

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Intergenerational Orchestra

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.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

“The god who cannot suffer is a loveless god. Is he a god at all? Is he not rather, a stone?”

Jurgen Moltmann

PRELUDE

Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis
Intergenerational Orchestra
Mark Mosley, conductor

R. Vaughan Williams

INTROIT

Out Of The Depths I Cry To Thee
Chancel Choir

Martin Luther

WELCOME

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

All: His brilliance throws our shadows into sharp relief.

One: Christ gives, we grasp. He relies on God, we go it alone.

All: And yet, he loves us.

One: In his cross we find forgiveness.

All: In his resurrection we find new life.

All praise be unto God this day!

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

*HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

Black Hymnal, No. 222

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take
frail flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?

God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need did life expend;
Who at my need did life expend.

I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we confess what is within us;
broken parts that refuse to mend,
empty places that always ache,
buds that never seem to flower.
Forgive us, Lord. And then,
help us forgive ourselves.
Lead us to do true and good things,
uncompromised by our limitations.
Mend us. Fill us. Make us bloom.
Through Jesus Christ our savior,
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

The Great Day Of The Lord

Alan Stout

Lee Lichamer, bass

Chancel Choir

The great day of the Lord is near

It is near and hasteth greatly.

E'en the voice of the day, of the Lord.

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek upon the earth, which have wrought His judgement.

Seek meekness, seek righteousness, seek ye the Lord, ye meek upon the earth.

It may be, we shall all be hid, in the day of the Lord's fierce anger

Seek meekness, seek righteousness.

The great day of the Lord is near.

Zephaniah 1: 14; 2: 3

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Cindy Ball

John 11:1-44 translation by David Bentley Hart

Now there was a man who was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was the Mary who had anointed the Lord with unguent, and had wiped off his feet with her hair, whose brother was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, look: He whom you cherish is ill." And on hearing this Jesus said, "This illness is not unto death, but rather is for the glory of God, so that the Son might be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and also her sister and Lazarus. Even so, having heard that he was ill he then stayed on in the place where he was for two days; After this he then says to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again ... Lazarus has died, And for your sakes I rejoice that I was not there, so that you may have faith; but let us go to him ... Martha hearing that Jesus is coming, met him; but Mary sat in the house. So Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, had you been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever things you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever has faith in me, even if he should die, shall live, And whoever lives and has faith in me most certainly does not die, throughout the age; do you have faith in this?" She says to him, "I have had faith that you are the Anointed, the Son of God who is coming into the cosmos..." Mary, when she arrived where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, had you been here my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus

saw her weeping he groaned in his spirit and yielded himself to his turmoil, And said, "Where have you laid him?" They say to him, "Lord come and see." Jesus wept. So the Judeans said, "See how he cherished him." But some of them said, "Is not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, able to bring it about that this man also might not die?" So Jesus, again groaning within himself, comes to the tomb; and it was a cavern, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus says, "Take away the stone." Martha says to him, "Lord, by now it gives off a bad odor; for this is the fourth day." Jesus says to her, "Have I not told you that if you have faith you will see God's glory? So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "I give you thanks that you have heard me; And I knew that you always hear me; but I have spoken on account of the crowd standing all around, so that they might have faith that you have sent me." And saying these things he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" The one who had died came forth, feet and hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus says to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

*A 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

When Jesus Wept

Black Hymnal, No. 192

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

SERMON

"Graphing Lazarus"

Matt Fitzgerald

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OFFERTORY

Finale from Symphony No. 3 in D Major

Gustav Mahler

What God's Love Tells Me

Intergenerational Orchestra

*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen!

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* Black Hymnal, No. 539, v. 1-5

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen, amen, amen

POSTLUDE *The Earle of Oxford March* William Byrd
Intergenerational Orchestra

Following Worship, all are invited to join us for coffee and snacks in the Social Hall.

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry of St. Pauls. Stephen Ministers are caregivers who are extensively trained to provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, illness, relocation, a new child in the family, or an empty nest. We currently have 22 people joyously serving in Stephen Ministry.

