

April 18, 2021
Virtual Worship

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

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

Mary Oliver
"Wild Geese"

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

K. Chapman

CHIMES

INTROIT

Morning Has Broken
Kurt R. Hansen, tenor

Gaelic Melody

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Psalm 30*

Sarah Garcia

One: Sing praises to God, everyone, for Christ is risen!

All: Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

One: God turns our mourning into dancing.

All: God removes our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.

One: Put away your cares, and lay your burden down.

All: For Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

HYMN

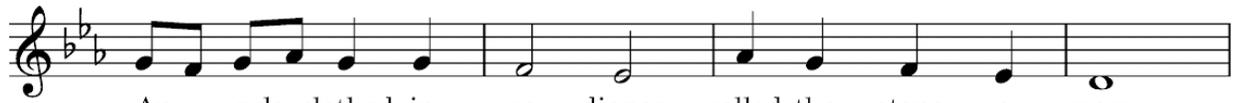
Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!



1. Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!
2. See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared;
3. Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore,



End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.
do not doubt at all for noth - ing you will fear.
Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives peace for - ev - er - more.



An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a - way;
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing;
Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and Head;



con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain



Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Matt Fitzgerald

Great God Creator, Maker of Heaven and Earth! How vast is your love!

Too often we are so near-sighted that we can't see farther than our immediate surroundings. In doing so, we neglect all your children who may be suffering, lost, or in need.

When we "look up to heaven" only, we fail to see the heaven beneath our feet. We miss seeing your Spirit moving in and through us. We do not hear every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea singing your praises.

We confess that we have not loved creation, or our neighbors, or the generations to come, as we have loved ourselves.

Loving and gracious God, forgive us and renew us. Lead us in courage, giving us the wisdom and the will to change. Amen.

Prayer written by Stephen Ministry Leader Marti Pechnyo

SCRIPTURE

Todd Coe

Luke 24:36-48

Jesus himself stood among his disciples and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish and honeycomb, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

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 “The Call of the Wild Geese” Jeff Carlson

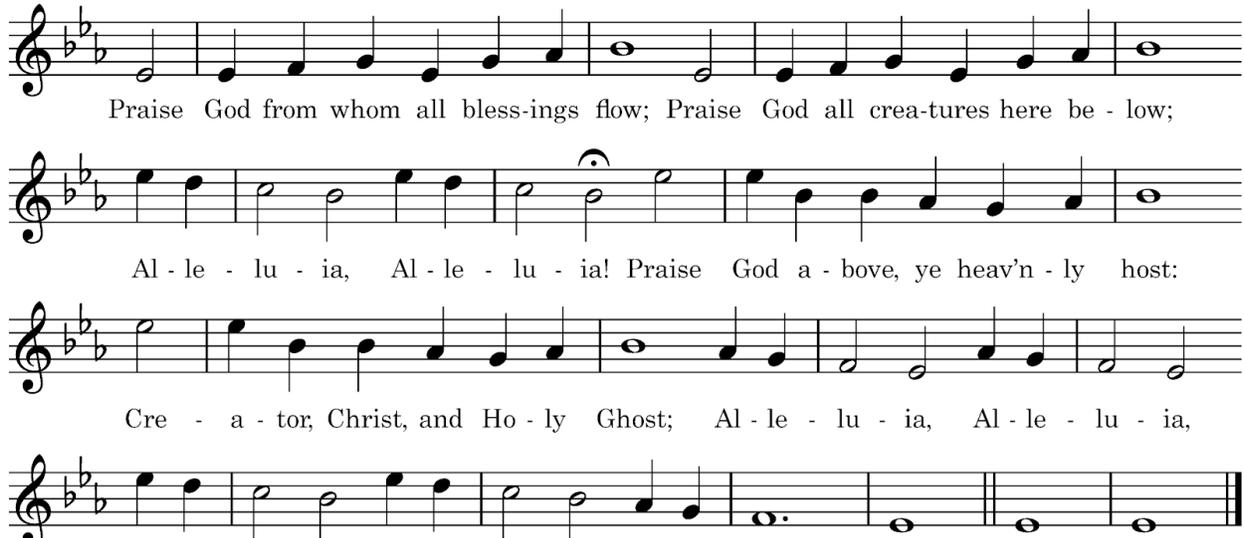
MEDITATION *Improvisation*
Breanna Coe, recorder

OFFERING INVITATION Matt Fitzgerald

OFFERTORY *On My Way* Walker, Farruko, & Carpenter
Pauls People
Kecia Waldschmidt, director

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FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The notes are: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The third staff continues with: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fourth staff concludes with: D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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

Benny VanDerburgh

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

Beautiful Savior

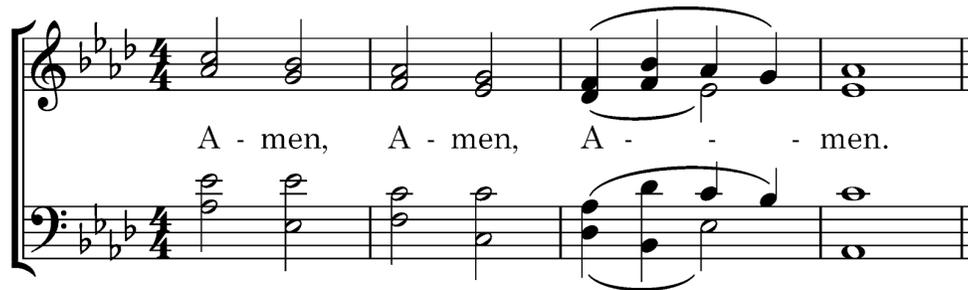
1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

He Has Done Great Things
St. Arbucks Trio

Phil Wickham

Coffee Hour is on Zoom!

