



June 10, 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.

PRELUDE *Adagio* D. Gawthrop
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Johann Gottfried Schicht
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Jeff Carlson

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

All: We worship God with gladness!

One: Know this! We belong to the God who made us.

All: We are God's people.

One: God is good! Give thanks!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is for all generations.

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN *We Are Marching In the Light Of God* Black Hymnal no. 526

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, we are singing, Oh we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, we are singing, Oh we are singing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, we are praying, Oh we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying, we are praying, Oh we are praying in the light of God.

We are resting in the light of God, we are resting in the light of God.
We are resting in the light of God, we are resting in the light of God.
We are resting, we are resting, Oh we are resting in the light of God.
We are resting, we are resting, Oh we are resting in the light of God.

We are living in the light of God, we are living in the light of God.
We are living in the light of God, we are living in the light of God.
We are living, we are living, Oh we are living in the light of God.
We are living, we are living, Oh we are living in the light of God.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE TO FOURTH GRADERS

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

HONORING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

*During the response children may leave for Sunday School.
If you would like to walk your child to class and
then return you are welcome to do so.*

RESPONSE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY
Matthew 19: 12 - 15

Carrie Bruggers

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

*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. 316 v. 1

We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
To notions of our day and place, crude, partial, and confined;
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred:
O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

SERMON

"A Glimpse of Heaven"

Sarah Garcia

*RESPONSE

Black Hymnal 316 v. 3

Eternal God, Incarnate Word, Spirit of flame and dove:
Enlarge, expand all living souls to comprehend your love;
And help us all to seek your will with wiser powers conferred:
O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

OFFERTORY

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite

G.F. Handel

from Samson
Chancel Choir

Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

*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

Blessed Assurance

Black Hymnal 473 v. 1, 2

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Chorus*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, amen, amen*

POSTLUDE *Soul Route* Milt Jackson
 St. Arbucks trio

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

TODAY'S OFFERTORY - Handel adapted the text of John Milton's poetic version of Samson. The oratorio was composed the same year as Handel penned *Messiah*, 1741, but it was first performed in 1743 in London, a year following *Messiah's* debut in Dublin. *Samson* is, of course, the story of the rise and fall of the Hebrew Bible hero.



Micah McMenamain covered in diaper cream, gleefully licking it off his hands and covering the walls in it.



Will Miller slip and sliding on the church lawn.



Serena Garcia Knotts happily wearing underwear on her head.



Youth group kids wrapping each other like Christmas presents at a meeting in December.



Funny faces of Saint Pauls Summer Camp kids.



Saint Pauls Summer Retreat kids enjoying the fire on the beach.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Bruce Voice, Brian Hafner, David Baker, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

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.

June 10 Bennett Underwood, Christopher Keller, Paul Davis, Todd Beeson

June 11 Steve Terborg

June 12 Corie Gallemore, Gabriella Glomp

June 14 Garold Ashley, Jessica Vahey, Kathryn Hall

June 15 Debbie Edwards, Lee Waldschmidt

June 16 Alice Higginbotham, Charles Kiefer, Cheryl Kuba, Janice Keeler,
Mary Hoffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH GRANDPARENTS, Sponsored by the Connectors and POLO

Registration Deadline, Sunday June 17.

Our Church Grandparent program 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. We will pair grandparents with families. If you already have an intergenerational church friendship, let us know. Activities could include praying for each other, holding a baby while her parents fold laundry, 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. Grandparents and families can register by contacting Matt, Sarah or Marcia Volk.

A MEMORIAL GIFT from Char and Larry Damron was given in memory of Steve Warsh.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TODAY - There will be childcare for infants up to 6-year-olds all summer long.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR - If you enjoy being with children and are interested and willing to explore the Christian faith with them, you should consider being a Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Sign up now to join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and growing in faith at the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, MI, July 27 to 29. All church members are encouraged to come! Cost is \$300 per room and includes breakfasts and dinners. Some financial assistance available. Email Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org if you would like to sign up.

BOOK NOOK - Please help yourself to any of the books on the bookcase in the Social Hall. There is no need to return the book after reading - simply pass it on to someone else. If you want to donate a book in the next two weeks, place it on the top shelves labeled "new arrivals." General fiction, broad interest nonfiction, youth and children books are ideal. If you have any questions or comments, contact Tilly Wilhoite at tilly1017@gmail.com

FEED THE HUNGRY - Open dates in June, July, and August 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

ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN -

July 5 - August 3. We're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3-year-olds and full day camp for 4 to 12-year-olds. Also, we're offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool, and have tons of fun! Email Sarah Garcia at sgarcia@spucc.org for more information.

JUNE 12 & JULY 10 - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION

Laurent Dubois' book, "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History," chronicles the history of Haiti directly relevant to our contemporary attempts to struggle with issues of race, economic development, political dysfunction, and the complicated traumas of the past. Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg will lead two sessions on this book - Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Steve Peterson's house and Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Steve Patton's house. Email sspeterson01@gmail.com for more info and addresses.

JUNE 17 - "BUY A BED, GIVE A BED" MATTRESS SALE EVENT, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Gym. St. Pauls will host a mattress sale in the gymnasium benefitting Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Try out mattresses from Tempur-Pedic, Beautyrest, Serta, Simmons, and Sealy. Prices will be up to 50% lower than at local retail stores. For every bed purchased, LPCS receives a new mattress to help furnish its new facility.

