

SAINT PAULS UCC
making a joyful sound in the city

May 30, 2021
Virtual Worship

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

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

D. Locklair

CHIMES

INTROIT

Nearer, My God, to Thee
Chancel Choir

Lowell Mason

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Fitzgerald

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

All: **IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD WAS GOD**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

All: **IN THE BEGINNING GOD SAID,
“LET US MAKE HUMANKIND IN OUR IMAGE.”**

One: And God saw that it was good!

All: **LET US WORSHIP THE SOURCE OF ALL THAT IS GOOD!**

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Benny VanDerburgh

Creator God, we confess that we neglect to live as people made in your image. We devote our lives to idols of our own making, taking your good gifts and this good world for granted.

Jesus Christ, we confess that we have trouble living as your disciples. Your command to love God and neighbor is seldom our priority.

Spirit of God, we confess that we resist your work in our lives, preferring our old habits to your fresh ways; listening to our fears rather than to your voice.

Beautiful Trinity, forgive us, heal us and plunge us into the depths of your mysterious and infinite love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Kirsten Simonton

Romans 8:11-17

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

“Chez God”

Jeff Carlson

MEDITATION

Prelude, Op. 13, No. 3 in G major

Alexandr Scriabin

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

OFFERING INVITATION

Matt Fitzgerald

OFFERTORY

Heilig, Heilig, Heilig
 from The German Mass
 Tenors & Basses of the Chancel Choir

Franz Schubert

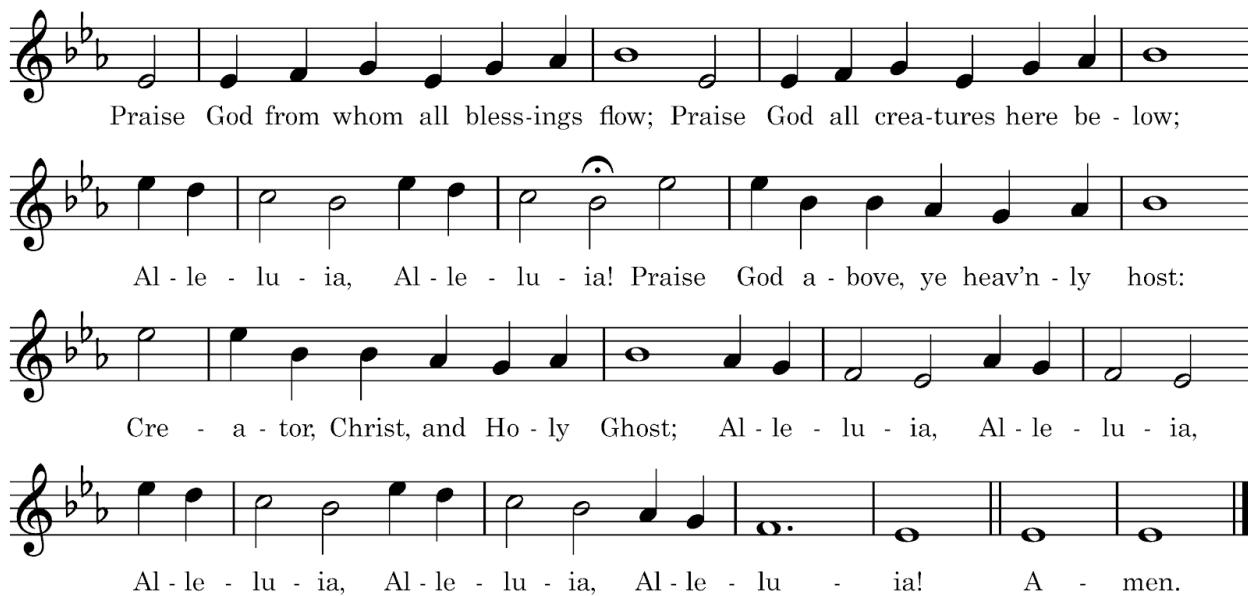
Heilig, heilig, heilig ist der Herr!
 Heilig, heilig, heilig ist nur Er!
 Er, der nie begonnen,
 Er, der immer war,
 Ewig ist und waltet,
 Sein wird immerdar!

Heilig, ...
 Allmacht, Wunder, Liebe,
 Alles rings umher!
 Heilig ...

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.

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FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sarah Garcia

Jack Anderson

Pastor: Every child born into the world is a new creation of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility. Today we are delighted to celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Jack Anderson. Family and friends, members of the Congregation, please affirm your love and support for Jack as you repeat after me.

All: **Jack we promise you our love. Jack we promise you our support.
Jack, we promise you our care.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sarah Garcia

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Robert Lowery

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.
I hear a sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul - how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A musical score for two voices (treble and bass) in 4/4 time, key signature of four flats. The treble part consists of a sustained note followed by a descending melodic line. The bass part consists of sustained notes. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - - - men." are written below the notes, with a bracket underlining the last three notes of the treble line.

