

August 12, 2018

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

“America in the twenty-first century does not offer propitious conditions for growing up. Maturity is not the hallmark of our culture. Our culture is conspicuous for its obsession with getting and spending. Instead of becoming more, we either get more or do more.”
Eugene Peterson

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

N. Rawsthorne

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the one who calls the worlds into being!

All: Blessed is the one who gives us the gift of life!

One: The waves of Lake Michigan sing their song!

All: The trees of Grant Park clap their leaves for joy!

One: Plants, animals, human beings, young and old together!

All: Let us bless the giver of every good gift!

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* Black Hymnal No. 459

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Garcia

**Gracious God, our maker and our friend, forgive our foolish ways.
We confess that we are easily irritated and angered.
With our words, we wound.
With our tongues, we tear down.
Soften the hard places of our hearts.
Illuminate the dark corners of our minds.
Heal our lives and heal our relationships with your friendship and love.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 423, v. 1, alt.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator!
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not:
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

ANTHEM

Evening Prayer
from Hänsel und Gretel
Breanna Coe & Sarah Zieba, mezzo-sopranos

Engelbert Humperdinck

Sandmann war da!
Laß uns den Abendsegen beten!
Abends, will ich schlafen gehn, vierzehn Englein un mich stehn:
zwei zu meinen Häupten, zwei zu meinen Füßen,
zwei zu meiner Rechten, zwei zu meiner Linken,
zweie die mich decken, zweie die mich wekken,
zweie die mich weisen zu Himmels Paradiesen!

Sandman was there!
Let us first say our evening prayer!
When at night I go to sleep, Fourteen angels watch do keep:
Two my head are guarding, Two my feet are guiding,
Two are on my right hand, Two are on my left hand,
Two who warmly cover, Two who o'er me hover,
Two to whom 'tis given to guide my steps to Heaven!

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Christie Frisch

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

So I tell you this, and witness to it in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the nations do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to their calloused hearts. Having become insensitive, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are greedy for more and more.

That, however, is not the way you learned Christ. You were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true justice and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Be angry, but do not sin: Do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil a foothold. Thieves must steal no longer, but must work, doing something good with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any rotten talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

***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**

Black Hymnal No. 423, v. 3, alt.

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, great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

SERMON

“Dressing the Part”

Jeff Carlson

*HYMN *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* Black Hymnal No. 539

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.

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OFFERTORY

Ingemisco from Requiem
Todd Coe, tenor

Giuseppi Verdi

*Ingemisco tamquam reus; culpa rubet vultus meus;
supplicanti parce, Deus.
Qui Mariam absolvisti, et latronem exaudisti,
mihi quoque spem dedisti.
Preces meae non sunt dignae, sed tu, bonus, fac benigne,
ne perenni cremer igne.
Inter oves locum praesta, et ab haedis me sequestra,
statuens in parte dextra.*

I groan at my indictment; I blush at my guilt;
Spare the suppliant, O God.
Thou hast absolved Mary, and gave ear to the thief,
Give hope to me as well.
My prayers are not worthy, but thou art gracious
Lest I am consumed in the everlasting fire.
Place me amongst the innocent sheep, and not among the unclean beasts,
Setting me at thy right hand.

*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
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

Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal No. 288, alt.

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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Mother and Father, thou art both to me,
Thou in me dwelling, thy child I shall be.

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

Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Fred Pearson, Bruce Voice, David Baker, Peg Wander

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

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.

Aug 12 Iain Cory, Perry Newbury

Aug 13 Oriana Gannello

Aug 14 Adria Kornick, David Burnett, Lorri Gunn Wirsum, Olivia Kearns,
Scott Jackson

Aug 15 Arthur Sturm, Laura DuPont, Sally Acker, Winifred Castle

Aug 16 Claire Gallemore

Aug 17 Elise Hopkins, Felix Hecht, Kevin O'Brien, Winifred Kearns, Zack Murray

Aug 18 Al Cerkan, Mark O'Brien

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPHESIANS SUMMER SERMON SERIES - This summer's sermon texts are from the book of Ephesians. This letter invites an incredibly diverse group of Christians to expand our imaginations. Our lives are part of something vast, hopeful and wonderful that God is up to in the universe and we're invited to grow together into God's dream for the world.

