



April 17, 2016
9:30 AM Worship

* HYMN

Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Black Hymnal No. 73

Enter, rejoice and come in. Enter rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice and come in. Enter rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Garcia

**Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope,
and more joy than we can ever imagine.**

**Forgive us for failing to see your work
in the still things, the busy things, the darkest moment
and the everyday, under-noticed plod of life.**

**Forgive us when we balk at action,
and refuse to turn on fully the tap of compassion,
settling for a mere trickle.**

**Open us now to your love that lets us relax into life,
and fill us with justice, hope and trust in the Risen Christ,
In whose name we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*During this Response, students may leave the Sanctuary and go to their classrooms.
JK/Kindergarten teachers will be waiting in the back of the church,
and 1st through 7th grade teachers will be waiting at the side door of the church
to lead the students. If you would like to accompany your child,
you're welcome to drop them off and then return to worship.*

RESPONSE

Red Hymnal, No. 288, v. 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Christina Cedeno

Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of compassion. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

* 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

Red Hymnal, No. 288, v. 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

SERMON

"Alma Mater"

Jeff Carlson

* HYMN

Black Hymnal No. 539

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be like 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 Christlight 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.

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

MISSION MOMENT

Paddy Homan, St. Pauls House Foundation Director
"Going for the Gold for St. Pauls House Annual Fundraiser, April 30"

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu from Requiem Andrew Lloyd Webber
Emily Margevich and Jennifer Nicholson, sopranos
Brendan Henry, piano

Blessed Jesus, Lord,
You who take away the sins of the world,
Grant them eternal rest.

* 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!

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

God of Abraham and Sarah

Black Hymnal, No. 20

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Moses, Miriam's Guide;
God of David and the prophets, God in Jesus glorified:
Up from the dust you raise a people, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
Down through the years the people praise you till alleluias make them whole!

God who dances in creation, spinning stars above our heads;
God whose face is scribed in music, by whose hand the earth is fed:
Up from the ground you raise the mountains, raise our spirits, lift our eyes;
Down through the years your people praise you till alleluias flood the skies!

God who loves the poor in spirit, God who comforts those who mourn;
Balm for wounds, the friend of sinners, taking the side of earth's forlorn:
Up from the depths you raise your people, giving them courage for the day;
Down through the years the people praise you till alleluias light their way!

In our lives from birth to dying, depth of sorrow, height of joy;
Praising God in every season, let every key our hearts employ.
Praise is the healing, praise, the glory, praise is the final mystery;
Down through the years let people praise you till alleluias set them free!

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpointarr
arr. Craig Curry

Gospel Trio

**Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks
downstairs in the Social Hall**

Upcoming Worship

April 24

New Member Sunday

Avena reflects on turning points.

May 1

Sarah delves into the mystery of healing.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Bruce Voice

Acolyte Coordinators: Micki Fayhee, Cindy Zinn Ball

Acolytes: Oscar Nach and Kaitlyn Nowack

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Special Accommodations: Dodd Brown

Gospel Trio: Brendan Henry, piano; Joel Kelsey, bass; David Agee, drums



BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

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.

April 17: Charlie Busker, Eric Cittadine, Deon Fayhee, Linda Riportella

April 18: Nate Weglarz, Olivia Weglarz, Betty Voice, Jessica Ashley,

April 19: Meridyth McIntosh, Tom Scrivner

April 20: Ella Javorcic, Ethan Fitzgerald, Daniel Nowack, Anson Kendall, Andrea Reed,
Sarah Warren

