

May 10, 2020
Virtual Worship
Youth Sunday

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION *Little Gidding* T.S. Eliot

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

PRELUDE *Mother is a Priceless Jewel* Godwin Sadoh (Nigeria)
Rachel Barton Pine and Sylvia Pine, violins

WELCOME Hannah Fitzgerald

* CALL TO WORSHIP John Busker, Olivia Kearns, Hannah Hafnor, Charlie Busker

One: We gather together in different ways this morning
on all our screens, reaching out across the wires to be with each other.

**All: From living rooms, to kitchens, to breakfast tables,
we gather as we are able, ready to be a community of hope and
of love,**

One: We are apart, but we are together, offering ourselves
in service to one another and this world.


**All: It is a new way, but an old way,
that we form a community in worship today.**

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



* HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling


Led by Miles Davidson




1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing spir - it, In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, — thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all — in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see — thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - meg - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us — with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — thy pre - cious love.
Till we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Collin Murray

Dear God, we know we have trust issues with you and with each other. We have so many questions. We know our questions can be more accusatory than constructive. These questions can strain our relationships with people around us and alienate us, especially in these difficult times. Even without social distancing, we are good at building barriers. Help us to reshape the questions, to be less one-sided, to gain clarity. Help us to find connections even though we can't be physically present with each other. Rekindle our relationships with one another and with you, God. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Maria Schmahl

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

James Keller and Samantha Fayhee

John 14:1-4

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

* 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)

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| SERMON | "Homemaking" | Jeff Carlson |
| ANTHEM | <i>This Little Light of Mine</i> | Children's Choir |
| REFLECTION | | High School Senior Allison Roehm |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Shine Your Way</i> Pauls People | Alan Silvestri, Chris Sanders, Glen Ballard and Kirk Demico |

Please use Zelle - "giving@spucc.org" or visit spucc.org/about-us/giving-to-st-pauls

* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures 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

Molly and Meg Canfield

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

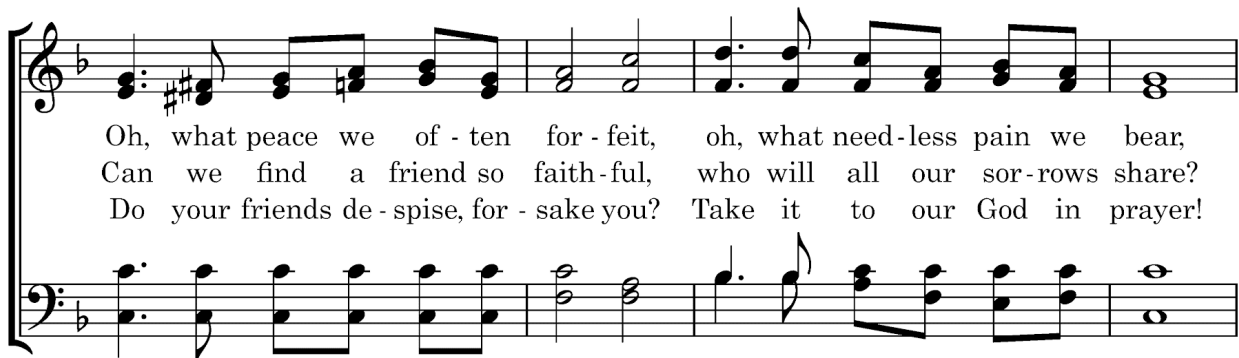
What a Friend We Have in Jesus Led by the Heffernan Family



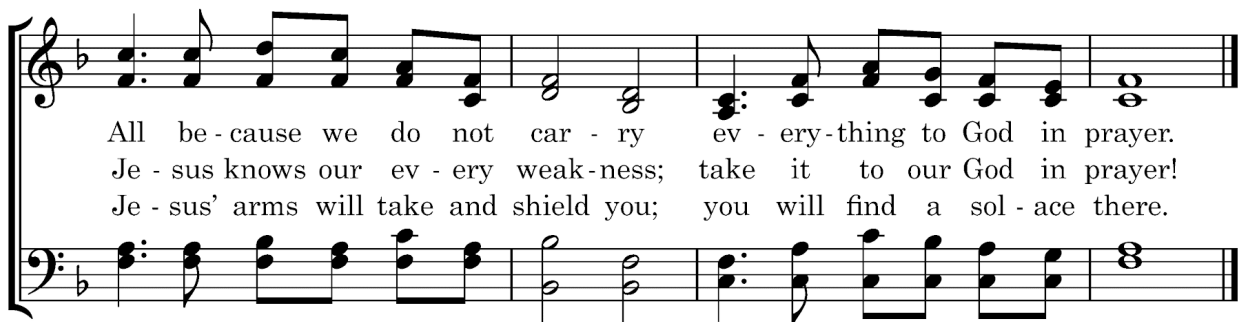
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Saint Pauls Bunch
Group Leader and Lyricist Jana O'Brien
Music Production by Breanna Coe
Accompaniment Kevin Dzierzawski

