

Pride Sunday
June 26, 2022

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.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

The imperfect is our paradise.
Note that, in this bitterness, delight,
Since the imperfect is so hot in us,
Lies in flawed words and stubborn sounds.

Wallace Stevens, "The Poems of our Climate," 1942

PRELUDE

Truth
St. Arbucks Quartet

Kamasi Washington

I won't point any fingers
I won't say it was you
I let life take it's time
And in time you see the truth

See the truth

INTROIT

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet
Chancel Choir

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

ALL: With my mouth, I will declare your faithfulness to this generation and all generations.

One: Your steadfast love is established forever.

ALL: Your faithfulness is forever steady, vaster than the heavens.

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one."

ALL: Following you, we have established our own covenant with you and each other: to affirm the goodness of every life, welcoming all into the embracing arms of your Church.

One: For our strength is measured in our ability to love others as you love us.

ALL: By your favor, our burdens are lifted. For your steadfast love endures all things.

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

* HYMN

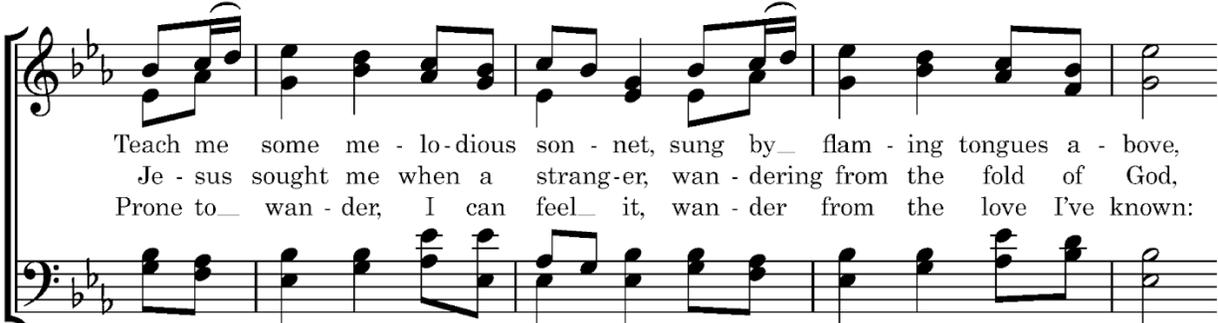
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



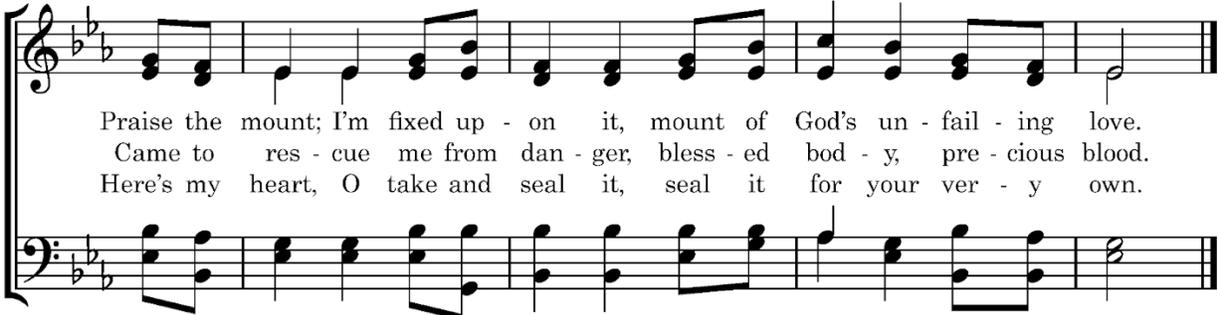
1. Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2. Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise.
come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by_ flam - ing tongues a - bove,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God,
Prone to_ wan - der, I can feel_ it, wan - der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

O Lord,

**Too often we forget ourselves
to appease our present. We forget
that we are wonderfully made, not only our own,
impossibly vast**

**and impossibly capable
of loving difference
and embracing change.**

**We confess that we have made
what is simple and beautiful
abstract and unavailable:**

**your miracle of unfathomable grace
and its reflection in the eyes of our siblings.**

We hide from you.

We do not need to know you.

We need to love you.

**In thanksgiving and with your mercy
we pray for guidance
as we keep practicing
our hallelujahs. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Beautiful

Diana Perez

Diana Perez, vocalist; and Alex Hansen, piano arr. Alex Hansen

Will I be enough . . .
Will I be enough for you Lord?
If I am enough,
Help me to accept that I am.

Wonderfully made,
I'm precious in your eyes.
You're beautiful to me,
And I'm the same to you.

I'm knitted and woven
And crafted created in glory.
I'm everything to you.

Search me, know me, call me beautiful.
Embrace me, secure me, I am called your own.

Every lie gives weight.
Every lie it kills me softly.
Every lie destroys.
Immerse me in your truth that I am . . .

Wonderfully made; . . .

More than enough,
Worthy of love,
There's no place I can't go.
You hold my heart and my soul.

Text by Diana Perez with inspiration from Psalm 139

SCRIPTURE

Karen E. Johnson

Jeremiah 29:4–14

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

* 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

Be Thou My Vision



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;



Nought be all else to me save that thou art,
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.

