

August 15, 2021

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.

PRELUDE

Ave verum corpus
St. Pauls Brass

W.A. Mozart
arr. Walter H. Barnes

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To know the warmth of love,

All: To have the assurance that someone cares,

One: To be confident of our worth,

All: To be bold to love in return,

One: To be washed over with grace,

All: To be accepted as we are:

One: This is to know a bit of God.

All: Then let us worship our God.

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

* HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Robert Lowery

Wayne Bradley, organ

Please Hum

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?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's - how can I keep from singing?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Garcia

**God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners –
full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed,
and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and the bless
the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the
image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE

Take My Life, God, Let It Be
St. Arbucks Quartet
Please Hum

Take my life, God, let it be, consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

SCRIPTURE

Marti Pechnyo

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise people, making the most of the time, because the days are dark. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Don't drink too much wine. Drink the Spirit of God. Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and songs to one another, singing and making music to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* 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)

* RESPONSE

Take My Life, God, Let It Be
St. Arbucks Quartet
Please Hum

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now and help me be part of Christ's community.

SERMON

"Making Music in Your Heart"

Sarah Garcia

* RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine
St. Arbucks Quartet

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Sam Hill

OFFERTORY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
St. Pauls Brass

John Dykes
arr. Rick Walters

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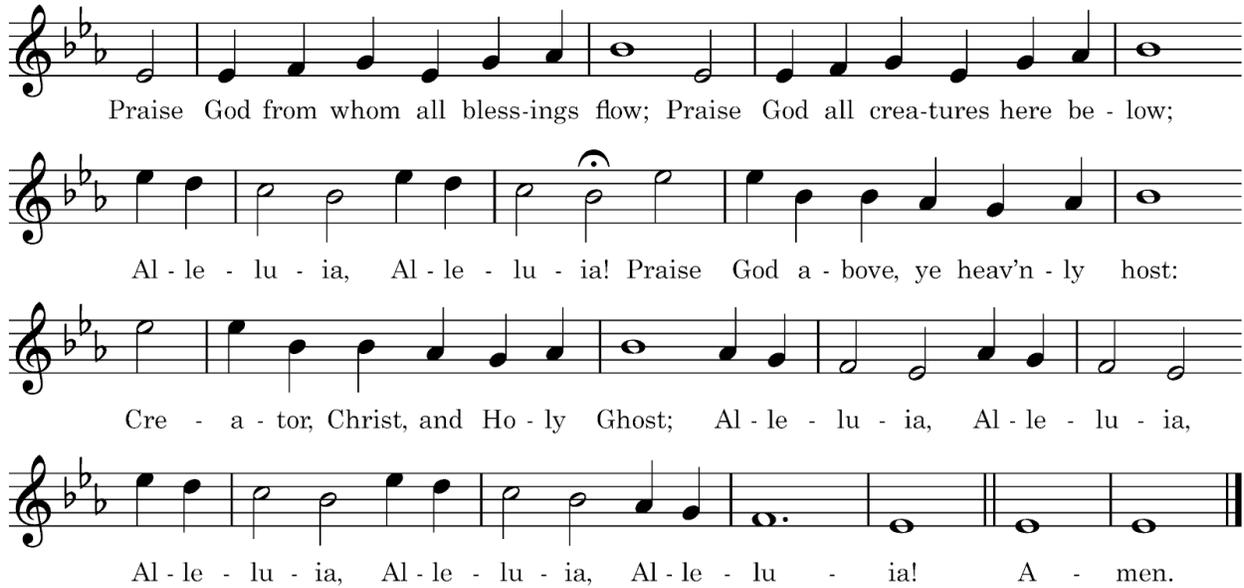
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* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



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

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

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

vv. 1 & 3

Wayne Bradley, organ

Please Hum

1. Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
3. When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Wayne Bradley, organ



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

POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhonnda
(*God of Grace, And God of Glory*)
St. Pauls Brass

Welsh Hymn Tune
arr. Walter H. Barnes

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.