This morning, we are pleased to commission six new Stephen Ministers and three Stephen Leaders. The Stephen Ministers are Doug Heyboer, Beatrice Jaji, Michelle Jarzebowski, Annie Johnson, Dede Koldyke, and Jill Wachholz. The Stephen Leaders are Barb Kaiser, Karen Lyons, and Rick Peterson. Please take time to know them.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Fred Pearson, Lauren Vega, Brian Hafner

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Consider the Lilies: Jan Bail, Liz Raiman

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from Todd and Breanna Coe in celebration of the birth of their son Charlie and in gratitude for the wonderfully supportive St. Pauls community.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

Mar. 18 Ross Penniman

Mar. 19 Samer Bashiti

Mar. 20 Andrew Winking, David Campbell, Elena Cata

Mar. 21 Laura Grosshans

Mar. 22 Robert Colosi-McCann

Mar. 23 Marti Pechnyo

New Giving Option - Text: 773-825-6816

You can now text your offering to 773-825-6816. The Vanco-based system will ask you to enter your dollar amount (example: 100 -- no dollar sign needed). You'll then be sent a link. Click on the link to complete your gift and receive a receipt. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls.

St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra

Mark Mosley, conductor

Violin

Kristin Mack
Mark Roschen
Amy Newman
Olivia Kearns**
Jennifer Pope*
Scott Jones*

Viola

Becca Brown
Nancy Pifer

Flute

Penny Trowbridge+
Kathy Lyndes
Sally Etz
Solveig Roverud

Oboe

Julie Schneider++

Clarinet

Jean Wilks**
Justin Xayarinh++
Kurt Hansen
Dan Larson++

Don Glenn++

Clarine Chan++

Bass Clarinet

Wes Salisbury+

Bassoon

Franny LeFevre++

Alto Saxophone

Tim Nowack*

Tenor Saxophone

Layne Lebhan

Trumpet

Jake Nitzche**
Jim Brandt+
Marie Ankenman*
David Baker

Horn

Rick Peterson
Rebecca Fayhee**
Breanna Coe

Trombone

Lorne Frank+
Nathan Chamberlain

Euphonium

Chris Stafford++

Tuba

Pete Mazzeri+

Timpani

Ralph Wiser

Percussion

Sarah Good Mosley+
Samantha Fayhee**

* First Time Member
**St. Pauls Youth Group
+ Windy City Winds
member
++Windy City Winds
guest

About the Music

The Prelude - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) wrote “Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis” in 1910. Vaughan Williams was the leading English composer of the early 20th century. His musical style was shaped by his deep interest in English folk music and early English composers. Thomas Tallis (1505–1585) was the court composer for Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth I (and a featured character in the cable TV series “The Tudors”). The melody by Tallis, composed in 1567, appears as hymns #178 and #509 in our black hymnal.

The Anthem was composed by Alan Stout (1932-2018). Alan was a long time member of the composition faculty at Northwestern University. His music was played by Sir Georg Solti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, as well as outside the United States, especially in Scandinavia. Alan was a supreme intellect, scholar, and dedicated teacher. His professorial demeanor often covered a deep sense of musical passion and also a wonderfully dry wit and sense of humor. Many were touched by his generous spirit. This setting for bass solo, choir, and organ depicts the awestruck suspense of waiting during Lent for the *Great Day of the Lord*. The bass and organ parts appear to be freeform chant styles in contemporary harmony, while the choral part is modeled on the simple homophonic style of Palestrina. The anthem reaches a climax on the text, *It maybe we shall all be hid in the Lord's fierce anger*, and concludes in the reflective mood with which it began.

The Offertory - Gustav Mahler (1860–1911) was not only a composer but also one of the leading conductors of his era. Most of his symphonies and songs depict personal quests for spiritual meaning, including his Symphony #2 (“Resurrection”) and Symphony #3 (1896), whose Finale movement was subtitled “What God’s Love Tells Me.” This movement has occasionally been performed by brass choir as the prelude for Easter services at St. Pauls Church. Mahler’s music has become an integral part of the symphonic repertoire, particularly for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The Postlude - William Byrd (1540-1623) was a student of Thomas Tallis who became the leading English composer of his generation. "The Earle of Oxford March" was written for virginal, the keyboard instrument of his time, in honor of Edward de Vere, the Earl of Oxford, and in celebration of the English victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984), a student of Ralph Vaughan Williams, arranged a "William Byrd Suite" for wind band in 1923 celebrating the tercentenary of Byrd's death, with the "Earle of Oxford March" as its first movement. This arrangement by Mark Williams is based on the work by Gordon Jacob.

