



August 16, 2020
Virtual Worship

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

All our work, all our struggle, all our days add up to one purpose: to reconcile ourselves to the truth, and finally accept once and for all that we are one people, one family, the human family, that we are all emanations of one divine source and that source is Love.

John Lewis

PRELUDE

Air

G. Hancock

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

CHIMES

CANDLE LIGHTING

Sylvia Pine

INTROIT

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
Chancel Choir

English Hymn

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Garcia

One: Bless God, O my soul. From head to toe bless God's holy name!

All: Bless God, O my soul, and don't forget a single blessing!

One: God forgives your sins and heals your diseases.

All: God showers goodness on you your whole life long.

One: As loving parents feel for their children, so God loves you.

All: Bless God, O my soul, bless God's holy name!

HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

Led by Lee Lichamer



1. O__ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day
2. The flower of earth - ly splen - dor, In time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
Its__ fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der To you, the Lord most high;
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;



For__ we can on - ly won - der At__ ev - 'ry gift you send,
But__ hid - den from all na - ture The e - ter - nal seed is sown
And__ wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be__ filled with good or ill,



At__ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
Though small in mor - tal sta - ture, To heav - ens gar - den grown;
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



We__ lift our hearts be - fore__ you And wait up - on your word,
For__ Christ, your son, from hea - ven From death has set us free
To__ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We__ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
And through him you have giv - en The fi - nal vic - to - ry!
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Sarah Garcia

God our Creator, we confess that we neglect to live as people made in your image. We devote our lives to idols of our own making, taking your good gifts for granted.

Jesus the Christ, we confess that we have trouble living as your disciples. Your command to love God and neighbor is seldom our priority.

Spirit of God, we confess that we resist your work in our lives, preferring our old habits to your fresh ways; listening to our fears rather than to your voice.

Beautiful Trinity, forgive us, heal us and plunge us into the depths of your mysterious and infinite love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Julia Mercer

Romans 8:28-30

We know that in all things God works for good with those who love God and are called to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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)

SERMON

"Glory"