*Using a computer or smartphone app, use Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Pswd: **Coffee***

*By phone, dial **(312) 626-6799**, Meeting ID: **882 5733 7213**, Password: **530750**.*

*Morning worship at Saint Pauls will be streamed online until further notice,
on Sundays at 10 a.m. Central, at spucc.org/streaming.*

For updates about in-person afternoon worship, see the announcements section below!

*You can also call in to listen to our services at **(312) 626-6799** at 10 a.m. Central on
Sundays. Use Meeting ID: **816 5093 8507**, Password: **459359***

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

VIRTUAL WORSHIP PRODUCTION TEAM

Chuck Kent

Mary Beth Hughes, Big Thinking By The Hour

Jim Courtright, Big Thinking By The Hour

VIRTUAL MUSIC PRODUCTION TEAM

Kevin Dzierzawski

Breanna Coe

Kristofer Hansen

Matt Plaskota

BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls.

*A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our
Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.*

April 18 Betty Voice, Jessica Ashley, Nathaniel Weglarz, Olivia Weglarz

April 19 Tom Scrivner

April 20 Andrea Reed, Daniel Nowack, Ella Javorcic, Sebastien Millard

April 21 Aileen Schloerb, Alex Baker, Mason Saltarelli

April 22 Jack Lyons, Kyle Nietzsche

April 24 Debra Kent, Mary Heffernan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING UPDATE

We are eager to see church members and friends in person. While the entire staff hasn't yet been vaccinated, we are moving toward that goal. To see a pastor at church during the week, please contact Matt, Sarah, or Jeff by telephone or email to schedule. If you need to come to the church building for another reason on a weekday, please contact Claire, chiggins@spucc.org, or Maddy, mlockhart@spucc.org, in the church office to schedule your visit. Masks are required inside the building.

IN-PERSON AFTERNOON WORSHIP: MAY SIGNUPS AVAILABLE

We're so excited to hold in-person worship each Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m., in addition to our 10 a.m. virtual worship service. Attendance is currently limited to 50 people, including staff, until updated by the CDC and local guidelines. For this reason, please make sure you register everyone who will be attending. See more info and registration details at:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/34510

SUMMER CAMP!

We are excited to have you join us for summer camp this year! Along with arts and crafts, games, and water activities, campers enjoy exploring local parks and going on daily adventures! St. Pauls Summer Camp is for school aged children 6-12. Summer camp will run July 5th through July 30th with options for Full Day (9am-3pm) or Half Day (9am-12pm) sign up on a weekly basis, Monday to Friday. Learn more and sign up here: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571>

PROVIDE A MEAL FOR LPCS

This St. Pauls founded organization provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. Open dates are: **May 4, 11, 18 & 25**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at sfletcher1443@gmail.com, or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on these days.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

We are trying to assess the congregation's interest in preparing meals in person together in teams of 4-6 in the near future. If you have any interest in cooking in-person meals for homeless neighbors in the coming months, please contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com to get involved. We also continue to have opportunities to do laundry for street-based guests and drop off meals for LPCS. Thanks for your service!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APR 22 - EARTH DAY WORSHIP! - 7:30 p.m., spucc.org/streaming

On Earth Day this Thursday, Saint Pauls will offer a special virtual worship service, streamed from our website. Our guest preacher will be UCC pastor Jim Antal, author of *Climate Church, Climate World*. Bill McKibben calls Rev. Antal, "a hero who has given his all" to the cause of environmental justice." Thanks to the Saint Pauls Green Team for organizing this service and the discussion of Jim's book.

APR 24 - SPRING BIRDWATCHING GROUP - 11 a.m., Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary
St. Pauls Social is organizing a spring birdwatching group. Allen Heinemann and Bill Borden have agreed to organize birdwatching walks, the first of which is scheduled for Saturday April 3 at 11 a.m. The group is limited to 10, in accordance with Chicago Department of Public Health guidelines. The group will rendezvous at the entrance to the Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary (aka Magic Hedge) on West Montrose Harbor Drive at the only bicycle racks. From Lake Shore Drive, proceed east on Montrose Avenue and turn right at the first intersection and proceed to the most easterly end of the harbor (about .7 miles). On-street parking is available. Bring your binoculars. Please RSVP to Allen at allenwheinemann@gmail.com.

