

February 16, 2020

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

“Man will only become better when you make him see what he is like.”

Anton Chekhov

PRELUDE

A Change is Gonna Come
St. Arbucks Trio

Sam Cooke

INTROIT

Nearer My God to Thee
Chancel Choir

Lowell Mason

WELCOME

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are not here because we chose God,

All: We are here because God chose us.

One: Jesus does not love us because we are good.

All: He loves us because *God* is good.

One: Iron glows when set next to flame.

All: We shine brightly when grace draws near.

**This is the day to light the world's gloom
ablaze!**

* *Please stand if you are able to do so*

* HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land



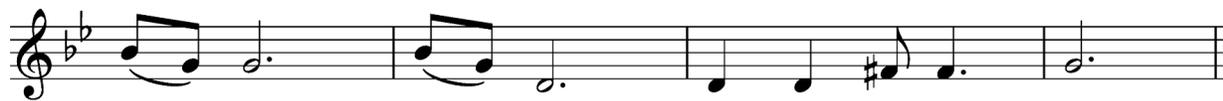
1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go,
2. "Thus spoke our God," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo-ple go;
3. No more in bond - age shall they toil, Let my peo-ple go,
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, Let my peo-ple go,



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
If not I'll smite your first - born dead, Let my peo-ple go."
Nor spill their blood on E - gypt's soil, Let my peo-ple go.
And let us all in Christ be free, Let my peo-ple go.



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land, _____



Tell old Pha - raoh let my peo-ple go.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who creates and commands,
we did not make ourselves.
We do not understand ourselves.
We cannot reconcile ourselves.
So we come to you for help.
Forgive our sins!
Remove our shame!
Restore our faith!
Double our ability to love!
We are bold to ask these things,
but you made us bold in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a___
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my_



wretch like me!_____ I once___ was_ lost, but
fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that



now___ am_ found, was blind but_ now I see._____
grace___ ap - pear The hour I___ first be - lieved!_____

During this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to their classrooms.

*If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome
to drop them off and return to worship.*

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Matthew 5:25-31 selections

You are familiar with the ancient commandment, “You shall not murder.” I am telling you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. If you say, “You fool” to a brother or sister, you will be liable to the hell of fire.

You know the next commandment. “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that anyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your eyes than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose a limb than for your whole body to go to hell.

Again, you know the ancient commandment, “You shall not swear oaths falsely.” But I say to you, do not swear oaths at all. Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No.” Anything more extravagant than this has a taint of evil about it.

* 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.**

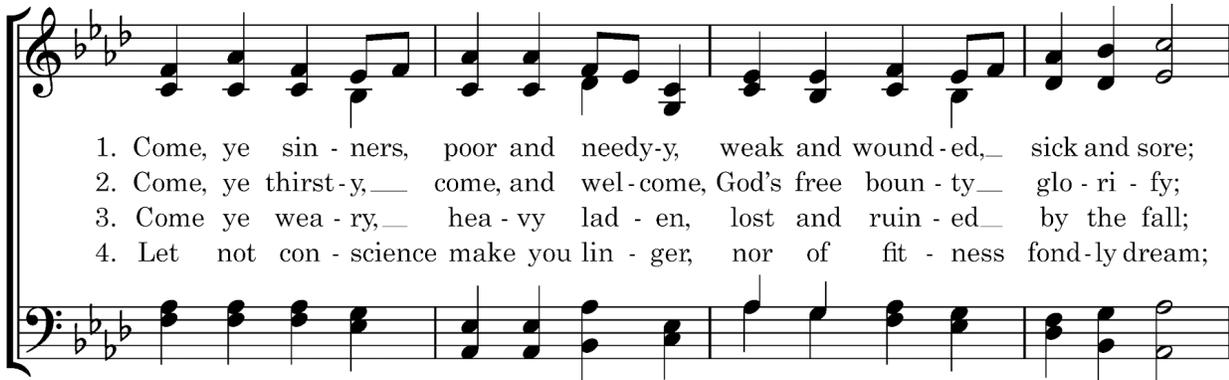
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