About the Orchestra

The Intergenerational Orchestra began performing in worship at St. Pauls Church in 2002. Since then more than 140 members of the congregation have played in the orchestra, representing a wide range of ages and musical experience, working together to "Make a Joyful Sound in the City."

TODAY

MARCH 18 - ADULT MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING, 11 a.m. Conference Room. Come if you are interested in learning more more about the trip.

MARCH 18 - FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE, 11:15 a.m. Parlor. Join us as we discuss "Islamophobia and Religious Difference in America," with St. Pauls member, Scott Hibbard. Scott is a professor of political science at DePaul, where he offers courses on American foreign policy, Middle East politics, and international relations. He will help us with both a Christian response to Islamophobia and the need for a strong and public religious pluralism.

MARCH 18 - MONTHLY BRUNCH, 11:30 a.m. Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship today. We will meet at social hour and walk to Tobacco Road Taproom, 2249 N. Lincoln Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTORS EASTER BASKETS for St. Pauls members and friends who are unable to get to church will be prepared after worship on March 25th. Drop off donations in the church office.

A GIFT in memory of Carl Vespa was given by Elizabeth Raiman.

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ADULT MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO FOR HURRICANE RELIEF - Dates are June 22 - 30. Cost is \$900 per person. Contact Pastor Sarah to sign up at sgarcia@spucc.org. Signup deadline is March 20.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Curious about St. Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held April 15 and April 22. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org

YOUNG ADULTS 16" SOFTBALL LEAGUE - Join the Dirt Disciples for their fifth season of 16" softball at Oz Park (games Sundays between 1 and 3 p.m.). Cost is \$60 per person, which includes eight games, a T-shirt, and post-game frivolity at McGee's Tavern. First game is April 22 and there are three spots left! Email Todd at toddsingstenor@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

SUNDAYS - THE WORD OF THE DAY, 9 a.m. Conference Room. Each Sunday, we explore the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided. Contact: jcarlson@spucc.org

MARCH 24 - MARCH FOR OUR LIVES, meeting at 10 a.m. at St. Pauls. St. Pauls is sending a delegation to the "March for Our Lives" in solidarity with the Parkland students calling for gun reform -- and with Chicago youth affected by gun violence every day. The march is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. at Union Park (1501 W. Randolph St.). We'll be taking the train to the event, or meet us at the park (meeting point TBD). Please RSVP at tiny.cc/spucc_march for updates from organizers.

MARCH 25 - CEP DINNER, 3-5:30 p.m. The Parents of Little Ones group will be preparing and serving a meal for 40 people in need in the church kitchen. Childcare will be provided, but there will also be ways for the kids to help out. If you can help prepare food or bring food, please let Corie know at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

MARCH 31 - EASTER EGG HUNT, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy the Easter bunny, live music, arts and crafts, and an egg hunt. Volunteers needed as well. Contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org

MARCH 31 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1-2:30 p.m. Parlor. We continue our study of the Gospel of John. Newcomers welcome. RSVP: jcarlson@spucc.org

APRIL 1 - EASTER BAKE SALE, 10-11 a.m. and noon-12:30 p.m. Join us in the gym and get some Easter goodies to support the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico.

APRIL 9 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. - Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

APRIL 22 - LUNCH AND SILENT AUCTION, 11:15 a.m. Gym. Join us for our fundraiser towards hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico this June! We are also looking for items for the silent auction. If you have any you would like to donate please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org

OPPORTUNITIES

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen, jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY APRIL 28 - If you have home repair skills or if you are good at organizing groups of people we need your help in the National Day of Rebuilding Together on April 28 when we will work on two homes in the Lawndale neighborhood. Email Pastor Sarah if you are interested at sgarcia@spucc.org

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Save the date for the annual All Church Retreat. We'll be going July 27 - 29 to Lakeside Inn in Lakeside, MI.

