

March 1, 2020
Intergenerational Orchestra
Annual Meeting

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

"How can we claim that we are beautiful? Because God created us."

Karl Barth

PRELUDE

Andante cantabile con moto Ludwig van Beethoven
from Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21
Intergenerational Orchestra
Mark Mosley, conductor

INTROIT

Lenten Call to Worship
Chancel Choir

Chant

WELCOME

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We ask ourselves, "Who am I to be brilliant, talented, fabulous?"

All: Actually, who are you not to be?

One: We are children of God, redeemed by Christ!

All: Our playing small doesn't serve the world.

One: We are born to manifest the glory God has given us.

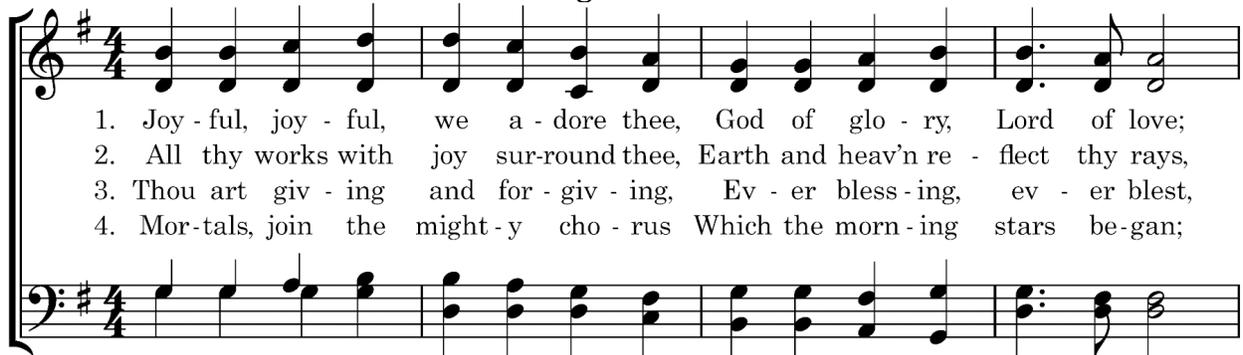
All: Saint Paul exists to be Christ's body!

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

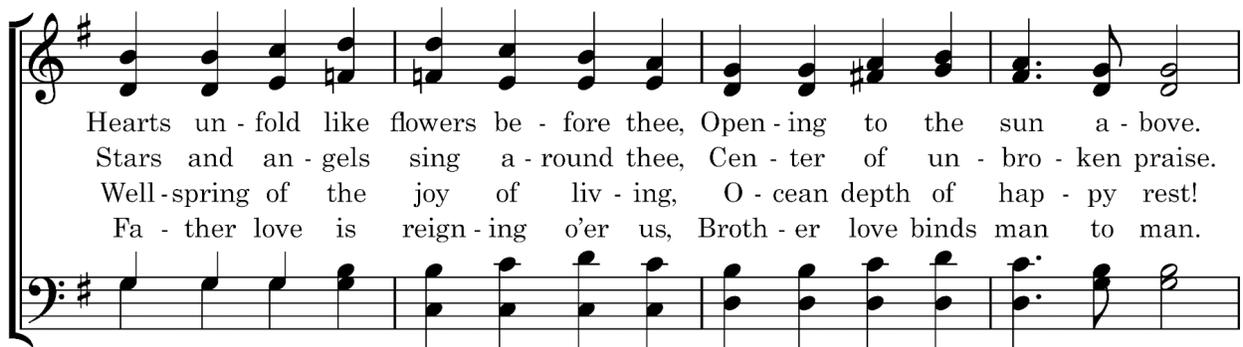
* HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Chancel Choir sings 3rd stanza in German

