

June 14, 2020
Children's Sunday
Communion
Virtual Worship

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

PRELUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come
Brendan Henry, piano

Sam Cooke

CHIMES

WELCOME

Myers and Holland Enmerich

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Hull Family

Children: Children want love. Will you love us?

Grownups: As Jesus loves the children, we will love you.

Children: We want to learn to pray. Will you pray with us?

Grownups: As Jesus prayed with his disciples, we will pray with you.

C: Sometimes we are mean and make mistakes. Will you teach us how to say I'm sorry?

G: As Jesus forgives, we will look into our own hearts and forgive.

C: We want to love our neighbors. Will you show us how to care?

G: With God's help, we will show you how to care.

C: Our world has many problems. It is hard to know what is right. Will you help?

G: With God's help, we will show you how to live.

C: Jesus listened to children. Will you hear us when we call your name? Are we important to the church?

G: Yes. We are the church together!

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

* HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Led by Margot Frank

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melodic line with a repeat sign, a first ending bracket labeled '1.', and a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics 'We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a second ending bracket labeled '2.', a triplet of eighth notes, and a fermata. The lyrics '— We are march - ing in the light of God. — We are march - ing, —' are written below. The third staff concludes the piece with a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata. The lyrics '— Oo, — we are march - ing in the light of God. —' are written below.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Julia Brizzolara, Zak Murray, Sylvia

Pine

Oh God, at times we feel so fragile, getting blown over by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and mistakes. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we think we don't know how. We feel unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to hold on tight to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our dishonesty and cruelty, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more to follow Christ, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Julia Brizzolara

Matthew 19: 13-15

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him and tried to send them away.

But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

* A STATEMENT OF FAITH

High School Class

**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

Sarah Garcia

REFLECTION

Ode to Joy

Owen Waldschmidt

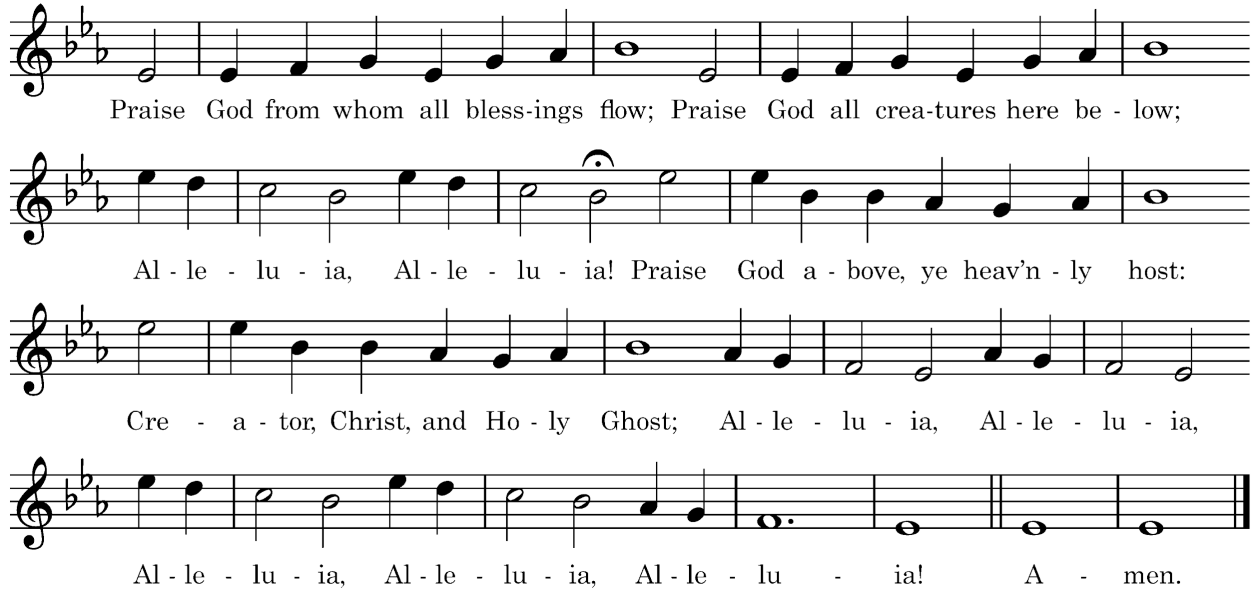
OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Choir

Please use Zelle - "giving@spucc.org" or visit 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please ready your bread and wine or juice.
We will eat and drink together led by Claire and Cate Gallemore and
Joshua and Matthew Wallace.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Corie Gallemore

**Dear God, we stop and thank you
for a day that has dawned anew,
and for the breath that gives us life.
We rejoice that we have voices and hands and hearts
so that we can love one another,
love You, and love all of your people.
We celebrate the abundance in our lives,
That you have reminded us today with bread and cup.
May we share your nourishment with the world.
We offer ourselves and all that we are and have
to be your justice and peace,
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

