

February 23, 2020
Transfiguration

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

"You must pay for everything in this world one way and another. There is nothing free except the Grace of God. You cannot earn that or deserve it." Charles Portis

PRELUDE

St. Arbucks Trio

INTROIT

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
Chancel Choir

15th Century English

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beyond our busyness and above the cold winter floor,
there is glory rising, reaching out to each one of us.

All: Christ's light transfigures our vision.

One: In glory old life ends and new life is born.

All: In glory Jesus carries our humanity up to heaven's light.

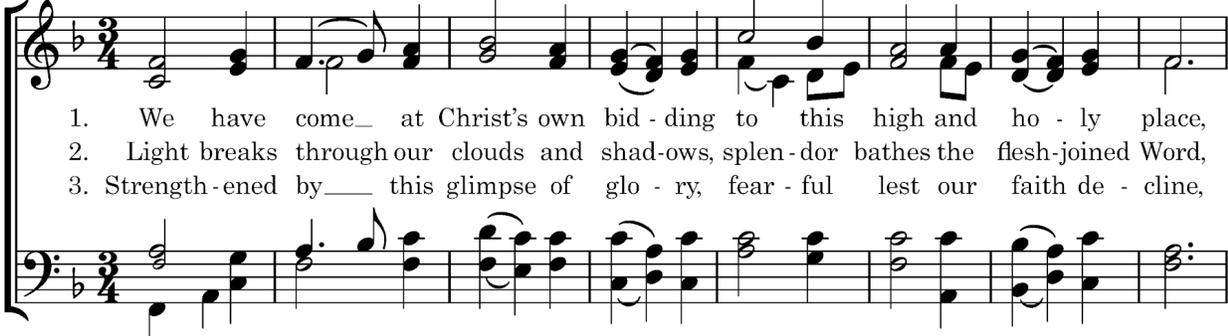
One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear God again.

All: "This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!"

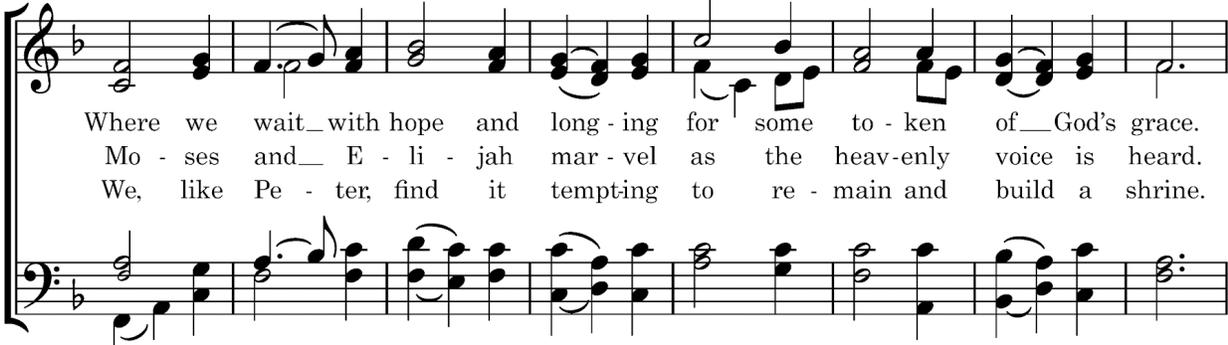
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* HYMN