WEE-SALE FUNDRAISER - Join the Parents of Little Ones (POLO) for an end-of-summer Wee-Sale! The POLO group is organizing a resale to raise scholarship money for the Little Lights early childhood education program. There will be one week of collection and a one-day sale in the Oscar Mayer Room. Bring your clean, gently used clothes and shoes (up to 6T sizes), toys, books, and baby gear. When bringing items, each individual is responsible for setting out their own items and organizing them on the racks and tables. Please contact Molly McGrath at mollymcgrath906@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to be involved. Items may be brought to the church during the following times:

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Sunday, 8/19

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 8/22

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Thursday, 8/23

LINCOLN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION - Starting Friday, August 17, the main north entrance of the Lincoln Avenue parking garage will be closed for construction for approximately three months. The parking lot will be accessible via the south entrance of the garage also located on Lincoln Avenue. Visit LincolnCommon.com for additional project details.

CHURCH GRANDPARENTS - We will pair Saint Pauls "grand members" with church families who have infants and young children. As these new friendships form, each will take its own shape. Activities could include praying for each other, reading stories, visiting, etc. Saint Pauls older members are incredible people! Saint Pauls young families are remarkable, as well. Let's get to know each other. You can still sign up by emailing Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR

We need three more teachers for this class. If you are interested please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Open dates in August and September for Community Engagement Program (CEP) meals. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarsten959@yahoo.com.

FAITH IN ACTION - BIPARTISAN ACTION ON CARING FOR CREATION

A group of U.S. House Republicans introduced a significant proposal addressing climate change, The Market Choice Act. Introduced by Reps. Curbelo (FL-26) and Fitzpatrick (PA-8), it would increase demand for clean energy by taxing carbon. According to Columbia University, it would reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 30-40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, exceeding the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Visit Friends Committee on the National Legislation website.

AUGUST 12 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (CEP), 3-5 p.m.

Parent of Little Ones prepare and serve the CEP meal for the homeless. Contact Corie Gallemore if you'd like to help at corie.gallemore@gmail.com. Childcare is available.

AUGUST 25- SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY, 10-11:45 a.m., Parlor.

Newcomers welcome! RSVP: Jeff Carlson at jcarlson@spucc.org.

AUGUST 26 - WEE-SALE RESALE, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room.

The Parents of Little Ones are organizing a sale to raise scholarship money for Little Lights Saint Pauls early childhood education program.

SEPTEMBER 22 - OKTOBERFEST, 3-9 p.m., Courtyard.

Prost! It's Munich meets Chicago as St. Pauls hosts Oktoberfest in celebration of our German heritage. Tap into the excitement of this Bavarian tradition with an evening of authentic German food and beer, live music and dancing, a jumpy-house, corn-pit, and games for all ages. This year's live entertainment will feature everyone's favorite oompah band, *Die Musikmeisters*. It's open and free to all so invite your neighbors and friends. If it rains, the event will be held in the gymnasium. Stay tuned for fun volunteer opportunities!

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 - 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>.

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 two hours 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@gmail.com.

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 Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

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.

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. Email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org.

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP - Summer/Fall book is Victor Hugo's classic "Les Miserables." First half discussion: Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Parlor. New members are always welcome. For more information or to RSVP: Jeff Carlson at 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 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 Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! 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 by emailing Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

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 them at youngadults@spucc.org.

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at 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 with health problems.
- Jack Hogan with terminal lung cancer.
- Gerald Wilk and family at the loss of his mother Faith.
- The family and friends of Sincere Ash.
- Naomi, who is trying to adopt a baby.
- Bruce Voice's sister, Valerie, facing several health problems.
- Wayne Bradley, dealing with health problems.
- Larry Howell undergoing chemo with complications.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, in hospice care for Alzheimer's.
- Ivy's brother and his wife, who are going through serious financial difficulty.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Dorothy, in hospice care.
- For real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.

You are beloved - to others, to the world you live in, and most importantly, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. 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.

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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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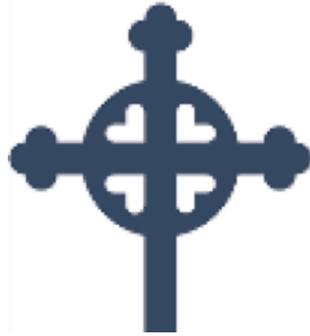
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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Parking Garage,
2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



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.