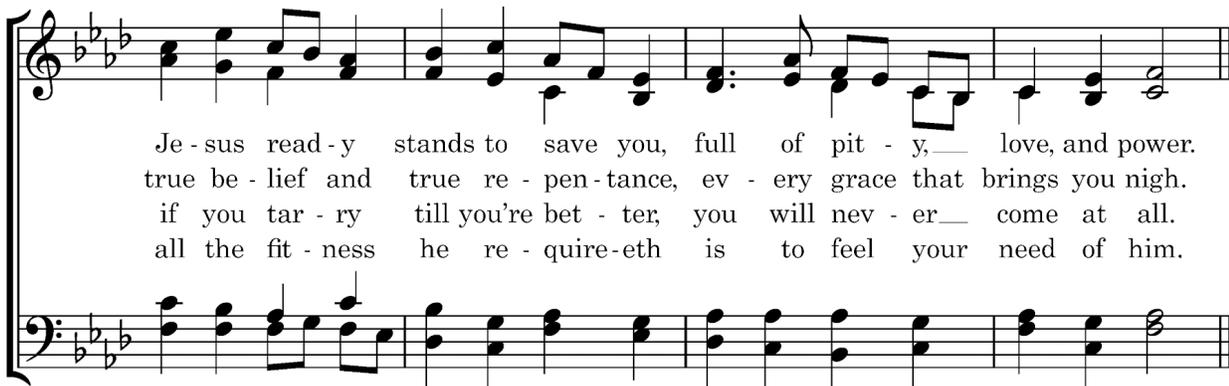
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* HYMN

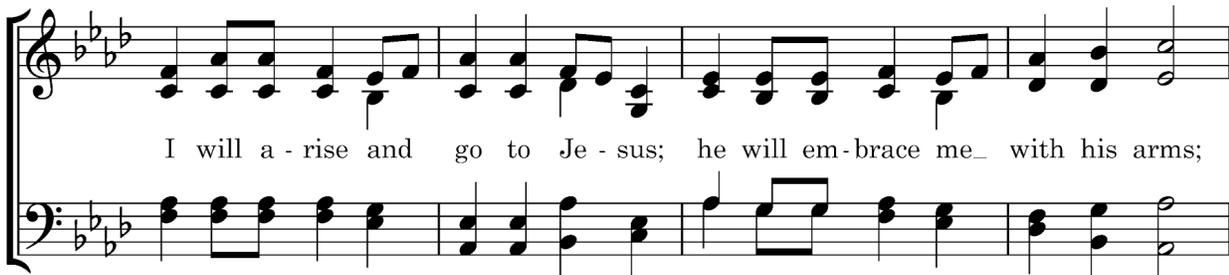
Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy



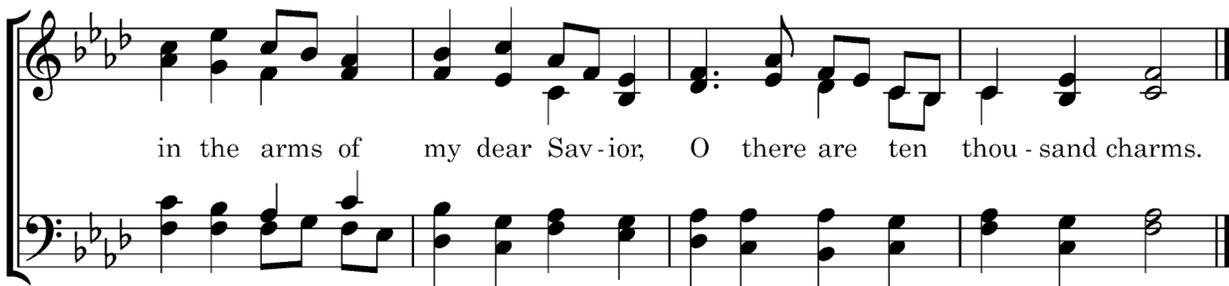
1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and needy-y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
all the fit - ness he re - quire - eth is to feel your need of him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus; he will em - brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

SERMON

“what we’re really like”

Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE

Amazing Grace



3. Through man - y___ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing__



- ready - y___ come;_____ 'Tis grace___ has___ brought me
as the sun,_____ We've no___ less___ days to



safe___ thus far, and grace will_ lead me home._____
sing___ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun._____