POSTLUDE

A Change Is Gonna Come
St. Arbucks Trio

Sam Cook

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 is streamed online
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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Mary and Dodd Brown's 44th wedding anniversary, and in hope of a more normal 45th year to come.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY & JUNE

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.

May 30 Angi Miller, Margaret Palm, Grayson Charlton, Leo Patton

May 31 Michael Mosley, Anaïs Jarzebowski, Charlotte Bunch, Marnee Lumm,
Wesley Panko

June 1 Alison Schwab, Bryan Chamberlain, Phil Hamp, Clay Canfield, Thomas Mix

June 2 Brendan Noonan, Shane Gentzen

June 3 Kimberlee Schmahl, Mark Mosley, John Schmitz

June 4 Carolyn Stoner, Toby Knotts, David Palm

June 5 Sarah Good Mosley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REOPENING UPDATE

The Church Council has approved a plan to reopen our building for weekday use. This means that most church ministries and committees can meet in the building. So can our partners, including 12-step meetings, Lighthouse UCC, and others.

Here is even better news: **On Sunday, June 13, we will return to in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.** Current city guidelines permit us to gather in a group that comprises 25% of our sanctuary's capacity. This means we can welcome between 200 and 215 people to worship on a Sunday morning. In the meantime, we will continue to meet in groups of 50 or fewer on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Register here!

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

Please know that we will continue to offer virtual worship before and after June 13. Streamed services are here to stay.

CREATION CORNER

Amid the fear and uncertainty caused by the Covid 19 virus, it can be easy to forget that another global disaster is happening as we speak. The Earth has warmed about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit since the Industrial Revolution. Our carbon emissions continue to rise. The warming could exceed 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit by 2070. The world will not look like it does today. Heat will be deadly, rising water will eliminate some islands and cities, and food and water shortages may make life unbearable for some. The Paris Accord of 2015, which the U.S. rejoined in 2021, is designed to help address these problems.

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 5 through July 30 with options for Full Day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) or Half Day (9 a.m.-12 p.m.). Sign up on a weekly basis, Monday to Friday. Learn more and sign up here: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 31 - PARKING LOT PICNIC- 5 p.m., Church Parking Lot

Pack your own picnic and join hosts Rick Peterson and Jen Luerssen for a St. Pauls Social socially distanced picnic in the church parking lot, for adults of all ages. We'll have spaces marked out for up to 30 picnickers to keep us separated. You will need to bring your own chairs. All participants are expected to wear a mask unless seated. Please RSVP in advance at the link below so we can respect social distancing:

<https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/864813>.

JUNE 6 - PLAYFUL PRAISE - 5 p.m., Courtyard

In-person kid-centered worship! If it rains, we will be in the gym. We will have live music, a craft, and interactive storytelling. Masks, social distancing and registration required: <https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/864915>.

JUNE 14 - BOOK DISCUSSION: *THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING* - 7 p.m. Zoom

The Long, Classic Novels Reading Group invites you to read and discuss this book by T.H. White. Ursula LeGuin writes, "A fierce and damaged man, T. H. White wrote about fierce and damaged people—and children, and animals—with a brilliant, painful innocence that has no equal in literature. He is so good at hurt and shame—how did he also manage to be so funny? I have laughed at his great Arthurian novel and cried over it and loved it all my life." RSVP: Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org for Zoom link.

JUNE 26 - ST. PAULS PRIDE CONCERT - 5-7 p.m., Church Parking Lot

Join St. Pauls Social for a musical celebration in honor of Pride, Summer and our Emergence from the Pandemic. We are planning an informal and fun program just for this event where members and friends will share their musical talent.

Participants are asked to BYO food, drinks and chairs as we will be following CDC and local guidelines. RSVP required! If you would like to participate in the musical program, please email Rick Peterson, rnpeterson2017@gmail.com, or Matt Fitzgerald, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/864808

Parking - You will need to find street parking (keep an eye out for permit restrictions!), or park in the garage at 2316 N. Lincoln Ave. (St. Pauls has a validation agreement with the garage for our in-person Sunday services, but *validation through St. Pauls is not available for this event.*)

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!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

We are seeking **CEP Laundry volunteers on Saturday mornings**. One volunteer is needed each week to greet street-based guests and launder their clothes on-site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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. If you are not interested in in-person activities, we continue to have opportunities to drop off meals for LPCS.

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.

MEALS FOR LPCS - Lincoln Park Community Services is a St. Pauls founded organization that provides comprehensive social services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. LPCS is looking for volunteers to provide meals during this time. 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.

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.

- Friends and family of Karl Wirsum, who passed away this month.
- Ivy Sanz's mother, Grace, for a quick recovery from her hospitalization with pneumonia.
- Tom Henry and family at the death of Colleen Henry's 100-year-old mother, Mary Payne.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- Family and friends at the death of Ruth Cuzman.
- Pauline Taylor's son, Greg, being treated for cancer.
- Jeff Johnson and family at the death of his mother, Jeanine.
- Al Cerkar, recovering from major back surgery.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

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 people.

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.