April 21: Mason Saltarelli, Aileen Schloerb, Kim Morrow, Alex Baker

April 22: Kyle Nitzsche

April 23: Rodney Higginbotham, Julie Artis, Susan Avery Hayes

CONSTRUCTION BEGINNING SOON! The construction at the Children's Memorial Hospital Redevelopment site will begin in the next few weeks. The developers will be providing weekly updates regarding work schedules, street closures and extended work hours. Please sign up to receive their email updates at <http://mi-cmh.com>. We will also continue to keep you as updated as possible as we receive news.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Thomas G. Stinchcomb will be held Thursday, April 21 at 2 PM at The Admiral at the Lake, 929 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. Thomas passed away Sunday, April 10, after a sudden illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the DePaul University General Scholarship Fund, 1 E. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604, or to the Natural Resources Defense Council, 40 W. 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER METAMORPHOSIS PARTY, Friday, April 29, 7-11 PM, Atrium, 311 South Wacker, Chicago. Funds raised from this party directly support the guests and programs of the LPCS that was co-founded by St. Pauls and other neighborhood churches. Go to lpcsonline.org to purchase tickets or donate.

WINDY CITY WINDS SPRING CONCERT - Friday, April 29 at 7:30 PM at St. Pauls. The theme of the concert is "A Lincoln Portrait." The program includes Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*, narrated by Rev. Matt Fitzgerald; five of Copland's *Old American Songs*, featuring soloists Breanna Coe, Todd Coe, Lee Lichamer and Nancy Pifer. The concert will be conducted by the band's co-founders Mark and Sarah Mosley.

ST. PAULS HOUSE 2016 FUNDRAISER, Saturday, April 30, 5:30-9 PM at St. Pauls House, 3800 N California Ave., Chicago. Join host Ron Rains and members of St. Pauls in supporting St. Pauls House, a Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center founded by St. Pauls Church. Your contributions to this fundraiser will help provide charitable care for those whose ability to pay for services has been exhausted. Check out their video at <http://stpaulshouse.org/about/news/> for more information about the event. For tickets call St. Pauls House at 773-478-4222 or see Pastor Avena.

CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR – Here's your chance to join our Chancel Choir for a one-week trial! Rehearsals are Wednesday, May 4 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary and Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) at 9:35 AM in the Chapel. Performance is at the 11 AM worship on Sunday, May 8. In the past, many have enjoyed themselves so much that they just kept coming back. Please contact Kurt R. Hansen if you want to come at kurtsingsbach@gmail.com.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER - Saturday, May 7 from 6 - 8 PM. Save the date for our Cinco De Mayo Fiesta! We will have a dinner and auction. Enjoy homemade guacamole, pulled pork tacos, tres leches cake and cerveza! There will be live music and a silent auction with wonderful items such as unique art work, vacation homes, catered meals, services offered by our youth such as babysitting, house cleaning and yard work. All proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip this June to help make homes safer and healthier for migrant farmworkers in Homestead, Florida. The Youth Mission Trip is transformative for the youth who go and the people who are helped. Please join us for the dinner, or if you cannot make it, please consider making a donation to support the trip. Stop by our table during Social Hour TODAY to RSVP and buy tickets, or contact Leigh at lborge@spucc.org. If you would like to donate items for our silent auction, please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL - Join St. Pauls members and friends for basketball every Wednesday evening, 7 PM - 9 PM. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

GENTLE YOGA CLASS – MONDAYS, 10:30 – 11:20 AM in the Parlor. This class focuses on breathing and sustained poses, cultivating peace in body and mind. Gentle yoga is appropriate for all levels, including those who are brand new to yoga, recovering from injuries, as well as continuing yoga students seeking a more introspective practice. Cost is \$8 per class. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS GARDENS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH. Do you have a green thumb but no place to exercise it? St. Pauls is seeking gardeners of all ages to help grow organic veggies to offer to the guests of the Lincoln Park Shelter Community Outreach Program. We'll plant in containers on the gym roof then share our harvest. We could also use donations of cash to purchase containers, organic soil, plants and seeds. If you can help get in touch with Pastor Avena at award@spucc.org.

