

Easter Sunday  
Virtual Worship  
April 4, 2021

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

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"All I know now is the more he loved me the more I loved the world."

Spencer Reece

#### PRELUDE

*Final*

Igor Stravinsky

from Firebird Suite

arr. Mark Swanson

Flute, Organ, Brass, Piano and Percussion & Kurt R. Hansen

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*Call to Worship*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Breanna Coe, conductor

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Carlson

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

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## HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Hail the Lord of earth and heav - en!

We with all the an - gels say:—  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Praise to thee by both be giv - en,

Raise our joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Once He died, ours souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise,  
 Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth re - ply:—  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise,  
 Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Benny VanDerburgh

**New life springs up all around us Lord;  
but we are earthbound still.  
We are distracted and numb.  
We are worried and afraid.  
We are proud and dismissive.  
We are ashamed of what we fail to do.  
We are appalled at what we've done.  
Forgive us, Lord!  
Renew us in the resurrection light.  
Make us alive to Christ  
and to our own lives.  
Amen.**

ANTHEM

*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*  
Kris Hansen, soloist

Rev. James Cleveland

I don't feel no ways tired,  
I've come too far from where I started from  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy  
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.

SCRIPTURE

Emma Braband

*Luke 24: 13-35*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but they were not able to recognize who he was. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?" They replied, "The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by God and all the people. Our high priests and leaders betrayed him and handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

It is now the third day since these things took place. And now some women of our group have completely confused us. Early this morning, they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

#### 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 "Who Are You After Easter?" Matt Fitzgerald

MEDITATION *La Majeste* from Heldenmusik Georg Philipp Telemann  
Michael Hawes, trumpet

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah Garcia

OFFERTORY *Easter Hymn* from Cavalleria Rusticana Pietro Mascagni  
(Sung in Italian) arr. Mark Swanson  
Nancy Pifer, soprano, and Pastor Jeff Carlson, cantor  
Chancel Choir  
Brass, Percussion, Piano and Organ

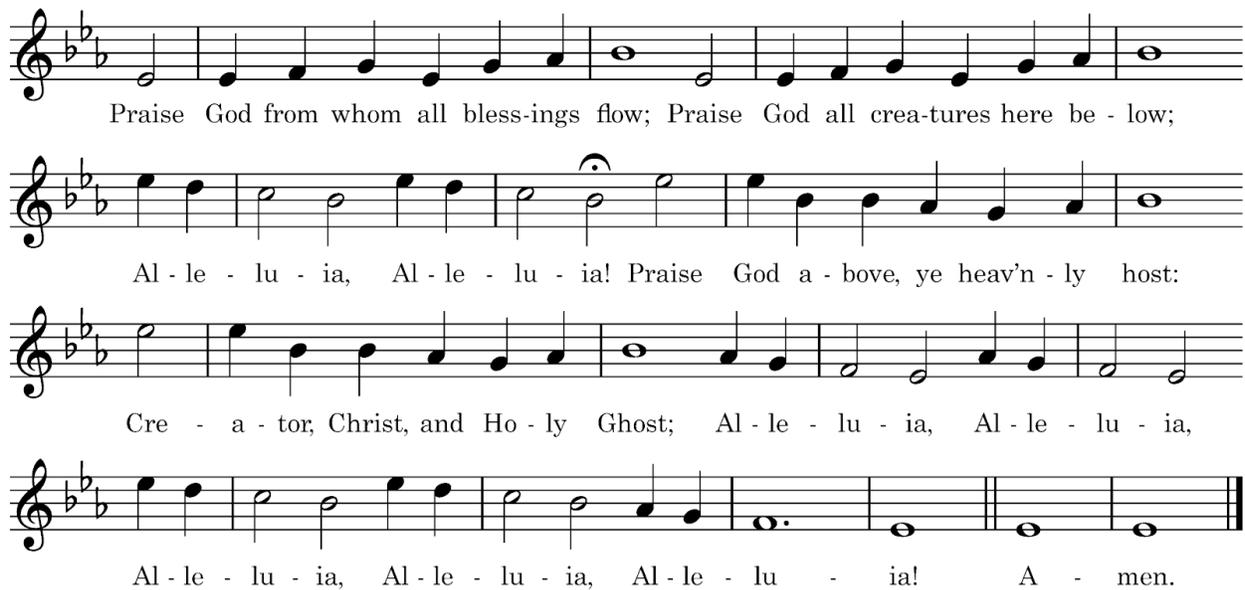
Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed!

Hail Queen of heaven, all glorious!  
Alleluia!  
Thy Son is risen victorious,  
Alleluia!  
Whom the Lord chose as worthy to bear.  
Alleluia!