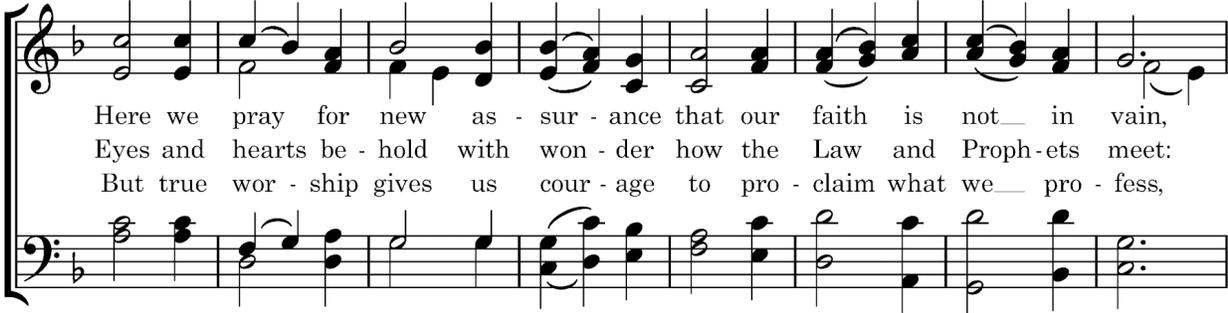
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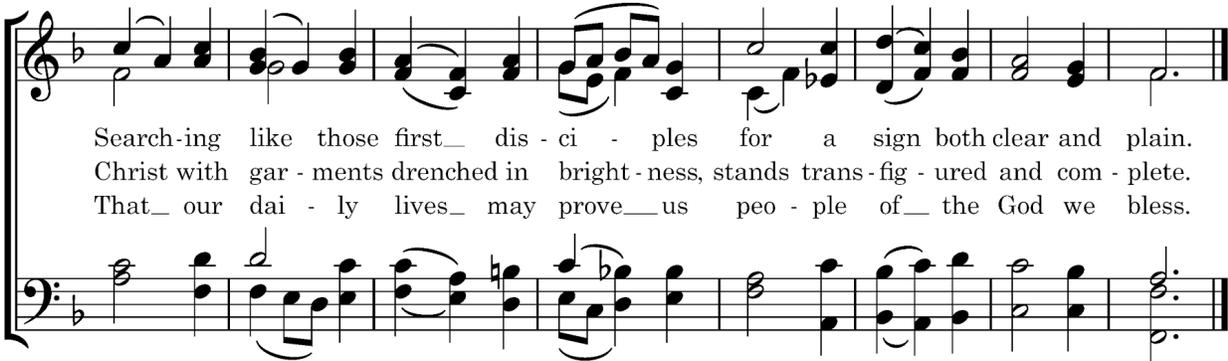
1. We have come_ at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined Word,
3. Strength - ened by___ this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,



Where we wait_ with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of_ God's grace.
Mo - ses and_ E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav - enly voice is heard.
We, like Pe - ter, find it tempting to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not_ in vain,
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet:
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we_ pro - fess,



Search - ing like those first_ dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
That_ our dai - ly lives_ may prove_ us peo - ple of_ the God we bless.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ came bathed in light, dazzling, radiant.
Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity and calling it spiritual.
He came appearing with Elijah and Moses.
Forgive us, God, for ripping out our Jewish roots.
He came while a voice was shouting,
"This is my Beloved; listen!"
Forgive us, God, for struggling to praise your name.
Give us ears to hear you shouting.
Give us eyes to see your glory.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

v. 1

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, thou art both to me,
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, thy child I shall be.
Rul - er of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.

*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

Allen Heinemann

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

* HYMN

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak



1. Christ up - on the moun - tain peak, stands a - lone in
2. Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing. Let us, if we dare to speak,
- li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing. Let us, if we
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SERMON

“Transfiguring Reluctance”

Matt Fitzgerald

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

A Dialogue on our Statement of Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm together our faith as we receive these new members into our church.

Congregation: We believe in God who has created and is creating.

President: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We trust God. God calls us to be the church.

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent, and resources, participating regularly in the worship of Saint Pauls United Church of Christ and contributing to our life and ministry in the city?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the city. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

Congregation: We promise you our love, support and care.

All: Together we will 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!