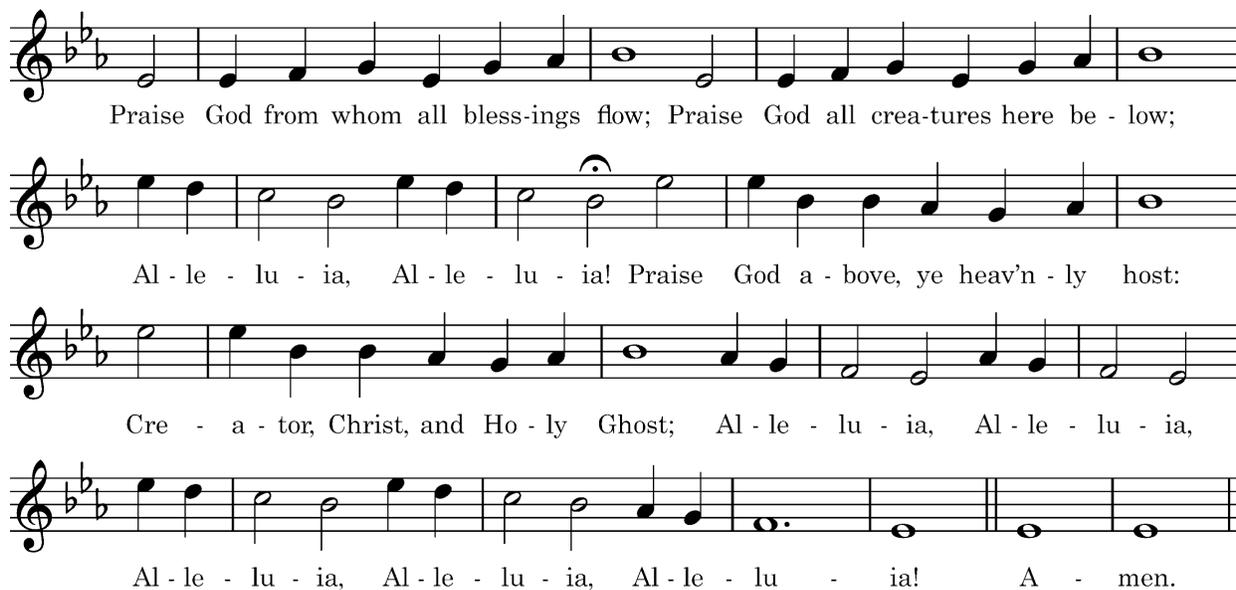
OFFERTORY

Witness
Chancel Choir

African-American Spiritual
arr. Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?
Oh I'll be a witness for my Lord.
There was a man of the Pharisees,
His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.
The same came to Christ by night,
Wanted to be taught out of human sight.
Nicodemus was a man who desired to know
How a man can be born when he's old.
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,
"Man, you must be born again."
He said, "Marvel not, man,
If you want to be wise,
Repent, believe, and be baptized."
Then you'll be a witness for my Lord.
You'll be a witness for my Lord.
Soul is a witness for my Lord.
You read about Samson, from his birth
He was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.
Way back yonder in ancient times
He killed ten thousand of the Philistines.
Then old Samson went a-wan-d'rin about.
Samson's strength was never found out.
"Til his wife sat upon his knee.
She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!"
Well, old Samson's wife, she talk so fair, Samson said,
"Cut off a my hair!"
Shave my head just as clean as your hand,
And my strength will 'come like a natural man,"
Samson was a witness for my Lord,
Soul is a witness for my Lord.
There's another witness for my Lord!
My soul is a witness for my Lord!

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

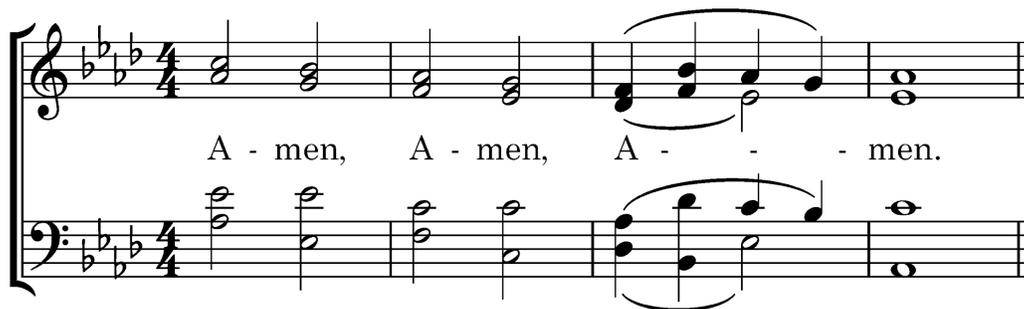
- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
- eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

- va - - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and sis - ters draw
- tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is need - ful hath
- tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al - might - y can
- fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near; Praise him in glad ad - or - ra - - tion!
been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.
- gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in F
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Buxtehude

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 MUSIC - *Witness*, our Offertory, is an African-American spiritual arranged by Jack Halloran (1916–1997). He was born in Iowa and earned his Masters in Music at Northwestern University. His most well known composition is the choral Christmas anthem, *The Little Drummer Boy*, often called *The Carol Of The Drum*. He was also a singer and conductor with credits from Hollywood to Chicago. He arranged *Witness* in 1986 and it became one of his most often performed works.