JUNE 24 - PRIDE PARADE Represent the welcome of Jesus that we share at St. Pauls and walk in the Pride Parade along with members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcome Churches. The view from the street is better than watching the parade go by! Meet by the bell after worship and we'll ride the "L" to the Wilson stop. Wear comfortable shoes and your St. Pauls t-shirt. Need a t-shirt? Email Pastor Matt by June 17. mfitzgerald@spucc.org

JUNE 24 PICNIC IN THE PARK FOR PARENTS AND LITTLE ONES After church come to Oz Park flower garden and playground for a picnic and time to play together. Contact Joanne Tong for more info jctong@yahoo.com

JUNE 30 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 - 11:45 a.m., Parlor. This summer we're looking at Ephesians and Colossians, two New Testament books attributed to Paul, but did he really write them? We'll consider that question and dig into some great stuff and struggle with some content many contemporary Christians find objectionable in these two influential books from the early church. Meets one Saturday a month. RSVP: jcarlson@spucc.org

JULY 7 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL, 6 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion Lawn

Join the St. Pauls Social for an evening of music at the Grant Park Music Festival. We will gather at 6 p.m. on the Pritzker Pavilion Lawn for a potluck dinner. The concert (Tchaikovsky and Bolcom) begins at 7:30. Contact Tilly Wilhoite at tilly1017@gmail.com for specifics and to RSVP.

JULY 14 - SQUARE ROOTS FESTIVAL, 6 p.m., Maggie's home then Lincoln Square.

Join the Young Adults Group for an outing to the folk music street fest. Bring wine or makings for your favorite cocktails. Hang out in Maggie's AC before heading over to the Square Roots Festival down the street. Suggested donation at the entrance. Contact Maggie Arden at maggie.arden@me.com to RSVP.

JULY 22 - ROCK 'N ROLL HALF MARATHON & 10K, 6:30 a.m., Grant Park.

Come run with the Young Adult group! The Humana Rock 'n Roll 10K and half marathon is a scenic lakefront course that begins and ends downtown near Grant Park. You'll be done in time to limp over to church afterwards. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite to join the running group. Questions? Email Derek at derekjaydiemer@gmail.com

JULY 28 & 29 - VOLK'S FARM WEEKEND GETAWAY, Starved Rock.

St. Pauls women are invited to the Volk's farm the weekend of July 28-29. You may hike at Starved Rock, tour an old mansion, pick wildflowers, zipline, watch the birds, visit farm animals, or just enjoy the great companionship. Carpools usually available. Bed available for the first 12 to sign up. Email Marcia Volk for details at marcia@volkonline.com or call 773-307-6866.

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 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 and join us!

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

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 Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Next discussion is 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 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

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL - To register: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional
WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

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. 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.

- Loved ones of Rachel Rockwell, friend of Caroline Heffernan, grieving her death.
- Julie, friend of Pat Kirby, recovering from hip replacement.
- Ivy's brother and his wife who are going through serious financial difficulty and asking for prayers of hope and belief.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Debbie Martin, mother of Dan and Kevin, recovering from heart surgery.
- Paula Kearns, mother of Larry Kearns, who is battling lung cancer in Miami.
- Darlene Braun's cousin, who is recovering from surgery and doing well.
- Natasha, a friend of Terry and Kurt Hansen, enduring difficult times.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- 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.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- 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.

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.

St. Pauls UCC 20/20 Vision Implementation

Introduction

This is the first brief update for the Congregation of the many actions underway to implement St. Pauls 20/20 vision. Much has happened since the Congregation approved the plan in November 2017. We will continue to provide these updates as our committees and task forces address the many initiatives called forth by the plan. The implementation actions are organized under each of the Six Callings, either "completed/ongoing" or "in progress."

David Baker, Chair, 20/20 Vision Committee

Completed/Ongoing

God is calling us to grow toward each other...

- New "Lectio Divina" prayer groups led by St. Pauls Worship Committee and clergy.
- Revising membership process involving longtime members as "Shepherds."
- Planning for Puerto Rico mission trip.

God is calling us to grow toward God together...

- Dinner church.
- Pancake Church.
- Prayer groups.
- Continue Youth Education Opportunities and ways to fold youth into church life.

Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...

- Ensure Sunday School curriculum and materials are diverse.
- Ensure hiring process is diverse.
- Expand church youth population.

Tending our finances faithfully...

- Presented a 2018 budget that reduced the deficit by 32% over 2017.

In Progress

Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...

- Invite partner ministries to regularly worship at St. Pauls.

Living our faith in an age of injustice...

- Social justice table.
- Social justice in sermons.
- Broaden visibility of existing social justice opportunities.

Using our building for service and mission...

- Begin a capital campaign to address costs.

Tending our finances faithfully...

- Increase percentage of new and current member households/gift amount and number of households involved.
- Educate and encourage major gifts.
- Develop plan for timeline and initiatives to achieve a balanced budget.
- Educate new members on financial health of the church.
- Hold three finance church meetings per year.

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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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
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.