Red Hymnal No. 13



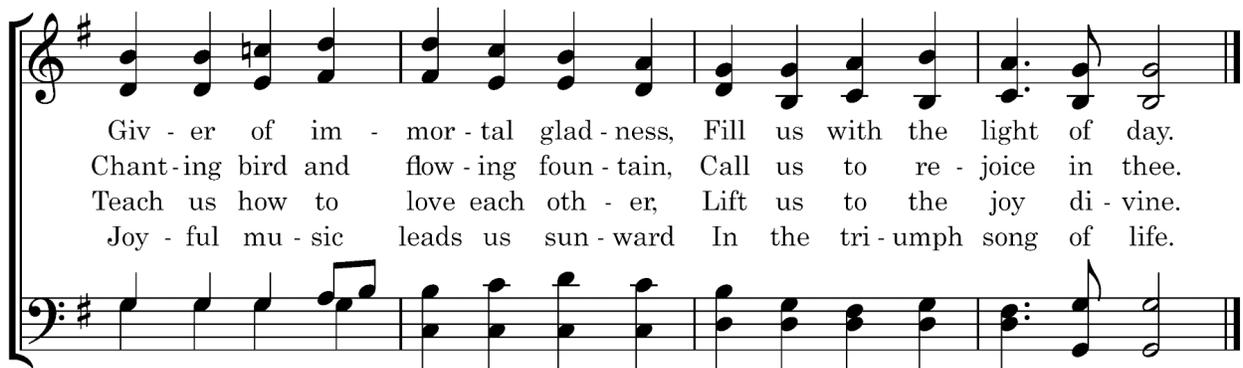
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our bro - ther, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Merciful God,
It is hard to believe that you love us;
and that you want to be loved.
But, you do.
So we lay all our burdens down before you.
Our cares, that you may care for them.
Our fears, that you may quiet them.
Our thoughts, that you may cleanse them.
Our sins that you may forgive them.
Our lives, that you may guide them.
Forgive us into resurrection Lord.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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.*

* RESPONSE

All Are Welcome

v. 1



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.—

ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
 from Ein Deutsches Requiem
 Sung in English
 Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts
 For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
 My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God
 How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts
 Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
 They praise Thy name evermore,
 How lovely is Thy dwelling place.
Psalm 84

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Carrie Bruggers

Selections from John 15

"I am the True Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

* 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)

* RESPONSE

All Are Welcome

vv. 2 & 3

SERMON

"The years love trees in a way we can't imagine"

Matt Fitzgerald

* RESPONSE

All Are Welcome

v. 4

OFFERTORY

Allegro ma non troppo
 from Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68 "Pastoral"
 Intergenerational Orchestra

Beethoven

* HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is___ our God, A bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our_ own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un -
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a -



fail - - ing; Our help - er he___ a - mid_ the flood Of
 los - - ing, Were not the right man on___ our side, The
 - do_____ us, We will not fear,_ for God_ hath willed His
 - bid - - eth; The Spir - it and_ the gifts_ are ours Through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe Doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim, We
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, This



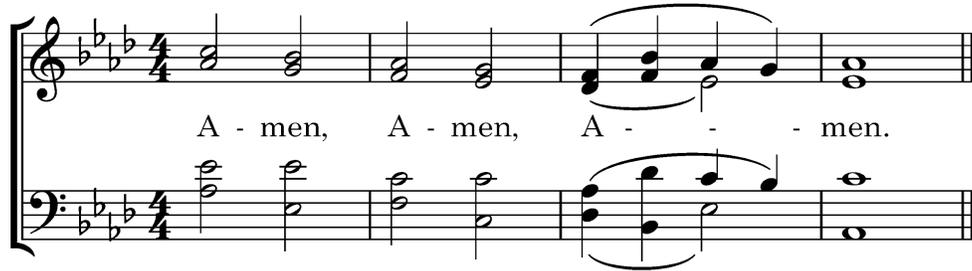
seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And
 Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name. From
 trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en - dure, For
 mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - - qual.
 age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure: One lit - tle word shall fell_____ him.
 truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - - er.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

Finale - *Allegro*
from Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67
Intergenerational Orchestra

Beethoven

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend.

