



September 30, 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 *Intrada* John Ireland
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

INTROIT *Lift Every Voice And Sing*
J. Rosamond Johnson
The Combined Choirs

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord God, you are brilliance itself!

All: And in the church you have lit a light that can never be put out!

One: You are the love that knows no coldness!

All: You are the life that defeats death!

One: You have given us this life to live together!

All: We are glad to sing your praise today!

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN

I Will Lift the Cloud of the Night

Black Hymnal No. 482

I will lift the cloud of night before you,
what is wrong I'll make it right before you,
all your battles I will fight before you,
and the high place I'll bring down.

Refrain

When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you;
on the produce of the land I'll feed you;
And a home within my heart I'll feed you;
and the high place I'll bring down.

With an everlasting love I'll love you,
though with trials I will test and prove you,
still there's nothing that can hurt or move you;
and the high place I'll bring down. *Refrain*

Although Satan in a rage would tear you,
and with every winning art would snare you,
yet from youth to your old age, I'll bear you
and the high place I'll bring down. *Refrain*

I will lift the cloud of night before you,
I will make the crooked straight before you,
I will spread my wings protecting o'er you
and the high place I'll bring down. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God,
there is tension in our lives,
confusion in our minds
and
evil in our actions.
Ashamed, we try to hide
the truth from you.
But, only you can save and change us.
So we give you our sin, regret and fear.
Take them away.
Give us Jesus,
Your love,
Our savior,
A new hope for all people.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

At this time Sunday School students will be invited to go to their classrooms. We will send them off class by class to leave with their teachers. If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

RESPONSE

Black Hymnal No. 403, v. 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

ANTHEM

Praise To The Lord
Elmhurst College Chamber Singers
Professor Susan Moniger, conductor

F. Melius Christiansen

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!
Oh, my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! Who dost prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Wonder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with his love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen
Sound from His people again.
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Jeremiah 29: 1- 9

“These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.”

*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. 403, v. 4

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Love be found,
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON

"Loving A World Not Our Own"

Stephen Ray

*RESPONSE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Red Hymnal No. 9, vv. 1 & 3

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

OFFERTORY

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Chancel Choir

Many waters cannot quench love
Neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this
That a man lay down his life for his friends
Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified,
Ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye shew forth the praises of Him
Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
That ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
Holy acceptable unto God,
Which is your reasonable service.

Text from the Song of Solomon, Gospels, and Epistles

*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

Sarah Garcia

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 is Working His Purpose Out

Red Hymnal No. 57

God is working his purpose out
As year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
Where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to me, ye continents,
Ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You And Keep You* Peter Christian Lutkin
Combined Choirs

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.
Numbers 6:24-26

CHORAL POSTLUDE

From This House
Ben Allaway

Elmhurst College Chamber Choir
Professor Susan Moniger, conductor

From this house to the world we will go hand in hand
We're walking out now... All the people bring your love along
Look around you... find your neighbor... share the peace
It's all about freedom without fear, everyone for the future...
Will you give a little now.
Now live with honor,
Let your light shine for a better day. Pray we can walk the way.

The way of peace, The way of freedom, The way of hope, We will walk the
way
Freedom to live, Freedom to love, Freedom to give.

From this house, to the world, we will go hand in hand. From this house...

OUR MUSICAL GUESTS are the Elmhurst College Chamber Singers under their director Professor Susan Moniger. The Chamber Singers tour and present a wide range of choral repertoire. St. Pauls has a very long connection to Elmhurst College, which was founded in 1871 by German immigrants of our denomination to prepare students for seminary. Started with just 14 students, it has grown to more than 2,500 students from different nations and many states.

TODAY'S MUSIC is anchored by two great composers and conductors of the American *acapella* choral tradition, F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955) of St. Olaf College and Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931) of Northwestern University. Both Professor Moniger and our own music director, Kurt R. Hansen, are graduates of Northwestern University Bienen School of Music. In addition, Kurt's maternal grandfather, John Mahard Rosborough (1878-1969), not only graduated from Northwestern in 1905 and received the first honorary Master's Degree in Music, he was also Dean Lutkin's first pianist. John Ireland (1879-1962), the English composer of both the Prelude and Offertory, was steeped in the Victorian harmonic tradition. Ben Allaway, composer of the Postlude, is a contemporary composer who happens to have studied at the University of Illinois and St. Olaf College. His research in Kenya had a strong effect on his compositions, as can be heard this morning.

