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LIGHTHOUSE UCC

Passionate About Jesus, Serious About Justice

June 28, 2020

Pride Sunday Shared Worship

Virtual Worship

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"I want a god as my accomplice who is knocked unconscious by the billy club of a policeman at a demonstration, a jobless god a striking god a hungry god a fugitive god an exiled god an enraged god a god who longs from jail for a change in the order of things. I want a more godlike god."

Francisco X Alarcon from *Prayer*

PRELUDE

Praeludium II
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

F. Mendelssohn

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jamie Frazier

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beautiful are the works of God!

All: Beautiful are all of God's people!

One: Beautiful is the mind of God!

All: Beautiful are the hopes of God's people!

One: Beautiful is the heart of God!

All: Beautiful are the souls of God's people!

One: God makes everything beautiful in its time!

All: To God be the glory, our Beautiful God!

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

* HYMN

Be Grateful
Led by Lester Jenkins

Walter Hawkins

God has not promised me sunshine
That's not the way it's going to be
But a little rain
Mixed with God's sunshine
A little pain
Makes me appreciate the good times

God desires to feel your longing
Every pain that you feel
He feels them just like you
But he can't afford to let you feel only good
Then you can appreciate the good times

Be grateful
Because there's someone else
That's worse off than you
Be grateful
Because there's someone else
who'd love to be in your shoes

Be grateful, yeah!
My god he said he'd never leave you or forsake you!
Be grateful, yeah!
God said he would never, never leave you by the curbside!

Be grateful, yeah!
be grateful, yeah!
Be grateful, for everything you got!
Be grateful!
The Lord is the light!
Bring em' up!

Be grateful, yeah!
Be grateful, oh
Be grateful
For every, every, every single thing you got

Be grateful
For it will be alright
Everything's gonna be alright

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**God, you know our hard hearts,
Our corporate evil and our individual cruelties.
We cannot rely on ourselves.
We can only rely on your promise
that Jesus came into the world *for us*.
He came to melt our hearts, free our minds
and destroy the power of death.
We seize hold of this promise today.
We know you can heal us!
For you can do what we cannot do!
You WILL do it!
We believe that you are doing it now!
Not because we are good,
But because you are.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Jamie Frazier and Matt Fitzgerald

John 11:1-44 translation by David Bentley Hart

Now there was a man who was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was the Mary who had anointed the Lord with unguent, and had wiped off his feet with her hair, whose brother was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, look: He whom you cherish is ill." And on hearing this Jesus said, "This illness is not unto death, but rather is for the glory of God, so that the Son might be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and also her sister and Lazarus. Even so, having heard that he was ill he then stayed on in the place where he was for two days; After this he then says to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again ... Lazarus has died, And for your sakes I rejoice that I was not there, so that you may have faith; but let us go to him ... Martha, hearing that Jesus is coming, met him; but Mary sat in the house. So Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, had you been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever things you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever has faith in me, even if he should die, shall live, And whoever lives and has faith in me most certainly does not die, throughout the age; do you have faith in this?" She says to him, "I have had faith that you are the Anointed, the Son of God who is coming into the cosmos..." Mary, when she arrived where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, had you been here my brother would not have died." Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping he groaned in his spirit and yielded himself to his turmoil, And said, "Where have you laid him?" They say to him, "Lord come and see." Jesus wept.

So the Judeans said, "See how he cherished him." But some of them said, "Is not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, able to bring it about that this man also might not die?" So Jesus, again groaning within himself, comes to the tomb; and it was a cavern, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus says, "Take away the stone." Martha says to him, "Lord, by now it gives off a bad odor; for this is the fourth day." Jesus says to her, "Have I not told you that if you have faith you will see God's glory? So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "I give you thanks that you have heard me; And I knew that you always hear me; but I have spoken on account of the crowd standing all around, so that they might have faith that you have sent me." And saying these things he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The one who had died came forth, feet and hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus says to them, "Unbind him and let him go."