TODAY'S MUSIC

It is a joy to welcome the return of our own **St. Pauls Brass**. It's members include Jim Brandt and Jake Nitzsche, trumpets; Kris Hansen, trumpet and flugelhorn; Rick Peterson, horn; Nancy Pifer, tenor horn; Mark Swanson, trombone and baritone horn; and Chris Bettler, tuba.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed this communion Motet, ***Ave verum corpus***, (Hail true body), to a Latin text from the 13th century by either Pope Innocent III or IV. This prayer recalls Christ's sacrifice on the cross and where that sacrifice leads us as believers.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song was composed both the text and the tune, ENDLESS SONG, by Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Lowry was a preacher and scholar with a musical background from his childhood.

This Little Light of Mine has been a favorite of St. Pauls for more than 40 years. It has an uplifting and spiritually powerful message that celebrates the sharing of faith and is another example from the deep well of spirituals from the African American tradition. The arrangement that we are used to sing was created by Dr. Sammie “Sam” Hill, who was the St. Pauls Director of Music and Organist from 1971-1991. Sam and our current Director of Music, Kurt R. Hansen, both studied with the same teacher at Northwestern University, Grigg Fountain.

Eternal Father Strong to Save is generally known as “the Navy Hymn” because of the references to the sea and ships in the text. It is sung to the tune of MELITA, which was composed in 1861 by John Dykes (1823-1876). By the age of 10, Dykes was already the organist at his grandfather’s church. He became both an ordained priest in the Church of England and an innovative choir director. William Whiting (1825-1878) wrote the text in 1860. He became Master of the Winchester College Choristers' School. Although he wrote extensively, this was the only hymn text he ever composed.

We get two chances to sing then hear our brass play ***Guide Me O My Great Redeemer***. It has, for us, the unusual Welsh tune name CWM RHONNDA. The text we know is by the famous American author and Baptist clergy, Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969). He wrote this text in 1930. The well known tune was composed in 1907 by John Hughes (1873-1932). He had very little formal education and became a deacon and precentor, lay minister positions, in his Baptist church. He wrote this tune for a Welsh Baptist choral festival.

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 seasons of Advent and Lent, made by Deborah Rose.

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

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

Green is for ordinary time, made by Deborah Rose.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operator: Chuck Kent

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of the 22nd wedding anniversary of Nancy Pifer and Mark Swanson.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

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.

Aug 15 Laura DuPont, Sally Acker, Winnie Castle, Susan Howell

Aug 16 Claire Gallemore, Neil Peterson

Aug 17 Kevin O'Brien, Winnie Kearns, Felix Hecht, Zack Murray

Aug 18 Al Cerkan, Mark O'Brien

Aug 19 Betsy Bueschel, Daniel Limina, Kimberly Williamson, Erik Peterson, Jide Jaji

Aug 20 Asha Gidwani, Jude Gonzalez-Greenberg, Karl Peterson, Maeve Gleason

Aug 21 Michael Van Zeyl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAINI ZINN MEMORIAL AND ART GIVE-AWAY

On Saturday Aug. 21 at 10:30 am there will be a memorial service for Laini Zinn, mother of Cindy Zinn Ball, who passed away in late 2019. Laini loved God, Creation, and life, and was a prolifically creative artist. Her art is how she expressed this love, and is meant to be shared. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Oscar Mayer room where her remaining works of art will be on display, and will remain on Sunday, August 22. Anyone attending on either day is invited to view her art and please take for yourself anything that you like.

SHARE YOUR HARVEST

The Green Team of St. Pauls will host a table at the Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 22 for any extra bounty from your garden to share with the rest of the Congregation. There will also be vegetable recipes to take. Email Barb Kaiser with any questions, bkaiser2213@gmail.com.

