

June 21, 2020
Virtual Worship

* HYMN

Santo, Santo, Santo!
Led by Christie DeForest

Black No. 793

Spanish - 2x

English - 1x

Spanish - 1x

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, _____ mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! _____ Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ my heart, my heart a - dores you! _____ My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly God.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has lyrics in Spanish and English. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in a web of sin.
We have judged others based on how they look and what they wear.
We have benefited from systems
that maintain the power of a privileged few,
while failing to dismantle those systems.
We have ignored your command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
Forgive our willful ignorance and our weak resignation.
Create within us new hearts, new minds;
that we might delight in your will,
walk in your ways,
and live in your love;
Through the grace of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Marti Pechnyo

Genesis 16:1-16

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, 'You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.' And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived for ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;
you shall call him Ishmael,
for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.
He shall be a wild ass of a man,
with his hand against everyone,
and everyone's hand against him;
and he shall live at odds with all his kin."

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

* A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.
We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

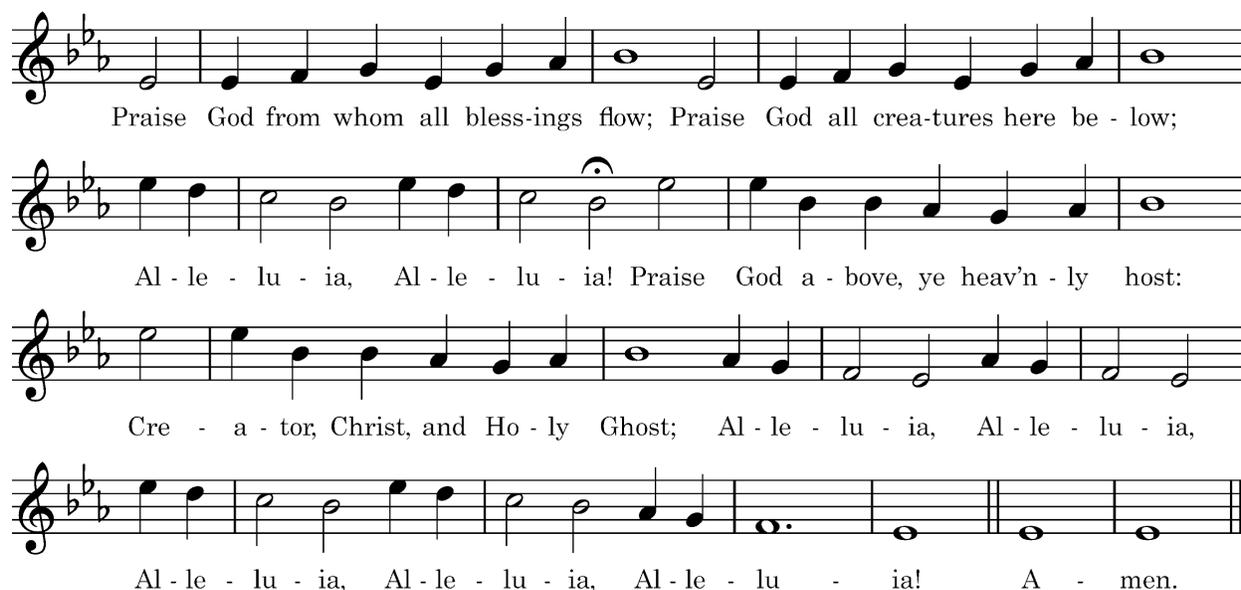
SERMON "Mothers and Fathers" Jeff Carlson

MEDITATION *Improvisation*
Breanna Coe, tenor recorder

OFFERTORY *Heilig, Heilig, Heilig* Franz Schubert
from Deutsche Messe, D. 872 (Sung in German)
Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir
Breanna Coe, Virtual Chancel Choir Director

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* 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

Mary Stainton

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

Amazing Grace
Led by Gay Kelly



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



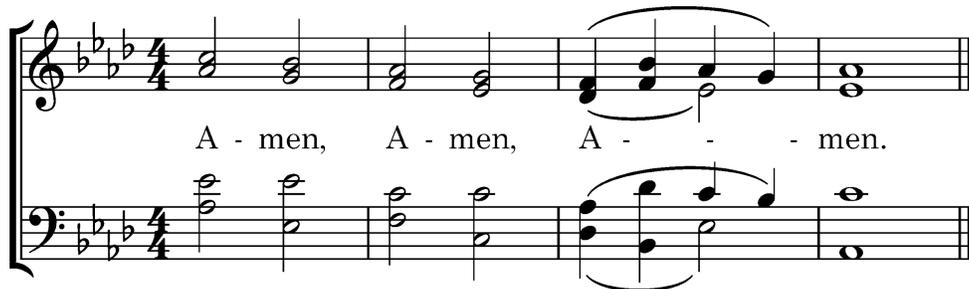
wretch like me!_____ I once__ was__ lost, but
fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that
- ready - y come;_____ 'Tis grace__ has__ brought me
as the sun,_____ We've no__ less__ days to



now__ am__ found, was blind, but__ now I see._____
grace__ ap - pear the hour I__ first be - lieved!_____
safe__ thus far, and grace will__ lead me home._____
sing__ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun._____

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

arr. J. Ray

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.

*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*

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 21	Paul Kendall
June 22	Geoffrey Gist
June 23	Benjamin Hamm, Brian Good, Chris Kohler, Elise Prangley, Nancy Kintzel, Quinn Houser
June 24	Katie Barkley, Kristin Ammon
June 25	Deborah Bayly, Dianne Witkowski, Renae Bradshaw
June 26	Annabel Jackson, Eloise Stonikas, Lucas Lippert, Patricia Calore
June 27	Jill Minetz, Milana Jozwiak, Patricia Kirby

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 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

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

JUNE 23 - FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES DISCUSSION -

WHITE FRAGILITY: EXPANDING THE CONVERSATION - 6 p.m., Zoom

If you're white and you want to make a difference in the way people of color are treated in this country, Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* is a great foundation. This session will build on the discussion we had in March, but if you weren't there and you haven't read the book, that's no problem. (You can even leave early if you're going to Charades!)

RSVP to Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com

Download an introduction at spucc.org/connect-learn/faith-and-public-issues.

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.

JUNE 24 - THE CLOBBER PASSAGES - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom
In response to the SCOTUS LGBTQ Rights Ruling, Franklin Graham responded: "The Supreme Court Will Never Overturn the Word of God." While that may be true in theory, it sure didn't in this case! Pastor Jeff will take us through the "clobber passages" that men like Graham have traditionally used to beat up on LGBTQ folks. 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 25 - 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 30 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:30 p.m., Zoom
Please join us for a women's book group, during which we will discuss the fifth 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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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.

- Sarah Good's brother, David, being treated for throat cancer.
- 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.
- 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.