

June 13, 2021
Reopening Sunday

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

Please silence cell phones.

Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Every parting gives a foretaste of death; every remeeting a foretaste of the resurrection."
Arthur Schopenhauer

PRELUDE *Oh Happy Day!* Edwin Hawkins
St. Arbucks Trio arr. St Arbucks
with Kris Hansen, trumpet and vocals

INTROIT *Lift Every Voice and Sing* J. Rosamond Johnson
Chancel Choir

WELCOME Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 20

North: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

South: *May the God of Jacob protect you!*

North: May God give you your heart's desire!

South: *May God fulfill all your plans!*

**All: May we shout for joy over our victory,
and in the name of God set up our banners!**

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

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, —

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven — a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, — Christ, — the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Benny VanDerburgh

**O God, forgive us into new lives.
When we burnish grudges,
forgive us into mercy.
When our wounds enthrall us,
forgive us into healing.
When we pretend we're God
and insist on judging others,
forgive us into your
new creation.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing_ grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a___
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my___



wretch like me!_____ I once___ was_ lost, but
fears re - lieved;_____ How pre - cious did that



now___ am_ found, was blind but_ now I see._____
grace___ ap - pear The hour I___ first be - lieved!_____

SCRIPTURE

Doug Heyboer

Second Corinthians 5, selections

Struggle here only reminds us of the spaciousness to come – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? Still, when the time comes, we will be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming. But neither exile nor homecoming is the main concern. Cheerfully pleasing God is the main concern. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and take what is coming to us.

That keeps us vigilant, you can be sure. It is no light thing to know that we'll all one day stand in that place of Judgement. That is why we work urgently with everyone we meet. If I acted crazy, I did it for God; if I acted in my right mind, I did it for you. Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do.

The love of Christ urges us on: One man died for everyone, therefore all have died. We are all in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this, we don't judge people by what they have or how they look. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

* 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)

* HYMN

What a Covenant

Black Hymnal, No. 471

1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing

on the ev - er - last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness,
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path
on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

SERMON "New Creation" Matt Fitzgerald

RESPONSE *The Creator Has a Master Plan* Leon Thomas &
St. Arbucks Trio Pharoah Sanders
with Kris Hansen, trumpet and vocals

OFFERTORY *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir

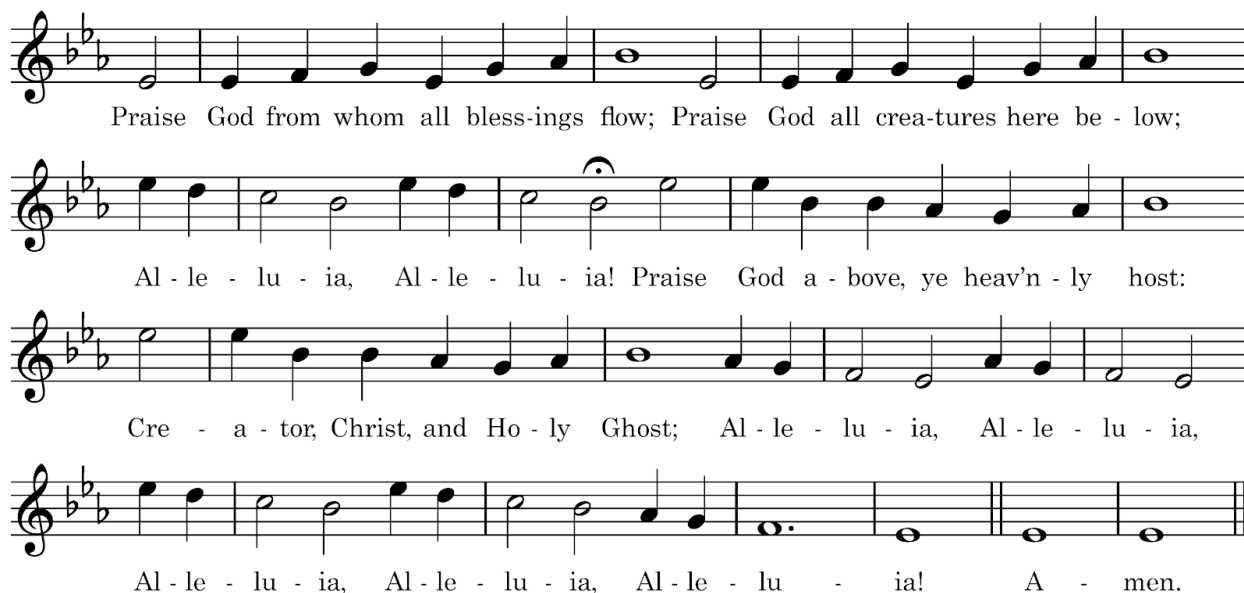
With a voice of singing
Declare ye this, and let it be heard,
Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people,
Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.