PRAYER and 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

Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
4. So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

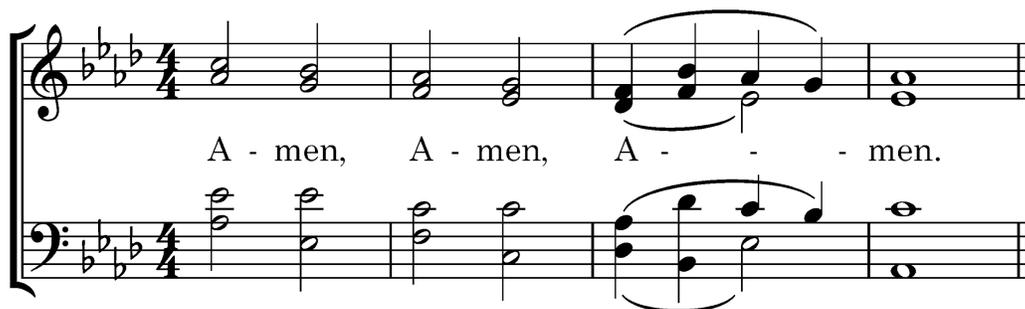
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

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

Billy Taylor

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 - Our Offertory is by George Friderick Handel (1685–1759), the famous composer of Messiah. A word about Handel's name: It was common up until the late Baroque era for composers to alter their name depending on the country in which they lived and worked. Handel was born in Germany and his given name was Georg Friedrich Händel. (Pronounced **gay-org free-drish hehn-del**) He kept that name when he lived and worked in Italy, but when he moved to England, he Anglicized his name to that above. In general, when listing a work of his in German or Italian, his original name in German is given. When one of his many works in English is performed, his Anglicized name is used.

Our introit *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* uses a strong anonymous 15th century English melody, the AGINCOURT HYMN. The text is a translation of the original Latin, *Coelestis Forman gloria*, by J. M. Neale (1818 - 1866) and Anglican clergyman. *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* is set to a popular Welsh ballad, ST. DENIO. The text was written in 1867 by Walter C. Smith (1824 - 1908). He was a Presbyterian pastor and author of a number of books on theology.

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Bryne (1880 - 1931), who was born in Ireland.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding is a contemporary text written in 1988 by American Carl P. Daw (b. 1944) He was an Episcopal priest and also on the faculty at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA. It is set to the famous Welsh tune, our second hymn of Welsh hymn today, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811 - 1887) when he was only 19. We sing this tune to the texts *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* and also *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mehgan Keeley, Brian Hafner, Bruce Voice, Layne Lebahn, Lauren Vega

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Sheryl Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Char Damron's birthday.

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.

Feb 23 Colleen Scrivner, Andrew Razeghi

Feb 24 Char Damron, Hannah Hafner, Dan Charlton, Regan Hildebrand,
Joy Klaben

Feb 25 Nick Malnick, Catherine Clarke, Martha Phillips, Tracy Taylor

Feb 26 Thomas Klein, Ainsley Honegger

Feb 27 Ted Tetzlaff, Steve Panko, Geneine VanSomeren, Patrick Sensenbrenner

Feb 28 Molly Canfield, Chris Roark, Cindy Razeghi

Feb 29 Miela Auwarter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



My name is **Deirdre Young**. I am an art therapist at Swedish Hospital. I live with my son, Alex, and love swimming, yoga, biking, Lake Geneva, and being a mom. I studied dance for many years and love the Joffrey Ballet. My summers are spent in Lake Geneva with my friend, Shirley, and her family. Shirley met her late husband Bill at St Pauls. God bless and thanks!



We are **Christine Weible-Cruz and José Cruz Rivera**. We have lived in Chicago since 2014 and live in Edgewater with Cuca, our Basset Hound. Christine grew up in St. Charles, IL, and José in Puerto Rico. We met in New York while attending Redeemer Presbyterian Church and got married in 2012. Christine is currently pursuing a master's degree in Clinical Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago and José works in operations for a theatrical lighting and audiovisual equipment integrator. Christine volunteers with Greenstar Movement, a non-profit public art organization, and José volunteers

as an interpreter for the Marjorie Kovler Center in Rogers Park. We both enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, and going for walks with Cuca. We have loved being part of the St. Pauls community over the past few years and are looking forward to getting more involved.



Greetings! We are the **Broderick Family** -- **Andrew, Theresa** and son **Adrian**. We are also expecting another son due in late April. We are drawn to St. Pauls by the welcoming community, strong commitment to Christ, dedication to social justice, excellent children's ministry, and the long history serving Christ's mission in Chicago. Andrew and Theresa are both in the design profession, seeking to improve our built environment. Adrian is an inquisitive, active, and creative preschooler at Alcott. We believe in

walkable neighborhoods and live just a few blocks from church. We enjoy music, biking, cooking, and traveling.