Nearer My God to Thee is set to the tune. MASON, composed by Lowell Mason (1792–1872). He is considered by scholars to be the father of American church music. In addition to being a composer, he was also a conductor and theologian. The text is by Sarah Fowler Adams (1805–1848). She was English and contributed 13 hymns to a Unitarian hymn.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Benny VanDerburgh, Fred Pearson, Bruce Voice, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Sheryl Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums

BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

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.

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| Feb 16 | Donovan Turner, Brian Hafner, Graham Hicks |
| Feb 17 | Amalee Garcia Knotts, Michael Cansfield, Dan Berghoff,
Pamela Vanderlinde |
| Feb 18 | Wayne Parman |
| Feb 19 | Paula Liebergen, Genevieve Schindler |
| Feb 20 | Sophia Riportella, Nancy Mathews, Sonya Brizzolara, Sami Due |
| Feb 21 | Andrew Dickson, Richard Koldyke, Jen Luerssen, Albert Ettinger,
Mike Fenstermacher |
| Feb 22 | Nathan Cata, Sue Hamilton, Wes Salsbury, Jeffrey Braun,
Madelaine Mooney, Mark Chernansky |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. Pauls, when we will vote on the 2020 budget, new members of the Church Council – including Officers and Ministry Chairs – and learn about the activities of 2019 and plans going into 2020. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice.

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 1. This year, we celebrate our church's German heritage with an all-Beethoven program. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse immediately after church in the Oscar Mayer Room on February 16 and 23. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. If you play a string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

ST. PAULS SOCIAL EMAIL LIST - Want to get notified and stay up to date on St. Pauls Social events? Subscribe to the distribution list at eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1 and be the first to hear about outings, potlucks, trivia nights, and more! Questions, email Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEB 22 - QUEER CHRISTIAN POETRY, POP, WINE, AND BEER - 7 p.m., Parlor
Join Matt, Lighthouse Church members and Pastor Jamie for this fun and meaningful event. Jamie and Matt will bring a few of their favorite poems by queer poets. We'll read the poems and enjoy a free flowing conversation. Make new friends, love new poems. Join us!

FEB 23 - 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET PREVIEW - 11 a.m., Conference Room
Do you want a little extra time to review the 2020 annual budget? Join Treasurer Tom Murray and President Karen Johnson after worship for a preview of the annual budget that will be proposed in the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on March 1.

FEB 25 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:15 - 8:45 p.m., Parlor

Please join us for the first meeting of a women's book group, during which we will discuss the first chapter of the book *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Email Corie Gallemore for more information: corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

FEB 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY - 7:30 - 8:30, Sanctuary

Begin the journey through Lent at this service of worship with the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday teaches us to look death in the face so we can live fuller and more faithful lives.

FEB 29 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - 10 a.m., Parlor

This is the perfect time to come to Bible Study as we're beginning a new book - Deuteronomy. This last book of the Pentateuch sums up God's covenant with Israel in which they are called to be a nation unlike any other as they enter the Promised Land. Both ancient and contemporary, Deuteronomy invites us to be an odd sort of people in our own time. RSVP: Jeff - jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARCH 1 - ANNUAL MEETING - 11 a.m., Sanctuary

See the preceding announcement for more details

MARCH 6 - WINDY CITY WINDS "LIGHT AND SHADOW" - 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Conducted by co-founders, Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley, the concert features the spectacular *Carmina Burana* suite by Carl Orff, which explores both light and dark motifs, and Anton Dvorak's *Carnival Overture*, which the composer describes as a sonic representation of "the city at nightfall, where a carnival of pleasure reigns supreme." Also included are the moody *Incantation and Dance* by John Barnes Chance; John Mackey's *This Cruel Moon*; and Shostakovich's haunting *Prelude # 14 in E Flat Minor*. Our fifth season features composers of color and will introduce our audience to *New Wade'n Water* by Adolphus Hailstork. Admission is free.

