold, engaging productions of Shakespeare to communities at no cost or with no barrier to entry. No tickets are required, and all are welcome.

JULY 12– NEW MEMBER CLASS – 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
Join pastors, members and others curious about St. Pauls for the next New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed. See other upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes.

JULY 14 - 1776 READING GROUP - 7 p.m., ZOOM
David McCullough's 1776 takes us back to the American Revolution's most pivotal year, largely defined by brutal winter conditions and devastating losses.
We feel the human costs of war through the minds of everyday soldiers, both struggling Americans and disciplined British Redcoats. George Washington is a leader worn down by relentless retreats, doubting his own judgments and often wondering whether independence is even possible.
Come explore this emotional reminder of what it takes to forge a democracy. Two monthly ZOOM discussions will be held Tuesdays July 14 and August 11 at 7 p.m. Led by St. Pauls avid reader and Stephen Ministry Leader, Marti Pechnyo. Questions? Contact Marti at mpechnyo@gmail.com. Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/5t2kjnjm

JULY 15 - NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS - 1 & 2 Kings, Noon, ZOOM
2026 commemorates 250 years of American freedom from monarchy. So why not study 1 & 2 Kings together! Despite the names of these books, the Old Testament takes a critical view of monarchy. Liberated from slavery under the king of Egypt, Israel was initially governed by judges, not kings. Yet, Israel demanded a king, and they got what they asked for. 1 & 2 Kings begin with David and Solomon. We'll look at stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha and encounter other famous characters such as the Queen of Sheba and Jezebel. In their critique of political power and hubris, these books remain surprisingly contemporary. Led by Jeff Carlson, we meet weekly from Noon to 12:40 p.m. over ZOOM. Sign up via Church Center here:
https://tinyurl.com/y3w7fkpw

JULY 15 - YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - If you're 22 to 35, join us on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. for a weekly summer Small/Life Group at a member's apartment. Form stronger bonds with women at church, make new friends, and grow in your faith! For more information, email youngadults@spucc.org.

JULY 17, 24, 31 - ST. SABINA SUMMER 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! They happen every Friday in the summer, but we will organize a group to attend the First Friday of June-August. Contact Louise Gram at (773) 870-6311 to attend and R.S.V.P. on Church Center to coordinate carpools with other attendees at tinyurl.com/3wxkmnf3.

JULY 20 - SAY WOT? & INJERA - ETHIOPIAN COOKING NIGHT - 6:30 p.m. - Kitchen
Come together to cook, talk, and share a meal. This is a hands-on, roll-up-your-sleeves gathering where we'll prepare food together and enjoy it as a group at the end—no lecture, just shared cooking and connection.

We'll make injera (a spongy, tangy Ethiopian sourdough flatbread made from teff), ye'atakilt wot (potatoes, carrots, and cauliflower in a red sauce), and ye'misser wot (red lentils in a rich, spiced sauce). Register on Church Center: tinyurl.com/svc26v5

JULY 21 – 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.

JULY 23 – KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - 4-6 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
Join us as we watch the exciting story of David, the young shepherd who trusted God and became a great king. Enjoy a family-friendly movie, popcorn, and time with friends as we learn about courage, faith, and God's love. You are welcome to drop off your child or stay and mingle. Please let us know in the RSVP form which you prefer so we can plan for seating and snacks: tinyurl.com/yrvrk58v

JULY 25- WOMEN'S FARM WEEKEND AT MARCIA VOLK'S FARM
Women's Farm/Starved Rock weekend at Marcia Volk's farm. Please join us at the Volk farm the weekend of July 25th. Come for Saturday only or the weekend. Carpool to the farm and spend Saturday hiking at Starved Rock and/or enjoying the farm trails, picking wildflowers, riding our 4-wheeler and zip line or relaxing at the farm. BYO lunch for Saturday afternoon. Saturday night, we'll have a potluck dinner and bonfire. On Sunday, we'll attend Marcia's summer Congregational church in Lacon (optional.) Breakfast and lunch are at the farm Sunday. Please bring $10 for expenses if possible. The first 12 people to respond get the beds, two to a bed. All beds require the ability to climb stairs. For more information contact Gloria Joseph at glrjoseph@yahoo.com or Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

JULY 26- MOMS' GROUP - Sunday 11:30 a.m., Room 028
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. R.S.V.P. to lnickerson@spucc.org.

JULY 28 - 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. Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Childcare provided.

JULY 29 - COOKIES FOR A CAUSE - Kitchen
Join us on Wednesday, July 29th at 5:00pm for an evening of fellowship and cookie baking for the LPCS and A Just Harvest. We bake hundreds of cookies, enjoy dinner in fellowship and have a lot of fun! Service hours can be earned. Please RSVP to Gloria Joseph: glrjoseph@yahoo.com or Marcia Volk at: marcia@vilkonline.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF
Critical help is needed for Venezuelans following the recent earthquakes. Immediate impacts include loss of shelter, infrastructure, disruption of basic services, and psychosocial distress. Long-term impacts are expected to include prolonged displacement and loss of livelihoods.. The UCC is working with Global Ministry partners to deliver aid. You can find out more and donate to the efforts here: tinyurl.com/4v7ejndv

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT SNAP PROGRAMS!
Starting October 1, states will be responsible to pay a larger amount of SNAP funding to keep programs running, and several programs are at stake, putting vulnerable families at further risk of food insecurity. You can use the following resource to contact your government representatives to ask that they vote to delay this cost-sharing. Even if your representative has voted to support SNAP in the past, it's important to make your voice as a constituent heard. tinyurl.com/mm2jdbxh

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
12,000 Soldiers, 400 Women and Children
The encampment at Valley Forge in 1777-1778, consisting of 12,000 soldiers and 400 women and children, reflected the American colonies at that time in our history: a polyglot group of European settlers, free and enslaved blacks, and Native Americans, particularly from the Oneida nation.