APR 27 - WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Please join us for the women's book group. We will be reading *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chitister. All are welcome. Email Corie Gallemore for more information: corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

APR 28 - BOOK DISCUSSION: HOW TO FIGHT RACISM - 5 p.m., Zoom

How can you individually, or we as a church, act to promote racial justice? Join our three-part exploration, using Jemar Tisby's *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice*. This timely book attempts to move beyond talking about racism to equipping people with practical tools to fight against it. Cindy Ball will lead the series. We will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. The remaining one-hour sessions are:

- April 28 - Focus on Relationships, pp. 85-140
- May 26 - Focus on Commitment, pp. 141-206

We encourage those purchasing books to consider independent Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC)-owned bookstores. For additional information and to register, contact Cindy Ball, cindyzinn11@gmail.com.

MAY 1 - BYSTANDER TRAINING - 10 a.m., Zoom

As you know, our country has seen a sharp increase in anti-Asian violence. We are joining Root & Branch, Lighthouse and two other churches to receive bystander training from experts. We will learn how to identify hate incidents as they happen, and how to take safe, effective action. The Virtual training is led by experts from Asian Americans Advancing Justice and the Council on American Islamic Relations. Learn more and register via the link below, or contact Matt, mfitzgerald@spucc.org. [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc-CvrjgrGdEYRYWStjWxU3UAa60tdOil](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc-CvrjgrGdEYRYWStjWxU3UAa60tdOil)

MAY 6, 13 & 20 - BOOK DISCUSSION: *CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD*

7-8 p.m., Zoom

Why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change – and how should we do it? This book, recently featured in the [Chicago Tribune](#), helps answer these questions and empowers the reader to join others in taking action. The author, Rev. Jim Antal, serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Please purchase a copy from your favorite merchant and RSVP at the link below. Discussion sponsored by our St. Pauls Green Team.

<https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/827095>

MAY 7 - PLAY READING *INHERIT THE WIND* - 7:30 p.m., Zoom

St. Pauls Social invites adults of all ages to join hosts Henry and Nancy Godinez for a play reading of *Inherit the Wind*, originally performed on Broadway in 1955. Both actors and spectators are needed. If you are interested in a part in the play, let them know in your RSVP. Parts can be played by any gender. A Zoom link will be emailed to all RSVPs prior to the reading. Send your RSVP to Henry and Nancy at nanvg61@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your contact information, join and view our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

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.

EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP – 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, request more information about Children and Youth Programming, and more!

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 & 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.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS – If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, 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.

GREEN TEAM Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: God calls us to care for creation. This is the perfect time to plan, as we prepare to reenter and reimagine our common bodily life together. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro have volunteered to co-chair our efforts, both bringing a great deal of experience and ideas. To attend, or to be in the email list for future meetings, email Jan at jan.fraccaro@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2021. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@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 & 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 Jennifer Kew, JenniferLKew@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 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.

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).

VOLUNTEER TO READ SCRIPTURE

While we worship virtually, volunteers are needed to send in a recording of the scripture reading each week. The week before the service you've volunteered for, the speaking pastor for that Sunday will send you the scripture passage and recording/uploading instructions.

Sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988

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 start or continue groups. 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. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it.

If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- Pauline Taylor's son Greg being treated for cancer.
- Tom, Anya and Brendan at the loss of Colleen Henry's mother Mary.
- Jeff Johnson and family at the death of his mother Jeanine.
- Prayers of blessing for Robin Scott as she moves to Boston for a new job.
- Family and friends of Gloria's friend, Marci, at her death.
- Al Cerkan, recovering from major back surgery.
- The Johnson/Fayhee family at the death of Micki Fayhee's godmother and aunt, Janice C. Snow.
- Friends and family mourning the loss of Larry Butcher.
- Family and friends of Gay Kelly's dad, who passed away.
- Juanita Barlow, recovering from a procedure on a blood vessel.
- Rod Sippy, recovering from a heart procedure.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia and beginning many medical treatments.
- Loved ones of Amy Newman at her death, especially her children Alyssa and Miles Van Denburg.
- Young adults trying to find their place in the world.
- Couples navigating pregnancy in a covid world.
- Juggling working from home, Zoom school, and family life.
- Greg Mooney and family at the death of Sheryl.
- Carrie Brugger's brother, Steve, and family at the death of his wife, Barb.
- Juanita Barlow's sister, Maria Dolores Guadalupe, recovering from a stroke.
- The Rieck family at the death of Shirley.
- The Nietzsche family at the tragic death of Dan.
- Jan Bail's sister, Marty, diagnosed with cancer.
- Michael VanZeyl's Aunt Betty, hospitalized, and Laura VanZeyl's parents, Lionel and Donna, coping with isolation.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, receiving care at home.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

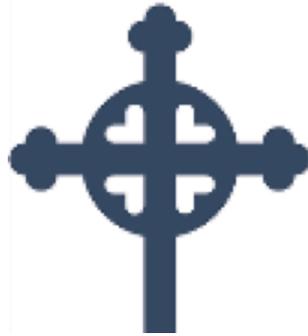
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

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 177 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.