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At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,
Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.*



* 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

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.
Text from an old Gaelic rune

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

C. M. Widor

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

Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

ALTAR CLOTHS AND PARAMENTS

Our altar cloths and paraments change colors when the seasons of the church year shift and were made by members of Saint Pauls.

Purple is for the season of Advent made by Deborah Rose.

White is for the seasons of Christmas and Easter made by Lynn Dykstra Davis.

Green is for ordinary time (Sundays between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, Easter and Advent) made by Deborah Rose.

Red is for special Sundays and symbolizes the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, Ordinations) made by Deborah Rose.

TODAY'S MUSIC

We are truly "Making a Joyful Sound in the City" IN PERSON after months of being unable to share this high form of prayer together in our Sanctuary.

Martin Shaw (1875-1958), composer of today's Offertory, *With a Voice of Singing*, was a campaigner for better church music and for English opera. He was co-editor with Vaughan Williams of the *Oxford Book of Carols* (1928). This anthem was written in 1923 for a festival of church choirs in Rochester, New York.

O Come, All Ye Faithful, known by the Latin tune title ADESTE FIDELES, is definitely a carol that we sing on Christmas Eve, BUT how appropriate the words are after a separation from each other for more than a year, *O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant...* The words and music are attributed to John Francis Wade (1711 - 1786), who wrote the text originally in Latin. He left England in 1745 because of the persecution of Catholics. The English text was added by Frederick Oakeley (1802 - 1880), an Anglican priest, in the mid-19th century

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, tune EASTER HYMN or LYRA DAVIDICA, uses a text by Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788) the great Methodist theologian and hymnodist. The tune's composer is not known and is taken from a collection, *Lyra Davidica*; hence, one of the tune names. It is equally appropriate to sing this great Easter hymn on a day that has a real sense of resurrection for many at St. Pauls.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Jen Luerssen

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operator: Chuck Kent

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

BORN THIS WEEK IN 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.

- June 14 Gary Ashley, Jessica Vahey, Karin Abercrombie
- June 15 Lee Waldschmidt, Debbie Edwards
- June 16 Cheryl Kuba, Charles Kiefer, Janice Keeler, Mary Hoffman
- June 17 Andreas Hecht, Beverley Petrunich, Chuck Palm, Jack Polson,
Stella Crowley
- June 18 Griffin Weil, Spencer Weil
- June 19 Jordan England, Stephen Brach-Spivey, Thomas Jackson, Chris Bettler
- June 20 Zoe Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Now that our worship is back in person, we're happy to reopen our flower donation signup! Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way of celebrating a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up to provide flowers online at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446.

NEWBIGIN FELLOWS SMALL GROUP

Having participated in the Newbigin House's *Faith & Justice Fellowship* (faithjustice.net/fellowship), Steve Schwartzberg would like to invite you to join a small group at St. Pauls, made up of Newbigin Fellows for this coming year. It's an intense experience discussing such works as Willie James Jennings, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. A rewarding commitment, but not a small one, either in time or money. Tuition is nearly \$900, not including books, and there are webinars and fireside chats via Zoom in addition to bi-weekly cohort meetings. Please contact Steve at steven.schwartzberg@gmail.com to join or for more info.

CREATION CORNER

On October 10, 2020, TED TALKS launched a new and useful website and podcast. The web site is countdown.ted.com. The motto is “We can change climate change.” Countdown is a global initiative to champion and accelerate solutions to the climate crisis, turning ideas into action. The podcast is simply “Countdown.” Give them a look and listen!

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: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/823571.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 SIGN-UP – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to spucc.org 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! If you're already a member of St. Pauls and have missed signing up for our email list, you can sign up at the bottom of our website, spucc.org.

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. If you prefer to complete a paper document, please contact the office, info@spucc.org. 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 on 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 you to 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 Luerksen at jenluerksen@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 – 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.
- Friends and family of Larry Butcher, whose memorial service was celebrated yesterday.
- 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 Cerkan, 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.