We are **Brett Jaussi and Annie Saari**. Brett grew up in Novi, MI, about 25 miles northwest of Detroit, and Annie grew up in Maple Grove, MN, about 35 miles north of the Twin Cities. We both live in the Logan Square neighborhood, but met and fell in love in Lincoln Park. We are getting married at St. Pauls in August and we are so excited! We both met and work in supply chain positions at True Value here in Chicago. For fun, Brett loves playing golf and attending as many Phish concerts as possible. Annie is active with fitness (Orangetheory!) and loves trying different

restaurants and exploring all that Chicago has to offer!



We are **Michael and Sandi Weiskirch**. We have both lived in the Chicago area for almost our entire lives. Along with our 12-year-old daughter, Kate, we have recently moved from Deerfield to Lincoln Park. We raised two older sons in Deerfield; one of them lives in Lincoln Park and one attends Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Michael works in technology consulting and Sandi works in nonprofit finance. We are happy to have found St. Pauls and we look forward to participating in its mission to help

others, as well as continuing to grow spiritually.



Thomas Clancy I was born in Naperville and moved to Chicago to be with my wife, Kelly, following graduate school at the University of Colorado. I studied music performance specializing in the French horn and have played music across the United States and abroad ranging in styles from classical to rock. I currently live in Lincoln Park with my wife and two cats, Pancake and Sushi. For work, I am also a dog walker here in Lincoln Park. I was baptized and confirmed at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Naperville, and am grateful and excited to join Saint Pauls! I enjoy reading, playing guitar and singing, and adventures with my wife

in my free time.



My name is **Carri Johnson** and I grew up in St. Louis and Springfield, IL. My husband, Ben, and I met at school in Oklahoma City and have two girls, Eliza (9) and Faye (5), who attend Blaine Elementary. We've lived in Chicago for 17 years, where I've worked in the sales and fitness industry. Our family loves visits to the science museum, bike rides to the playgrounds, and a good dance party in the kitchen. We are so grateful to have found St. Pauls two years ago and I'm excited to join the family!

TODAY

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.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING - 11:15 a.m., High School Room

If you are a youth, or have a youth interested in coming on the youth mission trip this June to the U.S./Mexico Border, please come to this meeting. The trip will be June 20-27 in El Paso, Texas, and is open to youth in 7th through 12th grades. If you can't attend this meeting, but would like more information, please contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org.

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.

SPRING 2020 - DIRT DISCIPLES SOFTBALL - Join the Young Adults 16" softball team's 7th season at Oz Park! Games are Sunday afternoons beginning April 19. Sign up today so we can get a headcount and have practices before the season starts. We want to make this our best year yet! Cost is \$60 per person, which includes eight games, T-shirt, beer after the games, and more. Sign up through the YA newsletter and email Todd Coe with any questions, toddsingstenor@gmail.com.

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 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 p.m., 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- INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA - 10 a.m., Sanctuary

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. Please come and listen to us "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

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 p.m., 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, Oscar Mayer Room

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. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction, so if you are willing and able, please contact Karacan at kara@spucc.org.

MARCH 15 - CONFRONTING RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE WITH *WHITE*

FRAGILITY - 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Confirmation Room (East Side of Social Hall)

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 - Seeking volunteers to serve on April 19 and April 26. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner in the afternoon 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 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.

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!

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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.

- Rob and Shannon castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- The Corbin family as they get settled in DC and navigate Ann's health issues.
- 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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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!

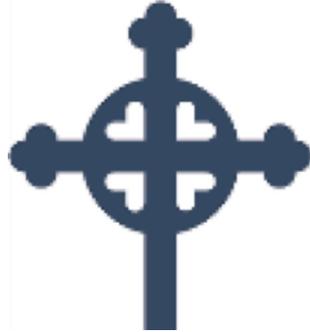
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

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.