LITTLE LIGHTS ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Does your child love to play? Little Lights is accepting applications and enrolling new students! Conveniently located inside St. Pauls, our early childhood education program still has limited spots available for 3 and 4 year old children for the upcoming school year. Our loving and caring teachers provide a safe and comfortable space designed to spark learning, creativity and interaction. Classes run Mon-Thurs mornings. Small class sizes! A fantastic opportunity for your child to socialize and participate in engaging lessons. Visit littlelightslp.org to learn more and contact Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org to schedule a private tour.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

A member of our community would like to come to church regularly but is required to have an escort to leave her building. We'd like to gather a group of volunteers who will take turns accompanying her to church on Sundays. This would entail meeting her where she lives at Clark and Oak on Sunday morning, riding with her in the van and then back to her residence after church. If you feel called to be a part of this team, or to learn more, please contact Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

CREATION CORNER - How Much Tax Subsidy Does the Fossil Fuel Industry Get?

Tax subsidies for coal, oil, and gas are expected to reduce federal revenue by \$11.5 BILLION from 2019 to 2023. The largest taxpayer subsidies are the depletion allowance and expenses for exploration and development costs.

CHURCH SCHOOL

We are offering Sunday morning faith formation activities for children 2 to 11 years old. See the event page for more information. Please register by Friday for the upcoming Sunday at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/885065.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUG 18 - BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

St. Paul's famous words about love were written to a local church only about 7 years old. They were new Christians struggling to build a community around the good news of Jesus. For Paul, Christian faith can only be lived in community and in this letter he addresses the questions and struggles of a group of early Christians that remain surprisingly similar to our own. 1 Corinthians is a timely book to read as we reenter our in-person life together. Meets weekly on Zoom. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

SEPT 20 - DISCUSSION: *THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO* - 7 p.m.

The Count of Monte Cristo is next up in this year's Long, Classic Novel Reading Group. Alexandre Dumas' epic tale of suffering and retribution, inspired by a real-life case of wrongful imprisonment, was a huge popular success when it was first serialized in the 1840s. We'll be reading it over six months, with the first of two discussions on September 20 at 7 p.m. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

SEPT 21 - UCAN HEALING GARDEN DEDICATION & RECEPTION - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UCAN

You're invited to the dedication of UCAN's healing garden, Petria's Place, located on their North Lawndale campus. Join in for prayer, music, refreshments, and tours of UCAN's campus. RSVP at www.ucangarden.org. For questions, please contact Rebecca Sandoval at rebecca.sandoval@ucanchicago.org.

OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWERS – 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 at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/874446.

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. The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, 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 three vegetarian, at the 600 W. Fullerton location.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS – If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Joanne Tong know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Joanne at jctong@yahoo.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!

SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up at: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/686988.

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.

- Family and friends of Carole Knuti at her passing.
- Bruce and Betty Voice are now living with her son Raymond. Cards are welcome at 2763 Peach Orchard Road, Anderson, MO 64831.
- Carrie Bruggers at the death of her mother, Phyllis.
- Ken Traverse and his family at the death of his younger brother, Ray Traverse, from a brain tumor.
- Karaçan Thomas' grandmother in the hospital.
- Joe JaQuay at the death of his mother, Noor.
- Sue Edmunds, friend of Sue Finkle in hospice with cancer.
- Yvette, friend of Jenny Benefield, struggling greatly with severe chronic depression.
- The many who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, to get it before it's too late. May we all find our role in helping this happen.
- The family and friends of the Mora family, and other victims of the Surfside Condo collapse.
- Janice, cousin of Darlene Braun, asking for prayers.
- Marti Pechnyo, recovering at home after emergency shoulder replacement surgery.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, fighting cancer.
- Friends of the Ashley family who are in times of crisis - Walt and Heidi, Sven and Bitten.
- 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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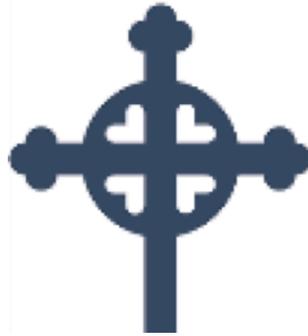
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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

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.