FAITH IN ACTION - Saint Pauls' Strategic Plan calls us to be "Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice." If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Anna Sardar at asardar@spucc.org

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

AMAZON SMILE - If you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/2179808>

BIBLE STUDY - Meets one Saturday a month. This in-depth study explores a book of the Bible from start to finish, looking at its original context, as well as its meaning for us as Christians today. Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER- Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@aol.com. Join us!

FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them now. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for more information.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Several open dates in May, June, and July! To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarstensen@ameritech.net

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Visit our Food for Thought blog <http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>

GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG! - Email Virgie at vberry@spucc.org

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS
- To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. If you are interested email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org to schedule a tour!

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Discussions March 20 (parts 1-4) and June 19. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP jcarlson@spucc.org

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

SARAH'S SISTERS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson jcarlson@spucc.org, Marti Pechnyo mpechnyo@gmail.com, or Diana Laskaris dianaminlead@gmail.com

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! Contact pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays. Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://bit.ly/1RtSUuh>

YOUNG ADULTS - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email youngadults@spucc.org

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym. Contact sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to announcements@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday . Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you.

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page, take it home and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our new 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.

- Mary Stainton, in the midst of rehab and cancer treatment.
- Dorothy Franklin, in hospice care.
- Jeff Elko
- Justin Bonn, recovering from recent brain surgery.
- For Ivy Sanz's 2-year-old grandson, Sergio Sanz, who had surgery to help him breathe on February 27.
- Louis Arata and family, whose father, Stephen Arata, died.
- Forest Sturm, whose father died.
- The Howells' daughter-in-law, Meredith, awaiting a stem-cell transplant.
- For all grieving and traumatized by the shooting in Parkland, and for real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Steve Stack, recovering from another stroke.
- Dede Koldyke, in treatment for cancer.
- Jack Hogan, in treatment for cancer.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, entering hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- For Aylmer Gifford's friend, Mario, facing difficult health challenges.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Gloria Joseph's husband, Nial, who is in the hospital in poor health.
- Carole Knuti, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.
- Grieving family of Jim, who died at age 43.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

MEMORIAL EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Enclose your gift of \$30 or more per plant with this order form. Purchased plants can be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Please print the following:

In Memory of *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

In Celebration of *(print name(s) as you wish to appear):*

From *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate or it mail to:
St Pauls UCC
2335 N. Orchard Street
Chicago, IL 60614
Attn: Cindi Stazzone

This form, along with your check, **must arrive at the church by March 25**. Any orders received after that date will not be printed in the bulletin.

from *About Lazarus* by Deborah Boe

When Lazarus rises out of his bedsheets
he always acts
like he wakes in a strange house,

make us say our names over and over
until all meaning is wrung from them,
and then stares uncomprehendingly at his cereal

in its white dish. It is as if
this house we live in holds
many other houses, visible only to him.

from *The Raising of Lazarus* by Franz Wright

pale as though bled,
stooping at the entrance
and squinting at the light,
picking at his face, loose
strips of rotting shroud.
All that he could think of
was a dark place to lie down,
and hide that wasted body.
And tears rolled up his cheek
and back into his eyes,
and then his eyes began
rolling back into his head

from *The Mercy of Lazarus* by Stephen Dobyns

It must have been a dispirited awakening -
Expecting everything settled, the long night
Without interruption suddenly interrupted,

Like a four a.m. alarm bell but worse, the rock
Rolled back, to be called forth, told to pick up
the yoke, to pay your bills, get the roof fixed,
Become a bit of proof in the Lord's affidavit.

Just when you thought your history complete,
Your problems solved - bad wages, long hours.
Now the crowd pushes forward, demanding
To hear your cries of thanks.

NOTES

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a joyful sound in the city

Saint 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 to and Affirming of" LGBT women and men.

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 importantly, over the past 174 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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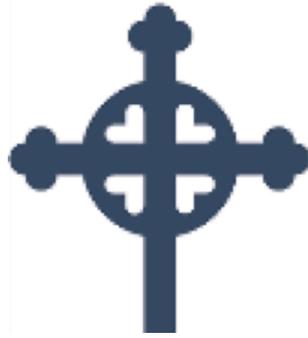
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Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

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 each and to everyone.
We are an Open and Affirming church.
We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.