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 2020 plans. It is an important event in the life of St. Pauls. Members have voice and vote; Friends have voice. We look forward to seeing everyone after worship today.

Pastor Sarah is in Connecticut, attending a family member's memorial service.

***Communion will be celebrated on March 8.
Please note Daylight Savings Time begins the same day.***

Remaking a Neglected Orchard

It was a good idea, cutting away
the vines and ivy, trimming back
The chest-high thicket lazy years
had let grow here. Though it wasn't for lack

of love for the trees, I'd like to point out.
Years love trees in a way we can't
imagine. They just don't use the fruit
like us; they want instead the slant

of sun through narrow branches, the buckshot
of rain on these old cherries. And we,
now that I think on it, want those
things too, we just always and desperately

want the sugar of the fruit, the best
we'll get from this irascible land:
sweetness we can gather for years,
new stains staining the stains on our hands.

Nathaniel Perry

ABOUT THE INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA

Since 2002, our Intergenerational Orchestra has been "Making a Joyful Sound in the City." This is our twenty-fourth performance in worship. The orchestra is comprised of musicians of all ages and abilities, most of whom are St. Pauls members. Since 2002, 190 people have performed in the group, including 72 young people, and 33 families have had two or more members participate.

St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra

Mark Mosley, conductor

Violin I

Kristin Lane Mack
Sylvia Pine
Kaitlyn McVey
Becca Brown

Violin II

Ashley Pensinger-Sok
Mia Pensinger-Sok*
Mark Roschen

Viola

Louis Bergonzi*
Joanne Tong*

Cello

Ross Penniman
Sue Finkle
Carolyn Stoner
Owen Waldschmidt

Flute

Penny Trowbridge
Linnea Shu
Shannon Banjavcic
Kecia Waldschmidt
Corie Gallemore
Solveig Roverud
Diane Biegert

Clarinet

Kurt Hansen
Zach Murray
Brian Chang+
Katie Scharfenberg+

Bass Clarinet

Wes Salisbury

Bassoon

Franny LeFevre+

Alto Saxophone

Tim Nowack

Tenor Saxophone

Layne Lebhan

Trumpet

Jim Brandt
Marie Ankenman
David Baker
Max Waldschmidt*

Horn

Natalie Douglass*
Thomas Clancy*
Breanna Coe
Rick Peterson
Nancy Pifer

Trombone

Mark Swanson
Lorne Frank
Nathan Chamberlain

Tuba

Pete Mazzeri+

Timpani

Ralph Wisner

Percussion

Sarah Good Mosley
Samantha Fayhee
Colin Murray

* First-time participant
+ Guest participant

TODAY'S MUSIC - This year, we join the world in celebrating the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827). Beethoven is not only a musical giant and the archetype of the struggling artist, he is a national hero in Germany and Austria and by playing his music, we also celebrate our church's German heritage. The founders of our church and generations of German immigrants brought their deep love of Beethoven's music with them to this country. While none of the pieces we play today were written in a religious context, their innate spirituality suggests commitment to purpose, profound love and grateful praise.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 (1801) is reminiscent of Mozart and Haydn. The third movement is a minuet, traditional but more expansive in form and harmony, hinting at the musical revolution to come as Beethoven transitioned from the Classical period to the Romantic Era.

Our familiar hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" is based on "Ode to Joy," the theme from the last movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 (1824). The introduction, choral interlude and finale to today's processional hymn are brief excerpts from that work.