The Continental Army lived on hard tack and pumpkins; over 2,000 died of dysentery, influenza, and other communicable diseases. There were men and women and children nursing sick soldiers, including Martha Washington.

It is well to remember this 4th of July ALL who were present and participating, lest their sacrifices be forgotten.

NEW! OPT-IN TO TEXTING FROM ST. PAULS
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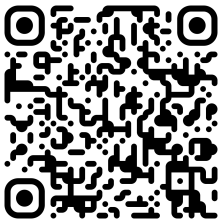

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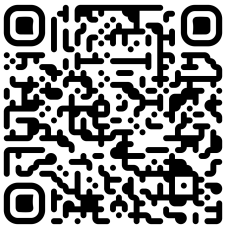

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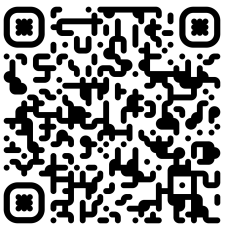

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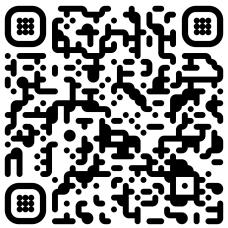

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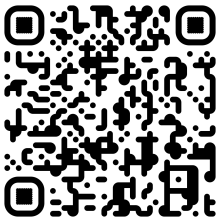

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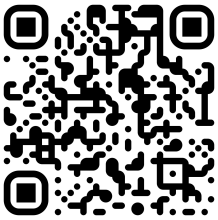

For St. Pauls sponsored events, please fill out the new form **by 10 a.m. on Wednesdays for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin**. Share personal announcements/events on our Facebook group page, St. Pauls Together. **Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you.

TODAY'S MUSIC

I Expect To See Him is by Jessy Dixon (1938 - 2011), another gospel artist and composer with deep roots in Chicago. His music was beloved outside his own community and he received seven Grammy nominations in his career. He toured the world with Paul Simon after Mr. Simon heard him and the Jessy Dixon Singers at a concert at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He also wrote music for artists as varied as Diana Ross and Cher.

The Little Brown Church, also known by its first line, ***There's A Church In The Valley By The Wildwood***, was composed in 1857 by William S. Pitts (1830-1918). He was born in New York of Puritan parents. His private music lessons were interrupted at age 19 when the family moved to Rock County, Wisconsin, where he taught music in a rural school near Union, WI. The hymn was inspired by seeing a simple country church under construction while on a trip he made to Iowa to visit his fiancee. When he asked the builders why it was painted brown, they replied that it was the cheapest paint available. Pitts returned with his choir to sing this hymn at the dedication. This is one of the few hymns Pitts composed.

The tune, KREMSER, is an unattributed Dutch folk song and dates from the 16th Century. We also know a more traditional Thanksgiving text in English, *We Gather Together To Ask The Lord's Blessing*. The text of this version, ***We Praise You ,O God, Our Redeemer, Creator,*** was written by Julia C. Cory (1882-1963) in 1902. Because her father was a Sunday school superintendent and an amateur hymn writer, Julia began composing hymn texts at a very early age.

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Byrne (1880 - 1931), who was born in Ireland. She was a respected university level academic in Dublin.

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say, tune KINGSFOLD, first appeared in a 19th century collection of English folk melodies, but may date back to the Middle Ages. The text was composed by Scottish clergy, Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889). He came from a long line of ministers and composed many hymn texts and religious poems.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, tune FAITHFULNESS, dates from 1923 and was composed by William M. Runyan (1870-1957). He finished his ministry in Kansas and was particularly fond of the poet Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), who wrote this text. Runyan set 25 of Chisholm's poems to music. Chisholm based this text on Lamentation 3:22 & 23: *Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed.* Grant Wall is a prominent Christian musician, worship arts educator, and music arranger.

He is best known for his work as a long-time arranger for PraiseCharts, producing hundreds of vocal and instrumental arrangements for modern worship anthems.

The text for ***God Of The Ages*** was written in 1984 and revised 1993 by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008). She was one of the most prolific and forward-thinking hymnodists of the last half of the 20th century, having authored over 30 hymns. Our New Century Hymnal includes 10 of her hymn texts., and we regularly sing *Called As Partners In Christ's Service*, her one contribution to our hymnal.. She advocated for women in her Presbyterian USA denomination and in 2002 received the Woman of Faith Award from her denomination. The tune NATIONAL HYMN was composed in 1876 by George Willian Warren (1828-1902). He was a largely self-trained musician born in Albany, NY and became the organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New York City. The very nationalistic and militaristic text many of us associate with this stirring hymn, *God Of Our Fathers*, was authored in 1876, the same year as the hymn tune, by Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1897). It was written in celebration of our nation's centennial. Roberts served in the Union Army in the Civil War before becoming an Episcopal priest.

Melita is the melody we associate with *God Of The Ages.* Melita is the ancient name for the island of Malta where the Apostle Paul was shipwrecked as chronicled in the Book of Acts. The tune MELITA, also known as DYKES, was composed in 1861 by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). He was born in England and became an organist-choirmaster and composer. He was also the author of numerous hymn texts, including *Holy, Holy Holy Lord God Almighty.* Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is a native of Cambridge, MA and a well-known organist, composer, and choral conductor. He has a catalog of over 300 published compositions.

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