PASSIONATE ABOUT JESUS, SERIOUS ABOUT JUSTICE

* 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

“a more godlike god”

Jamie Frazier and
Matt Fitzgerald

HYMN

Selection: My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord
Led by Lester Jenkins

OFFERTORY

He, Watching Over Israel
from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Virtual Chancel Choir

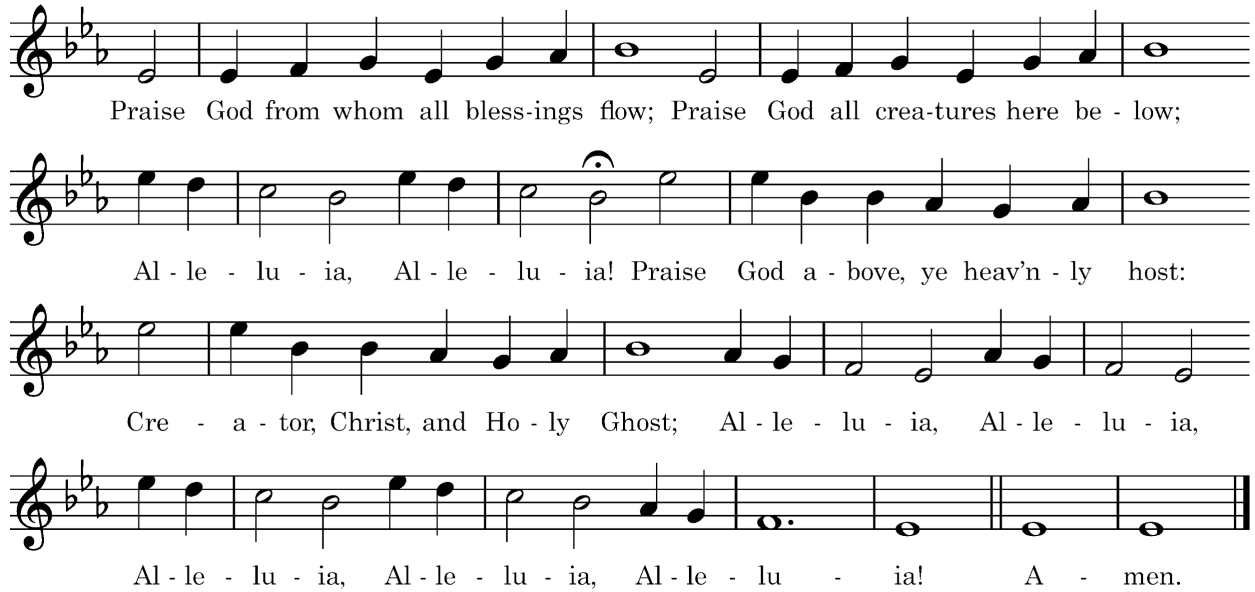
Breanna Coe, Virtual Chancel Choir Director

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Give to Lighthouse Church at lighthousechicago.org/giving

Support the Black Queer Pride Fundraiser at bit.ly/BQPFundraiser

* 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

Annie Johnson

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

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly__
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions



live, a__ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to__ seek to__ dream God's
stone to__ heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as__ words with -



to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the strang - er bear the
-in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.__

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Lighthouse Welcome Song
Led by Lighthouse Praise Team

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

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

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE & JULY

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 28	Declan Good, Margot Frank
June 29	John Busker, John Klaben, Ralph Wiser, Rebecca Gonzalez, Renee Hardt
June 30	Emma Rotunno, Mark Grosshans, Staci Granzetto, Todd Szwajkowski, Zech Funkhouser
July 1	Adam Bieniek, Grace Smith, Kathy Berghoff, William Mooney
July 2	Tate Saltarelli
July 3	John Miller, Kate Sharp, Kurt Granzetto, Lauren Rotunno, Marcia Volk
July 4	Alyn Cardarelli, Christina Cruz Cedeno-Smedley, Ian Smith, Karen Muller

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 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.

LAKEVIEW PANTRY - To volunteer: email volunteers@lakeviewpantry.org.
In-Kind Donations: Most needed food items (can be delivered to 5151 N. Ravenswood Avenue): Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Oatmeal, Canned Fruit. For more information about in-kind donations, please contact Bill Thomas at bill@lakeviewpantry.org or (773) 525-1777 x 213.

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

PHONE-IN SUNDAY WORSHIP - Are you or someone you know unable to watch the Sunday service on our website? You can now phone in and listen. Call (312) 626-6799 by 10 a.m. CDT on Sundays and use Meeting ID: 884 1403 8969.

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 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.

JULY 2 - 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.

JULY 8 - 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.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

COFFEE HOUR - Coffee hour is hosted on Facebook Live, right after Sunday Worship. Join one of our pastors and other members in the comment section for this informal weekly hour of fellowship!

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

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

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

FEED THE HUNGRY – Community Engagement Program (CEP) Suppers at St. Pauls 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS – If you’re in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you’re feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

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

YOUNG ADULTS – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at youngadults@spucc.org.

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Wes Salsbury, at St. Joe's for rehab following a heart procedure.
- Dear friend of Jenny Benefield who has had severe depression; thanksgiving for recent improvement and sustenance for continued progress. Much gratitude for your prayers.
- 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.
- 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.