The opening of Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 (1808), his "Pastoral Symphony," depicts a joyful walk in the countryside. The opening four notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony (1808) make up the most famous musical gesture of all time, sometimes referred to as "Fate knocking at the door." But the symphony's Finale celebrates Beethoven's triumph over his own deafness, just as we look forward to Easter's triumphant celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) along with Beethoven, was one of the pillars of the Romantic music period. He was influenced by Beethoven and steeped in the harmonic tradition of Bach. Some, especially Wagner, thought him to be artistically too conservative. His *German Requiem* is unusual in that it does not use texts from the Latin burial rite. It was written in memory of his mother. The Brahms *German Requiem* stands between those of Berlioz and Verdi as choral and musical masterpieces of the age.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Lauren Vega, Fred Pearson, Doug Clark, Brian Hafner

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Sheryl Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

BORN THIS WEEK IN MARCH

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.

- Mar 1 Denika McMillen, Kent Carter, Tommy Demery
- Mar 2 Charles Moehrke, Ely Taylor, Fred Pearson, Mahalia Henry,
Susanna Moulton
- Mar 3 Annie Doerr, Brandon Frost, David Schmahl, Lothar Wiebe, Terrill Stumpf
- Mar 4 Martha Sanders, Sue Finkle
- Mar 5 Winona Koldyke
- Mar 6 Marcia Gulbrandsen, Jameson Beck
- Mar 7 Amy Barton, Rick Peterson

WELCOME TO ANOTHER NEW MEMBER FROM LAST WEEK'S GROUP



I'm **Sharon Collins**, a retired professor of Sociology. I taught graduate students at the University of Illinois at Chicago and I've written a book. I was born and raised in Los Angeles in a working-class neighborhood that was rich with racial and cultural diversity. I enjoy music of all types and I'm also a foodie who enjoys hole-in-the-wall ethnic restaurants and fine dining. I love to play golf, but my game is not good. Currently single, I've been married to a free-spirited actor who descended from old Hollywood aristocracy and then to a businessman who integrated the University Club in Chicago. I was an honest-to-goodness hippie. My first husband and I lived in a tent (with 16 cats) and then in a commune in Marin County.

LENT AND EASTER AT ST PAULS

- SUN, MAR 15 REQUIEM by Maurice Duruflé - 10 a.m.
-Sung with organ & orchestra by our Chancel Choir during worship
- SAT, APRIL 4 EASTER EGG HUNT - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
-Egg hunt in the Sanctuary, pictures with the easter bunny, crafts
- SUN, APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY - 10 a.m.
-Palm branches, songs, Elmhurst College Jazz Band
- THU, APRIL 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7 p.m.
-Dinner Church: eat, pray, sing. Please RSVP at
spucc.org/worship-music/2020-lent-easter
- FRI, APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.
-Communion, Tenebrae with choir
- SUN, APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
-Communion, choir, brass
- SUN, APRIL 19 PANCAKE CHURCH
-Worship over breakfast, Gym

ALSO

LENTEN GROUPS & SHORT CIRCLES

Six-week small groups, devotional classics readings, movie group, women's book group. Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/30e084baaac2daaf94-2020

SINGING OUR FAITH - Kurt Hansen will present a two-part series on a brief History of Music In Worship, from 11:30-12:30 in the Confirmation Classroom off of the Social Hall.

March 8 - Hebrew chant, Gregorian chant, Catholic service music

March 22 - Protestant hymns and choral music

MALCOLM, MARTIN and AMERICA - March 21, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 15 - If you have items to donate for the auction, such as sports tickets, gift certificates, art, etc, please contact Karaçan kara@spucc.org and bring the items to the church office by March 12.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM is now available on the last page of the bulletin! You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Purchased plants can be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. See the form for more details.

YOUTH OUTREACH - Every Tuesday night we offer food, gym time and community building to marginalized middle school and high school students. They come because St. Pauls is a safe place for them, and they want and need connection and support. Feeding 30 hungry teenagers is no small task. If you have any interest in providing pizza or any other dinner for our youth outreach meal on Tuesdays at 5 p.m., please contact Pastor Sarah sgarcia@spucc.org It really will make a difference and help us to share God's love with youth who need it.