Jeff Carlson

MEDITATION

Prelude
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

Peter A. Ramsey

OFFERING INVITATION

Jeff Carlson

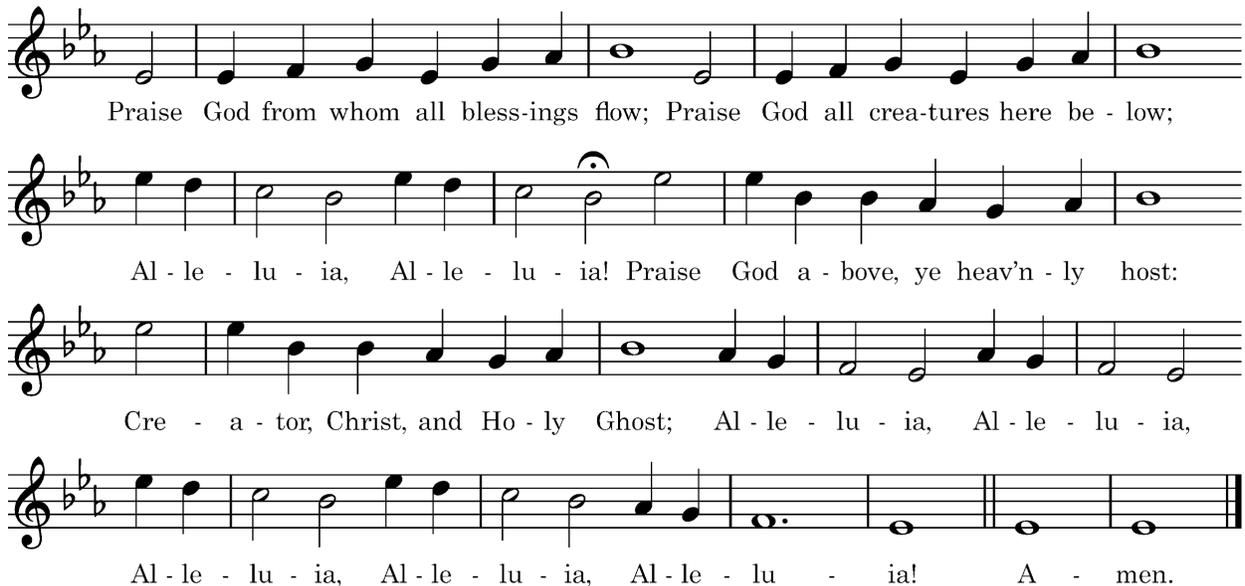
OFFERTORY

O How Amiable (Psalm 84)
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Give to St. Pauls with Zelle: giving@spucc.org or spucc.org/about-us/giving-to-st-pauls

FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

Led by Kurt Hansen



1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out As year suc -
2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, Wher - e'er man's
3. March we forth in the strength of God With the ban - ner of
4. All we can do is noth - ing worth Un - less God



- ceeds to year; God is work - ing his pur - pose out, And the
foot hath trod, By the mouth of man - y mes - sen - gers Goes
Christ un - furled, That the light of the glo - rious gos - pel of truth May
bless - es the deed; Vain - ly we hope for the har - vest - tide Till



time is draw - ing near; Near - er and near - er draws the time, The
forth the voice of God; Give ear to me, ye con - ti - nents, Ye
shine through - out the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin To
God gives life to the seed; Yet near - er and near - er draws the time, The



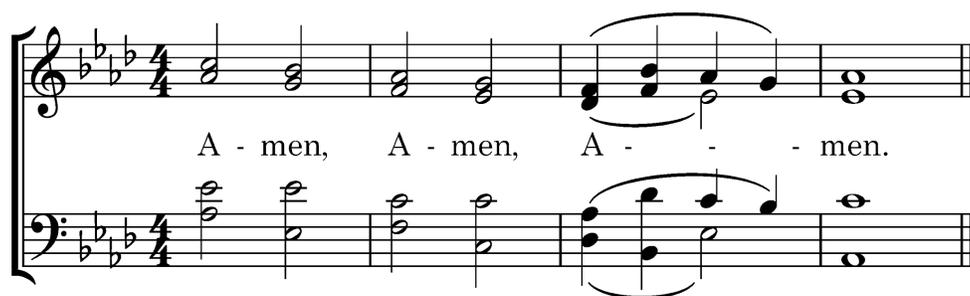
time that shall sure - ly be, When the earth shall be filled with the
isles, give ear to me, That the earth may by filled with the
set their cap - tives free, That the earth may be filled with the
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glo - ry of God As the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free
St. Arbucks Trio

Nina Simone

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship at Saint Pauls is suspended until further notice. Worship services are streamed Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, and re-streamed on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central, on Saint Pauls website, spucc.org/streaming.

If you would like someone to pray with you this week, Clergy and Stephen Ministers are available for phone calls.

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 16 Claire Gallemore, Neil Peterson
Aug 17 Felix Hecht, Kevin O'Brien, Winnie Kearns, Zack Murray
Aug 18 Al Cerkan, Mark O'Brien
Aug 19 Daniel Limina, Elizabeth Bueschel, Erik Peterson, Jide Jaji,
Kimberly Williamson
Aug 20 Asha Gidwani, Case Johnson, Jude Gonzalez-Greenberg, Karl Peterson,
Maeve Gleason
Aug 21 Michael Van Zeyl
Aug 22 Anne Mathew, Cecilia Louisa Chamberlain, David Baukol, Declan Slavin,
Dylan Slavin, Karen Lyons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR IS ON ZOOM - Join one of our pastors weekly after worship for a Zoom coffee hour. Chat with old and new friends, and connect with Saint Pauls during this hour of fellowship.