TODAY'S HYMNS include one of the greatest English Protestant tunes and texts, *Our God Our Help In Ages Past*. The tune is St. Anne and was composed by William Croft in 1708. The text is a poetic setting of Psalm 90 by Isaac Watts. Watts was a minister and he set the entire book of Psalms poetically. His poetry still inspires hymn composers today.

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

A GIFT was made by Ruth Cuzman in memory of Jack Hogan.

A GIFT was made by Rudolf and Lynn Drost in memory of John and Doris Drost

A GIFT was made to the **Sam Hill Music Fund** by Kurt and Terry Hansen and William Buchman.

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

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.

Sep 30 Layton Olson

Oct 01 Amy Akers, Theresa Herlevsen, Katlyn McVey, Paul Schrimpf

Oct 03 Andrew Dow, Barb Javorcic, Jesse Russell

Oct 04 Cynthia Cata, Tom Connolly, Emily Cromwell, Kirsten Ekdahl Hull,
Paul Raiman, Solveig Roverud, Robin Scott

Oct 06 Tom Henry, Karen Johnson, Mandy McMillen, Bruce Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! We are thrilled to welcome Chicago Theological Seminary President Dr. Stephen Ray to Saint Pauls' pulpit. Rev. Dr. Ray earned his titles at Yale Divinity School and Yale University, and has since written and lectured on Systematic Theology, African American religion, human rights, and the intersection of religion and politics. His current focus is on reinvigorating the public square as a place for all and reclaiming progressive religion. Please join Rev. Dr. Ray after worship in the Social Hall for a "Faith and Citizenship" discussion about the role of progressive Christians in the current political climate.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Curious about Saint Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held October 14 and October 21. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org

MARATHON SUNDAY STREET CLOSURES!

Next Sunday, October 7th, is the Chicago Marathon. The streets immediately surrounding St. Pauls will not be affected, but your route here may be. Please check www.chicagomarathon.com/streetclosures for a map and complete list of street closures. On Oct. 7th, we will be having Pancake Church in the gym.

GOD IS CALLING SAINT PAULS! - Our fall sermon series explores the six calls in our strategic plan. Each week we'll hear how God calls us to ...

Grow Toward Each Other 9/9

Grow Toward God Together 9/16

Use Our Building for Service and Mission 9/23

Live Our Faith in an Age of Injustice 10/7

Increase Our Diversity 10/14

Tend Our Finances Faithfully 10/21



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY On Sunday, October 28th, St. Pauls turns 175! There will be a special worship service followed by a birthday party in the gym, along with a display highlighting our history. Join us as we give thanks for God's great faithfulness to our congregation over the generations.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! - We'll need lots of cakes, cookies and bars to celebrate our church's birthday. If you can contribute goodies for the party, please RSVP to Barb Kaiser, bkaiser2213@gmail.com, or Gretchen Althen, galthen@att.net and bring items to they gym on the morning of Oct. 28th.

YOUTH LOCK-IN On October 6-7, youth in 8th -12th grade are invited to spend the night "locked in" at church. Come at 5 p.m. on Saturday for the steeple climb, followed by pizza, hide and seek, movies, and in the morning youth will help to make the pancakes for Pancake Church. RSVP to Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR ST PAULS HOUSE - Most of the Christmas trees and chapel greenery at St. Pauls House are now in need of being replaced. You can sponsor a new tree to brighten the holidays for the residents:

- Coordinate the purchase of a new (or like new condition) tree,
- Decorate the tree with lights & ornaments,
- Coordinate the tree take-down, with all items properly stored & labeled on-site.

Decorating will take place on Sunday, Nov 18. SPH will provide hot drinks and sweets. A placard acknowledging your sponsorship will be placed next to your tree. For more information, contact Forrest Sturm at forrestahs@gmail.com.

YOUTH CHOIRS STARTED - YOU CAN STILL JOIN! We have choirs for children 2 years old to high school. For information and whom to contact see <http://www.spucc.org/worship-music/youth-choirs>

SHORT CIRCLES - Do you want to experience growth in your spiritual life? Short Circles, our fall small prayer groups, are forming now. We meet weekly for six weeks. Contact Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to register.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Additional volunteers needed on November 25, December 2, December 23, and December 30 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 Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

BABY WIPES AND DIAPERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH NURSERY - If you would like to donate some wipes or diapers you can bring them on Sunday morning to the nursery, or contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

HAITI MISSION TRIP 2019 - We've reserved the week of February 16-23 for adults to volunteer at Three Angels Orphanage and School. If you're interested in being part of the team, let Pastor Jeff know by November 1. jcarlson@spucc.org

LINCOLN AVENUE PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION - The main north entrance of the Lincoln Avenue parking garage is closed for construction. The parking lot is accessible via the south entrance of the garage, also located on Lincoln Avenue. Visit LincolnCommon.com for additional project details.