BOOK NOOK – NEW LOOK - Love to read? Stop by the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share with others. There is something for everyone – fiction, history/biography, business, health & nutrition and kids/tweens. Donations are always welcome – just add them to the shelf for “new arrivals.” Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com. Happy reading!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 5 - LENT FILM CLUB - 7 p.m., Parlor. Our first movie will focus on sin. We'll discuss *Out of the Past*. This is a classic film noir, directed by Jaques Tourneur, and starring Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer and Kirk Douglas, with a screenplay by James Cain. You can stream the movie via Amazon, YouTube TV, Vudu, and other services. We will not watch the movie when we gather on Thursday.

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 8 - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS - Narthex

On Communion Sunday, we will be collecting food items for the Marjorie Kovler Center. The Center provides emotional and physical health support to people who have experienced politically sanctioned torture. They are seeking emergency food supplies for their clients, who are often without basic necessities. We will have a basket in the Narthex for you to drop off any of the following items: tomato products, peanut butter, fufu flour, canola oil, bouillon cubes, low sodium vegetables, Domino Premium Pure Cane Sugar in easy to pour reclosable tops, and Pillsbury All Purpose Flour. Thank you for your continuous generosity to those who are facing enormous challenges as they try to settle in our country. If you have any questions, please call Pauline Taylor at 312-497-4401.

MARCH 15 - 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 Karaçan 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. See the opportunities section for more details. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff for email updates: jcarlson@spucc.org.

MARCH 15 - POLO PIZZA AND BOUNCE PARTY - 5-7 p.m.
Come join Parents of Little Ones in the Gym for pizza and the bounce house. Families are asked to contribute \$10 per family to help defray the cost of dinner. Contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com with any questions.

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
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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.

APRIL 24 - LPCS METAMORPHOSIS GALA - Newberry Library

Join Lincoln Park Community Services in celebrating 35 years of empowering individuals facing homelessness at our Metamorphosis Gala! On February 12, 1985, LPCS opened its doors thanks to our neighbors and founding churches, including St. Pauls. On our first night, we provided shelter to five individuals. Today, we provide housing, comprehensive services and an empowering community of support to 120 guests at our two locations. Tickets to the event include cocktails, dinner, music, a live auction and great company. Contact Lexi Gallopoulos at Lexi@lpcschicago.org with any questions. Tickets available at lpcsonline.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/Metamorphosis2020.

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.

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER - Tutors Needed

Tutors volunteer two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpattton21@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 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. It's a great way to gather your friends, family, or colleagues together for an engaging and rewarding opportunity. 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:
Moses, Man of the Mountain, Zora Neale Hurston (1939) - Discussion date: March 16
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 MEMBER CLASSES - We have new member classes throughout the year. Come after worship to these meetings – announced in the calendar section – and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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

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

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

SARAH'S SIBS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL - 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college." All are welcome!
mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

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

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

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

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

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 D.C. and navigate Ann's health issues.
- 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.

spucc.org/2020

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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Free Parking is available Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Common Parking Garage, 2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. - Parking validation is available in the Narthex.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM

You can remember a loved one by purchasing a lily or other flowering plant for the Easter Festival Altar. Enclose your gift of \$30 or more per plant with this order form. Purchased plants can be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory, or in Celebration of

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From *(your name(s) as you wish to appear):*

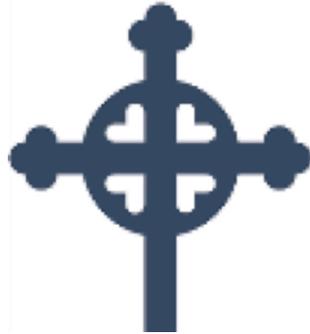
Daytime phone: _____

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Drop this form in the offering plate or it mail to:

St Pauls UCC
Attn: Easter Flower Order Form
2335 N. Orchard Street
Chicago, IL 60614

This form, along with your check, **must arrive at the church by April 3**. Any orders received after that date will not be printed in the bulletin.



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.