- To join from a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **Coffee**.
- To call in by phone, dial **(312) 626-6799**, and use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **530750**.

Zoom is free and does not require an account for meeting participants. If you do not have a Zoom account, you can simply go to zoom.us and click "join" in the top right corner of your screen to enter the above meeting details.

PHONE-IN SUNDAY WORSHIP - Are you or someone you know unable to watch the Sunday service on our website? You can now phone in and listen. Call (312) 626-6799 by 10 a.m. Central on Sundays and use Meeting ID: **832 5646 7176** Password: **388462**

NOMINATE A SAINT PAULS HERO! - Do you know a dedicated, essential worker you would like to nominate as a St. Pauls Covid-19 Hero? With the covid crisis far from over, we'd like to pay tribute to those among us who have made and continue to make valuable contributions on the front lines of the pandemic. We'll feature these heroes on our Facebook page. If there is a doctor, nurse, teacher, food provider, or other hard working "hero" you'd like to nominate, simply complete the form at the link below to provide us information. Or, you can email Wendy Love at wlovecommunications@gmail.com.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqcowCY_-rUePhWbmg9QiliNq9oagykLZXGn3Hd6_1Mya8Vg/viewform?usp=pp_url

SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL - Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected, or have you been a longtime friend and missed signing up for our email? Either way, you can go here: spucc.org/connect-learn/signups to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and receive a call from a pastor, and request more information about Children and Youth Programming and more!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUG 16 – COURTYARD PICNIC – 5 p.m., Church Courtyard

Pack your own picnic and join hosts Tammy Roehm and Jeff Carlson for a St. Pauls Social socially-distanced Sunday picnic in the church courtyard for adults of all ages. We'll have spaces marked out for up to 18 picnickers to keep us separated. You will need to bring your own chairs. All participants are expected to wear a mask unless seated. Please RSVP in advance so we can respect social distancing. Respond to Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org if you'd like to participate.

AUG 19 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 12 p.m., Zoom

Pastor Jeff is holding a Bible Study on Wednesdays at noon on Zoom. You can participate online, or call in from your phone. Email Jeff with questions or to get the meeting invitation and instructions, jcarlson@spucc.org.

AUG 20 – THURSDAY POLO NIGHT IN/OUT – 8 p.m., Zoom

Connect with other parents and enjoy conversations with people you are not stuck with at home. Contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

AUG 25 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Please join us for a women's book group, during which we will discuss the seventh chapter of the book *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans. All are welcome even if you missed the other meetings or haven't read the chapter. Email Corie Gallemore for more information: corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

AUG 28 – ST. PAULS SOCIAL VIRTUAL COCKTAIL EVENT – 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom
Join St. Pauls Social and hosts Ann and Brent Carstensen with your favorite drink in this Zoom session where you will learn how to make four delicious cocktails through live demonstrations. This fun, interactive experience will also include cocktail trivia, demonstrations of basic cocktail techniques, and a cocktail recipe exchange. RSVP to: bcarsten959@yahoo.com.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY

The need for goods, volunteers and donations continues to increase. If you have time, talents or treasures to help, below are a few options. If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Taylor at paulinetaylor933@gmail.com or (312) 497-4401.

AMERICAN RED CROSS - The need for blood, plasma or platelets is always urgent. This is an easy way to make an incredible difference in a person's life. Contact: redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP) - CEP meals at St. Pauls have resumed in a new outdoor format! Volunteers are needed **August 23, August 30 and September 6** to provide bag lunches with beverages. St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to health services as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Volunteers drop off 30 bag lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. To sign up or get more information, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP! - This St. Pauls founded organization provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for individuals to provide meals during this time and Saint Pauls has signed up to provide lunches on the following Wednesdays in August and September: **August 19, 26, and September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sletcher1443@gmail.com. Needed are 24 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on each of these days.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY - St. Pauls has always supported the work of this organization since its founding more than 40 years ago. They are in need of hygiene kits to be distributed to their clients. Collect all or some of these items in travel or sample size and assemble into kits packed into gallon-size resealable bags: shampoo, conditioner, comb/brush, soap, body lotion, toothbrush, tooth paste, deodorant, mouthwash, lip balm, disposable razor, shaving cream, wash cloths, moist towelettes and sunscreen. Assembled kits may be dropped off at the church office (Orchard Street entrance) M-F between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SUPPORT ARTISTS - Thousands of artists are now out of work due to the pandemic. You may donate to **The Arts of Illinois Relief Fund** at artsforillinois.org/donate.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL - For those interested in supporting an organization at the forefront of driving the change we need to achieve racial equity, consider **Chicago's Community Renewal Society**:

<https://www.communityrenewalsociety.org/donate>. This UCC affiliated organization is "Working together, with one voice and many hearts, we fight for what we believe—life, justice and equality. Together, with many hands, we work every day to become a region free of race and class barriers."

REDUCING VIOLENCE - For those interested in supporting organizations in the city working to reduce and/or prevent violence:

UCAN: ucanchicago.org/donate/

Chicago CRED: charity.gofundme.com/donate/charity/chicagocred

Get In Chicago: getinchicago.org/

Gary Comer Youth Center:

app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/GaryComerYouthCenter_1/donation.html

OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS – Are you busy working and don't have enough time to help your kids with school work? Do your kids whiz through their work and then end up bored and lonely? We will be offering Zoom support groups led by our licensed school psychologist and Zoom Afterschool Clubs led by our Children's Program Coordinator. If you are interested, email Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

COFFEE HOUR - Coffee hour is right after Sunday Worship, and now on Zoom – see the announcements for details. Join one of our pastors and other members and friends for this weekly hour of fellowship!

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.

FAITH IN ACTION – Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

FEED THE HUNGRY – Community Engagement Program (CEP) Suppers at St. Pauls welcome homeless and hungry people to enjoy a meal and get access to health services each week. Volunteers drop off 30 bag lunches at 1 p.m. on Sundays in the St. Pauls courtyard. Each Sunday's meal can be provided by a single household or split with another volunteer. See the "Help Our Community" bulletin section for Sundays to sign up, or get more information by contacting Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, we still need to hear from you. Please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2020. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP –

2020 Selections are Four Novels by African American Women

This year, the “Long, Classic Novels Reading Group” will be reading:

Parable of the Sower, Octavia E. Butler (1993) - Discussion Date: September 21

A Mercy, Toni Morrison (2008) - Discussion Date: December 14

Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (POLO) has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SAINT PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerksen at jenluerksen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1, or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

SAINT PAULS TOGETHER - Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook Page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

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).

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Now meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org to get the Zoom link.

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.

ZOOM MEETINGS – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to continue or start groups virtually. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week’s bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page 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 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.

- Mark Huddle at the death of his father Mike.
- Shirley Rieck at the death of her sister Nancy.
- Joe JaQuay's mother, Noor, hospitalized with significant health problems.
- Char Damron asks for prayers for Edmond and Jane, spouse and friend of Tricia who passed away.
- Kathryn, niece of Candi Huber, for a pain free and peaceful dying after her five-year struggle with stage 4 cancer.
- Jill Wachholz at the death of her father, Arthur.
- Mark Mosley at the death of his father, George.
- Sarah Good's brother, David, being treated for throat cancer.
- Sheryl Mooney, who is receiving treatment for leukemia.
- Mary Train, recovering from a broken wrist.
- Nancy Bingaman, recovering from a fall and a broken wrist.
- Amy Newman, being treated for cancer.
- Prayers of well-being for Michelle, who is suicidal.
- Rob and Shannon Castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers of healing for the young patients at Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Veterans and those in wars.

You are beloved – to others, to the world you live in, and most important, 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.

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 and Affirming" of LGBTQ 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 important, over the past 176 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.