O sing praise to the Lord who is risen,  
Death's dominion and power to deny;  
He has broken the bonds of his prison,  
He is risen to glory on high!

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## 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.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## 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.**

## SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please ready your bread and wine or juice.*

*Wait to partake until all are invited. We will eat and drink together.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Oh God we thank you for Easter and its glory!  
You do not give up on the shattered, or the dying, or even the dead.  
You do not give up on the fearful, or the hateful, or the impossible.  
You do not give up on us. We have been made new.  
All things have been made new!  
Oh God we thank you!  
For love is more powerful than fear.  
Life is triumphant over the grave.  
You have just defeated death.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen!

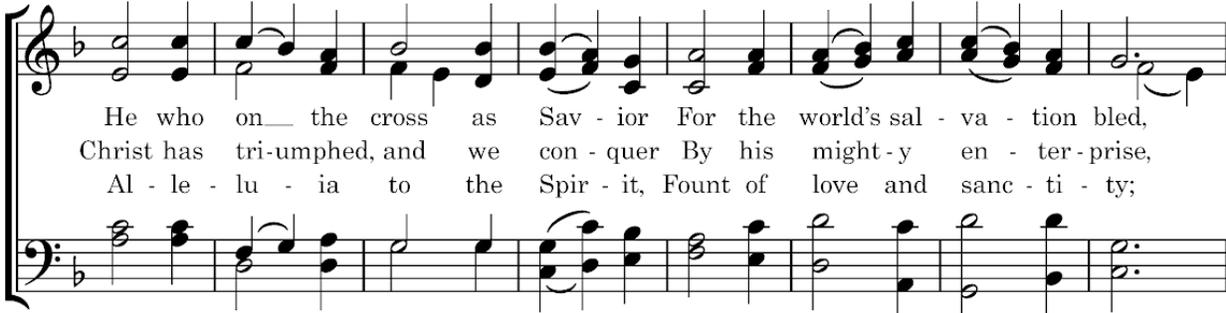
## HYMN

*Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*


1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;  
 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise,  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead!  
 We with him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.



## The Flowering of the Rod

In resurrection, there is confusion  
if we start to argue; if we stand and stare,  
  
we do not know where to go;  
in resurrection, there is simple affirmation

but do not delay to round up the others,  
up and down the street; your going

in a moment like this, is the best proof  
that you know the way;

does the first wild-goose stop to explain  
to the others? No -- he is off;

they follow or not,  
that is their affair;

does the wild-goose care  
whether the others follow or not?

I don't think so -- he is happy to be off --  
he knows where he is going;

so we must be drawn or we must fly,  
like the snow-geese of the Arctic circle,

to the Carolinas or to Florida,  
or like those migratory flocks

who still (they say) hover  
over the lost island, Atlantis;

seeking what we once knew,  
we know ultimately we will find

happiness; *to-day shalt thou be  
with me in Paradise.*

Hilda Doolittle

## **EASTER FLOWERS IN CELEBRATION OF . . .**

THE LOVE OF FAMILY

KEVIN DZIERZAWSKI from Kurt Hansen

CHANCEL CHOIR from Kurt R. Hansen

LORRAINE MARIE and LEONARDO D'QUINO from Aunt Terry Brancaccio Hansen

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTORS: NANCY VOIGTS GODINEZ, KAREN JOHNSON, AND

KECIA WALDSCHMIDT from Kurt R. Hansen

ST. ARBUCKS QUARTET from Kurt R. Hansen

LYNNE KOSSACK OLAWSKI from The Hansen Family

BREANNA COE from Kurt Hansen and the Chancel Choir

MATT PLASKOTA from Kurt Hansen

KATHY GOOD & DAVID GOOD from Sarah Good Mosley and Mark Mosley

OUR GRANDCHILDREN ANNIKA & OSCAR HULL; SOPHIE, NATHANIEL & MARGOT RIX;

ELLERY & ANDERSON EKDAHL from Marcia Opp and Jon Ekdahl

ALL THOSE WHO WENT TO WORK SO I COULD WORK FROM HOME from Peg Wander

ALL THE DEDICATED SCIENTISTS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE BRINGING