SEPTEMBER 30 - FAITH AND CITIZENSHIP - 11:30 a.m., Social Hall
What is the role of progressive Christians in the current political climate? Is there a moral high ground for political leaders anymore? Was there ever? Please join Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray, new President of the Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS), in a Faith and Public Issues discussion of these questions following worship.

SEPTEMBER 30 -
OUR WHOLE LIVES INFORMATION MEETING - 11:15 a.m., High School Room
Join us as we discuss Our Whole Lives (OWL) -- a science-driven, open and affirming educational curriculum developed by the UCC to help Christians make a connection between sexuality and their faith. Our Youth and Family Ministry Committee is excited to explore the possibility of bringing OWL to our high school youth and hosting an OWL facilitator training in November 2018.

SEPTEMBER 30 - FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Gym
Pharmacist Asiha from Walgreens will be providing flu and pneumonia shots. These shots are covered under Medicare Part B with a valid Medicare card. For those under 65, bring your insurance card. Without insurance, the flu shot costs \$31.99 and the double flu shot for those over 65 years old costs \$59. The Prevanar shot (which covers 13 strains of pneumonia) is \$229.99. You can pay by check or cash.

OCTOBER 1 - CHRISTIANITY 101 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor
Join Pastor Matt and fellow young adults in the parlor for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. There is no need to prepare in advance. Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with RSVP or questions.

OCTOBER 3 - FIRST WEDNESDAY BINGO - 12-1:30 p.m., Parlor
Attention bingo lovers, we are going to host a lunch and BINGO for First Wednesday next month. There will be prizes. Cost is \$10. All are welcome! To RSVP, contact Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org or 773-348-3829 ext. 2046.

OCTOBER 7 - PANCAKE CHURCH - 10 a.m., Gym

Instead of regular worship, come enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer, and praise all together. Everyone is invited to attend. There will not be Sunday school but there will be childcare.

OCTOBER 13 - MARCH TO THE POLLS

How many eligible voters voted in the last midterm election? U.S.: 37%. Illinois: 40%. Democracies are fragile, and if we want to preserve ours, we will encourage everyone to vote. If you wish to highlight the importance of voting and actually vote early, you can join the group leaving from St. Pauls for a non-partisan March to the Polls. More information will be forthcoming; contact group leader Nick Swinehart at swinehart.nick@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 14 -

DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, HAPPINESS AND JOY - 11:30 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room. Some have claimed that we are living through a depression epidemic. Why? We - Greg Taylor, Kelli Fitzgerald, Bill Borden, Steve Peterson - will lead a series of conversations on Oct. 14 and 21, Nov. 4 and 11 on this question. We will use the book "Happier" by Tal Ben Shahar, the professor who taught the famous Harvard Happiness class, as a discussion springboard. RSVP Steve Peterson, sspeterson01@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 14 - MONTHLY BRUNCH - 11 a.m.

Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Have a suggestion of where we should go? Email Hannah at youngadults@spucc.org with your idea and RSVP.

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." Second half discussion: December 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 pick-up 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.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. Current book: Colossians. Next meeting: October 27. RSVP: Pastor Jeff jcarlson@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP - NOW ON FRIDAYS - For children from birth to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday mornings. 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.

- Wendy and Brianna Love on the death of Wendy's husband Dave Smith.
- Layne Lebahn and family upon the passing of his grandmother, Judy Lebahn.
- Dennis, recovering from surgery following an accident.
- Bea and family as they mark the one year memorial for their brother, Jacob.
- Kathie, who is in hospice care for Alzheimer's.
- Jessica and family as they prepare for her boyfriend Darren McGraw's one-year deployment with the Army National Guard.
- One of the tutors at the Colleen Henry Writing Center at Lincoln Park H.S., diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Libby, Dan and Emma Braband on the death of Libby's mother.
- Dale, who has cancer.
- Ashley and Heather on the unexpected death of their grandfather, Ron.
- Pearlie, who is struggling with health problems.
- Wade, who is in the final stages of terminal cancer.
- Don Vossburg, former St. Pauls member.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Larry Howell, undergoing chemo with complications.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.

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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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.