MARCH 15 - LIMITLESS LOVE YOUTH MISSION TRIP LUNCH & AUCTION -

11:15 a.m., Gym

We hope you will join us for some wonderful Tex Mex food, live music, silent auction, and the chance to support the youth who will be going to the U.S./Mexico border for their mission trip this June. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$50 per family. Financial assistance available. RSVP to Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

MARCH 15 - CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *WHITE FRAGILITY* - 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

The Faith and Public Issues book study group has decided to continue meeting and has selected *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* as its next discussion text. *White Fragility* is the 2018 New York Times bestseller that explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. The author, Robin DiAngelo, a white antiracist educator, explains how white privilege develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively. Questions: please contact Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

MARCH 16 - LONG, CLASSIC NOVELS READING GROUP - 7 p.m., Parlor

Come to the first of four discussions in 2020 on selections from the Zora Canon of novels by African American Women. We will mull over *Moses, Man of the Mountain*, by Zora Neale Hurston (1939). Anyone is welcome to join us for one or all four. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

Upcoming Readings:

Oreo, Fran Ross (1974) - Discussion: June 15

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

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

MARCH 20 - YOUNG ADULTS WHIRLEYBALL OUTING - 7 p.m., 1825 W. Webster Avenue. Find out if the luck of the Irish lasts a full week! Show off your Whirleyball skills by joining the Young Adults Group for (arguably) Chicago's best winter sport, along with drinks and appetizers beforehand. RSVP to the Punchbowl by March 6. The first 20 people to RSVP are guaranteed at least two matches per person. Cost is a maximum of \$30, payable the evening of the event. Afterwards, we'll go to Jack and Ginger's for drinks. Questions? Email Derek at derek.diemer@gmail.com.

MARCH 21 - MALCOLM, MARTIN, and AMERICA - 2 p.m. Chapel

Dwight Hopkins, the Alexander Campbell Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will lecture on the two most prominent public leaders and public intellectuals emerging from the African American Community in the 50's and 60's, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, and their relationship to our current moment. A reception will follow in the Parlor. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARCH 28 - GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER DAY - 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place
Give back to the community by helping to sort and repack donated food at the GCFD warehouse. We need 15 volunteers ages 11 and up. RSVP to Maureen Reilly by March 21 at mreilly773@gmail.com.

MARCH 29 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL GOES TO THE THEATER - 2 p.m., Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N Lincoln
Enjoy musicals? Join St. Pauls Social to watch our own Nancy Hays Heffernan play Judy Garland in *Judy & Liza*. The show recalls a mother-daughter concert including familiar songs, movement and banter. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, plus \$6 fee. GreenhouseTheater.org 773-404-7336. Purchasing tickets at the theater saves \$5, plus \$5 with code seniorJL or JUDYLIZA. Tuesday-Saturday 12-8:30 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m. Open seating. Meet us for lunch before at 12:15 p.m. at Simply It, 2269 N. Lincoln. Questions? Call or text Marcia Volk at 773-307-6866. If you are coming for lunch, please let Marcia know. Parking discounts available.

OPPORTUNITIES

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 email Claire Higgins to check open Sundays, chiggins@spucc.org. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date!

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 info or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpatton21@yahoo.com.

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 - 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 - Two volunteers still needed for February 16 and a meal coordinator and two more crew members needed February 23. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Teams of 4-6 volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact 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.

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 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:

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NEW MEMBER CLASSES - We have new member classes throughout the year. Come after worship to these meetings – announced in the calendar section – and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@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.

SARAH'S SIBS 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.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL - 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to “I think she played in college.” All are welcome!
mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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

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. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

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).

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.

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.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

NOTES

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.

- Our Adult Team volunteering in Haiti February 13-20.
- The Basil family at the death of Lois's mother, Carol Stoub.
- Pat Ruch's sister, Aline, beginning treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers of healing for the young patients at Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals
- Tom Klein, grieving his mother's death.
- 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.

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TO GIVE

TO ST. PAULS

AND SUPPORT OUR 2020 VISION

Make an annual pledge to St. Pauls, of money, time and talent, and you'll bring our 2020 vision into sharp focus. New ways to give make the process quick and easy. Watch for a pledge card in the mail, look for one in the pews, or get details on our website.

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ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

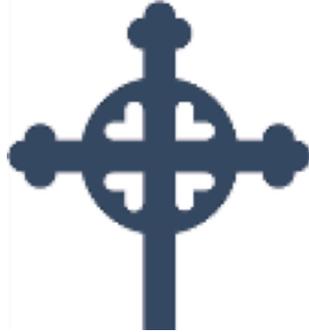
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

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.