KIDS CHURCH CAMP IS BACK! Registration is now open for children ages 2 to 12-years-old. Campers will enjoy games, arts and crafts, outings to local parks, Lincoln Park Zoo, the beach, and more! Half day or full day camp is offered in 4 one-week sessions beginning July 11 and ending on August 4. Youth 11-13 year-olds can apply to be counselors-in-training; youth 14-15 year-olds can apply to be unpaid junior counselors; and youth 16 years-old and up can apply to be paid counselors. Go to <http://www.spucc.org/camp> for more details and to register.

JOINING ST. PAULS CHURCH

ONE-SESSION NEW MEMBER CLASSES are held several times throughout the year. Learn more about St. Pauls' 172-year ministry of making a joyful sound in the city, meet others exploring membership, find out what we believe and how you can become more engaged. Upcoming class: June 5, 2016 at 12:30 PM. Contact Pastor Matt at mfitzgerald@spucc.org to be registered.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT!

July 8 - July 10

We've rented the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, Michigan, right across from the beach. Check-in begins at 3 PM on July 8. We will have campfires on the beach, morning prayer surrounded by tranquil trees, volleyball in the afternoon. This retreat is a fabulous way to deepen connections and enrich your St. Pauls experience. Each family gets their own room and bathroom. Cost is \$160 per adult and \$40 per child ages 5-17. Children 4 and under are free. Discounts for families with more than one child and financial assistance are available. To register, visit www.spucc.org/allchurch.

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 9:30 AM in the Parlor

TODAY: Stephen Ministers: Living a Caring Life. Being bombarded by turmoil, terrorist acts, name-calling politicians, and rude behavior, sometimes we feel it would be easier to tune it all out and stop caring. But as Christians, we are called upon to care as an expression of our faith. How do we reconcile this command with the seemingly insurmountable acts of uncaring around us? Join a lively discussion on living a caring life in today's challenging times led by Stephen Ministry Leader, Diana Laskaris.

April 24: Gregg Taylor: The Freedom of God: a look at Karl Barth. Despite every human effort, God remains free--free from the control of the state, the church, or even the Bible. Join Gregg Taylor for an introduction to the Swiss theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968) to look at Barth's radical theology of God's freedom, including a look at Barth's instrumental work in leading Christian resistance to the Nazi party.

May 1: Nancy Curotto: Pet Loss- Enduring the loss of a pet can be difficult and life-changing. Often we fear our feelings of sadness, despair and loss will not be honored. Join us as we explore ways to cope with past and/or recent pet loss and how to support others who have lost a pet companion.

May 8: Bill Borden: Psychology and Religion - William James

May 15 - June 5: Larry Howell and Gail Renfrow teach a new class: "Christian Connections"

A CHRISTIAN-BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP gathers on April 24, June 12, September 18 and November 6. All meetings are from 2 - 4 PM on Sundays at the home of Pastor Avena and her husband, Tom Corbett (1613 N. Mohawk, Chicago). At each meeting we watch a video or discuss readings and share fellowship and snacks. On December 4, we'll cook and serve a meal for the Lincoln Park Community Shelter Community Outreach Program held at St. Pauls United Church of Christ, 2335 N. Orchard St., from 2 - 4 PM. Please let Avena know if you'd like to be on the mailing list for this group award@spucc.org.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - New study begins April 23, 10 - 11:30 AM in the Parlor. Ecclesiastes: a Solitary Book for Solitary People. Ecclesiastes is full of contradictions, because human life is full of contradictions. Its writer attempts to hold that reality in balance - all is vanity and yet everything is a gift from God. Join Pastor Jeff for a deep dive into this enigmatic book, while engaging the thought of French philosopher, theologian, and Christian anarchist Jaques Ellul. RSVP to Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org.