US BACK TO LIFE from Peg Wander

## **EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF . . .**

HARRY JAQUAY, ERWIN & DORIS CARLSON from Joe and Jeff

NICHOLAS & BERTHA BRANCACCIO from The Hansen Family

GRIGG FOUNTAIN from The Hansen Family

KERMIT & MARY HANSEN from The Hansen Family

MIKE KOSSACK from The Hansen Family

WILLIAM "BILL" PARKS from Kurt Hansen

LOLA & ALEX RAND from The Hansen Family

DONNA BRANCACCIO SEGSCHEIDER from Terry Brancaccio Hansen

GORDON FISHBURN from Kurt R. Hansen

LARRY BUTCHER from Kurt Hansen and the Chancel Choir

SAMUEL GOOD, GEORGE & SHIRLEY MOSLEY from Sarah Good Mosley and Mark Mosley

DOROTHY & FRANK MYNARD from Suzanne and Frank Mynard  
BEN & LOUISE YUNKER from Suzanne and Frank Mynard  
ED ZASADIL from his spouse, Larry Simpson  
LEROY & HENRIETTA (SCHOLTEN) DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
LEE DYKSTRA from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
EDWARD SEELEY DAVIS from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
BETTY SCHOLTEN VAN TUBERGEN from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
SHARON SIKES from Andrew and Lynn Davis  
BROTHER DOUG, CAT TIGGER, AND PARENTS EVELYN & JOHN from Diane Biegert  
GORDON & MARGARET BALL, ROBERT & LAINI ZINN from Bob and Cindy Z Ball  
SAM HILL from the Raiman and DuPont families  
GRANDMA CAROL BARTELS from Elsie, Isla and Eva Bartels  
NIAL JOSEPH from Gloria, Adam and Jonathan  
HERBERT & ANNE BEECK from Barb Kaiser  
COLLEEN YODER HENRY from Tom and family  
STEVE & JENNY FALLICK (Jorie's parents) from the Hamm family  
COLLEEN HENRY, SAM HILL, LARRY BUTCHER from the Pifer/Swanson household  
PARENTS BOB & JEAN FREI, FRED & FAITH WILK from Jennifer and Gerald  
JOHANNA KATTER from Sandi Weiskirch and family  
KENNETH & WANDA HEINEMANN, BENJAMIN JUSTIN HEINEMANN from Gay Kelly

**PARAMENTS** pictured in this week's virtual worship  
are the beautiful work of Lynn Dykstra Davis.

**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 4 Peter Doerr, Kyle DuPont  
April 5 Mandy Key, Alexis Palkon, Livia Sanders  
April 6 Jennifer Kew, Will Jackson  
April 7 Anita Wiebe, Lois Basil, Nancy Hanson  
April 9 Andrea Koepke, Daniel Vaughn, Gay Kelly, Ben Fenstermacher  
April 10 Jonathan Beck, Margarita DiMonte

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **IN-PERSON AFTERNOON WORSHIP**

We're so excited to begin 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/752867](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/752867).

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)**

Do you miss serving CEP meals? Team up with fellow St. Pauls members to serve Sunday supper for 35 shelter guests at LPCS, 1521 N. Sedgwick. We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to either drop off or cook on-site at the shelter on **Sunday, April 11**. We can work out a menu and plan that works well for whoever volunteers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com).

### **LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

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: **April 14, 21**. Please contact Sally Fletcher to sign up at [sfletcher1443@gmail.com](mailto:sfletcher1443@gmail.com), or (312) 848-5400. Needed are 35 lunches, including 3 vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location on each of these days.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **APR 7 - ST. JOHN PASSION of BACH** - 8 p.m., Zoom

Listening and discussion led by Kurt R. Hansen. For details and a Zoom link, email KurtSingsBach@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.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**CHURCH CENTER** is our new portal for the Saint Pauls community! If you haven't yet, get started on a computer or smart device at [spucc.churchcenter.com](http://spucc.churchcenter.com), or by downloading the "Church Center App" and using "60614" in the search during app setup. You'll see our Saint Pauls logo in the top results. On Church Center, you can 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **PASTORS' VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS**

Want to talk? We are here for you! You can always reach out to one of our pastors, but we are also offering regularly scheduled virtual office hours. To “drop in” during virtual office hours, contact a pastor to make an appointment.

Pastor Sarah: Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Benny, Pastoral Intern: Mondays, 3-5 p.m.

Pastor Matt: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pastor Jeff: Fridays, 3-5 p.m.

**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).

**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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

**ZOOM MEETINGS** – The St. Pauls Zoom account is available to start or continue groups. Email Claire Higgins at [chiggins@spucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.
- Gloria Joseph and sons John and Adam at the death of her husband, Nial.
- 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 Nitzsche 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!*

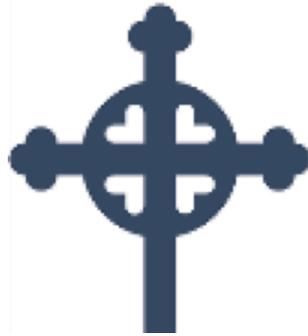
Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ women and men.

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 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.