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. on St. Pauls website, spucc.org/streaming

*SUNDAY SCHOOL is now on Zoom for all age groups!
See the announcement section for new days and times!*

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

*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 MAY

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.

May 10 James Grunst, Stacey Grossman, Steve Singles

May 11 James Hamp, Maggie Ball, Marcia Banks

May 12 Alec Riportella, Doug Dobmeyer, Jaimee Lumm, Kelly Erdman,
Matt Heffernan

May 13 Helen Gregg, Om Bienvenu, Sarah Richmond

May 14 Ben Krumrei, Claudette Dodt, Deborah Rose

May 15 Ed Heffernan, Evelyn Drew, Mark Roschen, Nancy Heffernan

May 16 Colin Hayes, Grace Magliola, Jon Joseph

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.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES - LPCS is so grateful to all of you who have donated meals or had meals delivered to their two shelters. They need meals for the dates below. Sally Fletcher is coordinating these meals. Please contact her at sfletcher1443@gmail.com or (312) 848-5400 for details.

1521 N. Sedgwick: Lunch at 12:30 p.m. - **May 22, 25, 27**

600 W. Fullerton: Lunch at 12:30 p.m. - **May 18, 19, 20, 21, 28**

Breakfast - **May 20**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NOW BEING OFFERED VIA ZOOM

11:15 a.m. Sunday mornings for preschool to 4th graders

1:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons for high school students

1:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoons for 5th and 6th graders

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!

- Let the pastors know if you're interested in a Zoom Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday mornings.
- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship is now streaming on St. Pauls Website at spucc.org/streaming. Join members and friends in our lively comment section to say "hello!"
- 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

MAY 13 - 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.

MAY 14 - 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.

MAY 15 - SAINT PAULS GOT TALENT SHOW - 7 p.m. Zoom

We are always impressed by the hidden talents of our church members. Now it's your time to share those talents with your church family. Sing. Dance. Play an instrument. Tell jokes. Show off your nose harmonica skills. Each performer will have 5 minutes for their piece. If you would like to sign up to perform, please email Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org. If you would like to just be part of the audience, that is great too. To RSVP to just watch the show, please email Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

MAY 15-17 - NATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER FOR FAITH, HOPE & LIFE

St. Pauls is joining with faith communities across the nation to pray for those who have been touched by suicide, those who are dealing with mental health concerns or feelings of hopelessness, and those who love and care for them. With the detrimental effects the novel coronavirus pandemic is having on some peoples' lives, faith communities have an especially important role to play in uplifting those who may be struggling by providing hope, support and a sense of belonging. St. Pauls members are encouraged to join the movement and learn more at theactionalliance.org/faith-hope-life/national-weekend-of-prayer

OPPORTUNITIES

Most of these opportunities are currently suspended due to our stay-at-home, and some of them are happening virtually.

We look forward to the time when we can enjoy them all in person again.

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 by emailing Claire Higgins to check open Sundays in 2020, 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, lpatton21@yahoo.com.

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

CONSIDER THE LILIES – Deliver our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@gmail.com.

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

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

FEED THE HUNGRY – Community Engagement Program (CEP) Suppers at St Pauls are cancelled until future notice. In the interim, please support our friends at Lincoln Park Community Services. Information on how to donate food, supplies and money can be found on their website: lpcschicago.org/get-involved.

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:

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 Wednesday mornings to make 40 bag lunches to distribute 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 – 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.

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.

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.

- 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 to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 176 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith, and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children, grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and we are glad you are here.