A YEAR WITH MARILYNNE ROBINSON - A group is reading the four fine novels of this Pulitzer prize-winning and UCC author in 2016, with quarterly discussions. Next up: we will discuss *Gilead* on Wednesday, June 1 at 7 PM. RSVP to Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP - Thursday April 21, 7 PM. We're reading Pope Francis' popular encyclical, *Laudato Si*, searching for doctrinal and theological themes. This letter calls the faithful to take action to preserve Earth, our common home. Many Protestants have heard in it a call to action we can embrace ecumenically. What do you think? Join us on April 21 at 7 PM in the Parlor. Download a copy of *Laudato Si* at laudatosi.com.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Visit our Food for Thought blog to find a weekly thought provoking article at <http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>.

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL. The UCC publishes a daily online devotional that arrives in your inbox today, tomorrow, every single day! Devotions are short, less than 300 words, and feature some of the UCC's most insightful voices, including our own Pastor Matt. To register for the Still Speaking Daily Devotional: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional.

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES

ROUNDTABLE ON REFUGEE ISSUES, TODAY: Learn about the causes of the refugee movements facing the world today, including the roots of the current crisis in the Middle East and the mass migration of displaced populations toward Europe. This event will also include discussion of the U.S. refugee resettlement program, and Illinois' proud tradition of welcoming refugees. This discussion will provide context for St. Pauls' commitment to help resettle a refugee family in Chicago this spring. (See Outreach section below to learn how to join that initiative.) St. Pauls members Scott Hibbard of DePaul University and Tara Magner of the MacArthur Foundation will present. To register, contact Nancy Brandt at nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net. **We will hold discussions after the 9:30 AM service in the Conference Room and after the 11 AM service in the Parlor.**

CAN YOU SEE WHITE PRIVILEGE? Chicago Theological Seminary created a video to shine light on the racial divide. Check it out at: <http://www.ctschicago.edu/wpg>.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH NURSERY. Every Sunday at both services we offer child care at 9:30 AM for infants through toddlers (birth to 2-years-old) and at 11 AM for children from birth to 6-years-old by caring, experienced, professional childcare workers in our cozy and fun nursery which is on the lower level off of the Social Hall.

CHURCH SCHOOL. Every Sunday morning we have church school for toddlers to teenagers at 9:30 AM. Children in Jr. Kindergarten through 7th grade are asked to come to worship first and will then be dismissed to their classrooms. Youth in 8th grade and above can go directly to their classes. To register your child for church school please go to spucc.org/churchschool.

ST. PAULS PLAY GROUP for children from birth to 3-years-old in the church Nursery and Toddler Room. Drop in anytime from 10:30 AM - 12 PM Wednesdays.

MOMS GROUP meets Sundays from 10:20 - 11 AM in the Pastor Sarah's office. If you are a mom of a young child and you would like to meet others facing the same joys and challenges come on by.

SPOTS AVAILABLE -- ST. PAULS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM -- ACT 2. You can still enroll for the Act 2 Spring Session: March 14 to May 26. The program features tasty snacks, performing arts lessons, homework time and games/free play for children K-5th grades. You can sign up for one, two, three or four days per week. For more information and registration visit: www.spucc.org/act2 (scholarships available).

YOUTH GROUPS for 5th through 8th graders meet on Tuesday's from 5-7 PM with dinner.

YOUNG ADULTS

*A group for fellowship and fun for folks in their 20s and 30s.
Email spuccyoungadults@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.*

16" SOFTBALL LEAGUE – Sunday April 24, time TBD - Oz Park. Cheer on the Dirt Disciples in our first game of the season! We play in Oz Park, just a short walk from church. Our game times haven't come out yet but we'll have a game at 1 PM, 2 PM or 3 PM. After the game join us for a celebratory drink at O'Malley's West, the league sponsor.

CHRISTIANITY 101 - Monday, May 2, 7 PM - Parlor. This month's topic: Community. Being part of a church community is full of joys, challenges, and sometimes pain, but it's in community that we learn to love like God loves us. Join Pastor Jeff and fellow young adults for a lively discussion of real-life questions. Please contact Hannah Basil at hannahbasil@gmail.com with questions and to RSVP.