* HYMN

She's Got the Whole World in Her Hands

Led by Karacan Sayrun-Thomas

God's got the whole world in her hands. x4

God's got the children in her hands. x4

God's got the protestors in her hands. x4

God's got Saint Pauls in her hands. x4

God's got the whole world in her hands. x4

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'll Fly Away

Ivy and Chloe Combs

To help contain the spread of COVID-19, worship at Saint Pauls is suspended until further notice. Worship services will be streamed Sundays at 10 a.m. CDT, and re-streamed on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. CDT, on St. 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.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL is on Zoom for all age groups!
Email Pastor Sarah for more info, sgarcia@spucc.org
11:15 a.m. Sunday mornings for preschool to 4th graders
1 p.m. Sunday afternoons for high school students
1 p.m. Wednesday afternoons for 5th and 6th graders*

*Small groups and committee meetings are encouraged to reach out to church pastors and staff for alternative ways to stay connected, or for assistance holding virtual meetings during this time.
Watch your email for updates.*

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

- June 14 Dillon Hays, Garold Ashley, Jessica Vahey, Karin Abercrombie,
Kathryn Hall
- June 15 Debbie Edwards, Lee Waldschmidt
- June 16 Charles Kiefer, Cheryl Kuba, Janice Keeler, Mary Hoffman
- June 17 Andreas Hecht, Beverley Petrunich, Chuck Palm, Jack Polson,
Stella Crowley
- June 18 Griffin Weil, Spencer Weil
- June 19 Jordan England, Stephen Brach-Spivey, Thomas Jackson
- June 20 Zoe Montgomery

OPPORTUNITIES TO 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP) - CEP Suppers at St. Pauls have resumed in a new outdoor format! Volunteers are needed June 14, June 21, and June 28 to provide bag lunches with beverages. Each week, 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 - LPCS is so grateful to all of you who have donated meals or had meals delivered to their two shelters. If you are interested in donating or making a meal for them, please contact Sally Fletcher at sfletcher1443@gmail.com or (312) 848-5400 for details.

LAKEVIEW PANTRY - To volunteer: email volunteers@lakeviewpantry.org.
In-Kind Donations: Most needed food items (can be delivered to 3945 N. Sheridan Road): Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Oatmeal, Canned Fruit.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY - Needs gift cards for Aldi, Jewel-Osco, GrubHub, and Family Dollar. Email Brittany Caine-Conley at BrittanyC@thenightministry.org for delivery or pick-up options.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY - Volunteer at chicagosfoodbank.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GET CONNECTED

Aptly put by our Stephen Minister, Deon Fayhee, "The church as a place is closed until further public health authority notice. The church as a connected community of individuals moved by faith to thrive in an imperfect world is very much open for business." We have ongoing, weekly, and individual opportunities to stay connected in our time apart. Stay tuned for more!

- Sunday Worship streams at 10 a.m. CDT, and re-streams on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. CDT, on St. Pauls Website at spucc.org/streaming. Join members and friends in our lively comment section to say "Hello!"
- Coffee Hour is on Facebook Live right after Sunday Worship.
- Our Facebook Group, "Saint Pauls Together," is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories.
- Join church members chatting on MarcoPolo at onmarcopolo.com/groups/bknWay6XQYqQ/spucc.
- The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to continue or start groups virtually. Email Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to schedule your meeting.
- Not tech-savvy? Contact Pastor Jeff to get connected with a volunteer who can help you get set up, jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 17 - 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.

JUNE 18 - THURSDAY PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES NIGHT OUT/IN - 8 p.m., Zoom

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

JUNE 23 - SAINT PAULS SOCIAL CHARADES - 7-9 p.m., St. Pauls Courtyard

Join Saint Pauls Social and hosts Andrea Koepke and Jan Fraccaro in the St. Pauls courtyard for an in-person night of Charades. Each guest should bring the food or drink they wish to enjoy during the event — due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be sharing food or beverages and will be following social distancing guidelines. Please also bring a mask to wear during the event. This event is limited to the first 10 people who RSVP by emailing Andrea at andreakoepke1@aol.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

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 are resuming in a new outdoor format! Each week, 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.

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 SERVICES HAS EXPANDED! – This St. Pauls founded organization serves homeless individuals for breakfast and dinner at two locations: 1521 N. Sedgwick and 600 W. Fullerton. Serving meals at two facilities means that LPCS is looking for new individuals and groups to volunteer to provide food. For more information on how to get involved, email Abby at volunteer@lpcschicago.org, or call 773-549-6111 ext. 208.

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:

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

- Family and friends of Yvonne Morreale, long-time St. Pauls member, who died on Wednesday at the age of 92.
- Nancy Bingman, recovering from a fall and a broken wrist.
- Tricia, a dear friend of Char Damron, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- Bruce Voice, at the death of his Uncle Clifford.
- Mary Train, recovering from a broken wrist.
- Amy Newman, being treated for cancer.
- Prayers of well-being for Michelle, who is suicidal.
- Congratulations to Anne and Randy Forman and big sister Maddie on the birth of Elizabeth on April 28!
- Patty, friend of Petrine Ashley, hospitalized with a very serious knee infection.
- Debbie, friend of Petrine Ashley, recovering from an operation for breast cancer.
- Dear friend of Jenny Benefield who has chronic depression and is currently experiencing severe problems.
- Stacie B., sister of Mark P., and her sons at the unexpected passing of their husband/father, Ken.
- Denese S., friend of Pat Kirby, dealing with significant health problems.
- Rob and Shannon Castle's friend, Mike, in treatment for cancer.
- The Corbin family as they get settled in D.C. and navigate Ann's health issues.
- 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.