LAY CARE GIVING

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Jesus rose on Easter and immediately began reassuring his grieving friends that they need not be afraid. He shared with them the peace of Christ in locked rooms, while walking down the road with travelers, and preparing food for weary fishermen returning from work. Stephen Ministry offers compassionate care to people facing life's little and big challenges. If you'd like to become a Stephen Minister and offer distinctively Christian care, contact Pastor Avena Ward award@spucc.org. Training classes will begin in the Fall of 2016.

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. We send cards, make telephone calls, provide food and meals, give rides to doctor's appointments and the store. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Meetings are held once a month, except in July and December. **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 19 at 7 PM in the Parlor.** Contact Avena Ward for more information award@spucc.org.

OUTREACH

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS.

You aren't expected to stay up all night: you can choose to sleep or use the late-night time to catch up on quiet projects. We have several open shifts (9 PM - 6:30 AM weekdays, 9 PM - 8 AM weekends) in the next few weeks. Contact the Volunteer Manager, Fawn O'Brien, to get signed up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org 773-549-6111.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Community Engagement Project Sunday Supper - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. It is an outreach program of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter to serve those in need in our community. This meal is for folks on the LPCS waiting list and others struggling with housing.

St. Pauls provides volunteers to prepare and serve this CEP Sunday Supper every week! If you would like to cook and serve Sunday dinner for 40 hungry people, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarstensen@ameritech.net. Volunteers will arrive at 3 PM, meals will be served at 4:30 PM, and clean up finished by 5 PM. Help and guidance are available for new cooks. If you would like to serve but need childcare, St. Pauls will provide childcare at church during the CEP volunteer time on the 2nd Sunday of the month. To sign up for a Sunday with childcare, contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

SARAH'S SISTERS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to the homeless at the Fullerton Avenue door. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM, no need to RSVP.

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER NEEDS A FEW TUTORS. CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? Do you like to be with high school students? Do you remember how hard it was to get started writing an essay? We could really use you if you have some time to give to the Writing Center at Lincoln Park High School, where kids learn to do the kind of writing that will help them in college and in the workplace. Training is available. And the payback comes from the faces of the students when they "get it." If you can help with this project initiated by St. Pauls, please contact St. Pauls member Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net.

HELP WELCOME REFUGEES - This spring, St. Pauls will be welcoming a refugee family and helping them settle Chicago. This will be an all church effort through Refugee One. Activities will include stocking the pantry, an airport welcome and meal, mentoring, social visits, and helping them navigate their new city, so there are multiple ways to get involved. Our goal is to raise \$8000 to furnish a home and support the family in their first months in Chicago while they seek employment. You can sign up here to donate specific items: <http://bit.ly/22xreeO> or donate to our project here: <http://www.refugeeone.org/spucc>. To be involved with the coordinating team, email Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org, stop by our table during Social Hour after services this Sunday, or come to our next strategy meeting at 6:30 PM on May 3.

WIDER CHURCH

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION UCC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING - Saturday, May 7, 8 AM – 3 PM, at St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, 125 W. Church Street, Elmhurst. This will be a time for celebration, worship, fellowship, learning and faith sharing. The theme of this year’s Spring Meeting is “Changing Lives: Continuing Testament – Unleashing Ministry.” We will be unleashing ministry through worship, led by our host pastor Rev. Dr. Rich Wolf, a discussion on the UCC’s New Beginning Assessment Program for the renewing of local congregations, and a special youth event, “Off the Pews and Into the Streets: a Faith-Based Community Response to Youth Violence.” The advanced registration fee of \$25.00 (\$30.00 on-site) and includes continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Deadline for Advance Registration is April 26. Please go to the website <http://cma.ilucc.org/event/spring-meeting-of-chicago-metropolitan-association/> to register and to download and copy meeting materials. For more information, please contact Wayne MacPherson at ilconfwayne@gmail.com or 773-324-7650.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin to announcements@spucc.org no later than **10 AM on Tuesday**. Please limit announcements to 70 words. Thank you!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out our website at www.spucc.org.



Check out our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SaintPaulsUCC](https://www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsUCC).



RACHEL BARTON PINE CD ORDER FORM

Rachel Barton Pine, world renown violinist and lifelong member of St. Pauls, has graciously donated 300 CDs of her most recent album *Testament* featuring solo violin works by Johann Sebastian Bach, recorded here at St. Pauls.

Proceeds benefit the Sam Hill Music Fund, which supports special music events like the presentation of the *Requiem* by John Rutter in worship during Lent last year.

If you would like order one or a number of CDs, please fill out the information below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number (____) _____

Email Address _____

Number of CDs ordered _____ (\$20.00 each)

Tear out this form and drop it in the offering plate TODAY or it mail to:

St Pauls UCC
2335 N. Orchard Street
Chicago, IL 60614
Attn: Cindi Stazzone

**Checks should be made payable to - St. Pauls UCC
Memo line - Pine CD**

**You may also purchase and receive your CD in person by coming to the table in the
Social Hall TODAY after worship.**

Thanks to Rachel Barton Pine for her generosity and
thanks to you for supporting the Music Program at St. Pauls

NOTES

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

- Sandra Benedict for healing an injury to her good leg.
- Diane Massie's friend, Ashley, battling Stage 4 brain cancer and in need of a miracle.
- Lorri Gunn Wirsum, recovering from surgery due to a recurrence of cancer; her husband, Karl Wirsum, recovering from a stroke; and her brother, Jim, being treated for cancer.
- Marcia Knudson recovering from an infection.
- Bill Borden and Allen Heinemann, grieving the loss of Bill's mother, Virginia.
- Gloria Joseph asks for prayers for family friends whose young adult son died.
- Anne Hebert's sister, in hospital.
- Juanita Barlow gives thanks for the birth of her grandson, Matthew George, to Jeff and Erica.
- Brooke and Jake Gentzen's grandmother, Nana Karen, who had a stroke.
- Ed Wosylus' sister-in-law, Monetta, recently diagnosed with breast and lung cancer.
- Friends and family of Bob Jenetten, close friend of the Braband family, upon his passing.
- Jay Abraham's family at the death of his uncle.
- Joseph (Joey) Harris, recently widowed with three young children.
- Lorien Parry's father recovering from major surgeries.
- For Mark Radabaugh, friend of Pat Kirby, undergoing surgery to repair his trachea collapsed by relapsing polychondritis.
- For young adults as they try to make their way in life moving away (physically) from family.
- For young families as they grow, balancing careers and family life.
- For those involved in research trying to find a cure for cancer.
- Mary Train, recovering from surgery, and for her nephew Carl and family.
- Rob Castle's mother Kathie and his father Rich, living with chronic illness.
- Kurt and Terry Hansen ask for prayers for a student in the midst of rehab.
- Manny, son of Grace Stauskas, being treated for cancer.
- Philip Smedley's father, for health issues.
- Jonah, Sean and Kevin and all homeless individuals with severe mental illness living in this city.
- Violence Interrupters and Cure Violence that they can bring their skills to gang filled neighborhoods and reach kids who are afraid and need options.
- The Renfrow family as they walk with Wayne, in hospice care.
- Nancy Heffernan's friends: Leona, with aggressive cancer, and Robert, with spine cancer that has spread.
- Ed Zasadil with balance problems, eczema, and other health issues.
- Del Arsenault, in hospice care at home.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- Ivy Sanz' nephew T.J.
- Steve Warsh, undergoing chemotherapy.
- Tom Palkon being treated for cancer.
- Beatrice Jaji's brother, Jacob, healing for his kidneys.
- All service members and their loved ones before, during and after deployment.
- Those killed and injured in terrorist attacks around the world and all others in need of prayer.

(Prayer cards are available in the pew racks. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate.)

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

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 172 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 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.