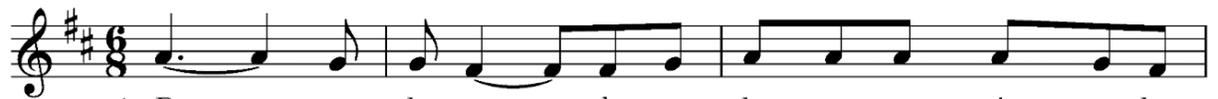
SERMON

“Humility, Gratitude, Pride, Delight”

Benny VanDerburgh

* HYMN

De colores



1. De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
2. Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
3. Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a



cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of col - ors of the
song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re - joic - ing! Sing to



- lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a - fue - ra.____
 birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles sing - ing;____
 God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal - va - tion.____



De____ co - lo - res,____ de co - lo - res es el ar - co
 Sing____ of col - ors,____ in the rain - bow's bright col - ors God's
 Sing____ the good news!____ Sing the love of the Sav - ior re -



i - ris que ve - mos sa - lir,____ Y por e - so los gran - des a -
 prom - ise of hope we re - call;____ Sing of col - ors that make up the
 - flect - ing the col - ors of all.____ Man - y col - ors that shine from God's



- mo - res de mu - chos co - lo - res me gus - tan a mí,____ Y por
 earth and give thanks to the God who cre - at - ed us all.____ Sing of
 face, man - y col - ors that tell us God's love to re - call.____ Man - y



e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de mu - chos co -
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- lo - res me gus - tan a mí._____
 God who cre - at - ed us all._____
 tell us God's love to re - call._____

OFFERTORY

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite
from Samson
Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless morn of light.

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Scanning this code with your cell phone camera,

At spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

Or through Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* 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.

RITE OF FAREWELL

Matt: In 2020, St. Pauls invited Benny VanDerburgh to serve as Pastoral Intern and then as Pastoral Associate.

Benny: I thank St. Pauls Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown me these past years. I'm grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned and done here.

People: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave your pastoral role. We express our gratitude for your ministry among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not be forgotten.

Benny: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that both our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Matt: Do you, the members and friends of St. Pauls Church, release Benny from his pastoral duties to you?

People: We do, with the help of God.

Jeff: Will you offer your encouragement as his path of ministry unfolds in new ways?

People: We will with the help of God.

Jeff: Do you, Benny, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Benny: I do, with the help of God.

Matt: Do you offer your encouragement for us and our ministry here as we continue to serve St. Pauls?

Benny: I do, with the help of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Let us pray together.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing spir - it, In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, — thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us be;

Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
Let us all — in thee in - her - it, Let us find thy prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see — thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - meg - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us — with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — thy pre - cious love.
Till we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

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.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune Op.15

Craig Seller Lang

Kevin Dzierzawski. organ

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 in the Social Hall.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Truth is the opening song on the 2017 EP, *Harmony of Difference*, by Kamasi Washington (b.1981). Mr. Washington is a jazz saxophonist, born and raised in Los Angeles. He studied in the Department of Ethnomusicology at UCLA. As a student, he was invited to play with a faculty quartet. In addition to his solo career, he has collaborated with musicians in jazz, hip-hop, and pop music.

The text for ***God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*** was written in 1971 by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Born in Liverpool, he was one of the most prominent hymnodists in Britain and became a Methodist minister. The tune, ABBOT'S LEIGH, was composed in 1941 by Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1992). Taylor was both a musician and a priest of the Church of England. He composed 20 hymns and edited a number of hymnals.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, to the tune NETTLETON, is from the rich American tradition of the Sacred Harp hymnals, specifically *Wyeth's Repository Of*

Sacred Music. The text was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790), who began his professional life as an apprentice to a hairdresser before committing himself to a religious life.

Our Offertory Anthem, ***Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite***, is from the oratorio *Samson*. It was composed the same year, 1741, as George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) penned *Messiah*, but it was first performed in 1743 in London, a year following *Messiah's* debut in Dublin. *Samson* is, of course, the story of the rise and fall of the Hebrew Bible hero Samson.

Diana Perez and Alex Hansen both are June 2022 graduates of Elmhurst University. They have formed a duo, Diial. You can find them on Spotify. ***Beautiful*** is a collaborative work. Diana has a musical presence on Facebook, Sound Cloud and other platforms. Alex can be found on Spotify as *ahans*. We are so grateful that they will share their music and friendship today.

Be Thou My Vision is a lovely Irish folk tune, SLANE. The translation was made in 1905 from the original Gaelic by Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931), who was born in Ireland.

De colores is a folk song from the rich resources of Mexican music. It gained wide popularity when it was sung at meetings and marches of the United Farm Workers. Our *New Century Hymnal* was the first to share it with a wider audience and the translation is unattributed.

The text for ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). His brother, John, was the founder of the Methodist faith. The words are set to the famous Welsh tune, HYFRYDOL by Rowan Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) when he was only 19. We also sing this tune to the text *Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*. This text is one of the few that is the source of a "hymn battle" over which tune to sing. The other well-known tune for this text is BEECHER.

A Gaelic Blessing was composed in 1978 by John Rutter (b.1945). The text is from an old Gaelic rune. It is another work that was commissioned by Mel Olson, who was the church choir director that Kurt R. Hansen grew up with in Omaha and who was largely responsible for introducing John Rutter and his music to this country.

Tuba Tune Op. 15 was composed by Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). It is one of his most popular pieces and programmed on many organ recitals in order to feature, in our case, the antiphonal Trompette-en-chamade. He was a New Zealand-born British organist, academic, and composer, especially for choirs and organ. He was a student of Charles Villers Stanford, noted organist and composer, and he also wrote scholarly books on sight-singing for examinations.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson, Benny VanDerburgh

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

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

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Karen E. Johnson

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Mary Brown, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of Todd and Breanna Coe's 12th anniversary and the seventh anniversary of marriage equality.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JUNE & JULY

We 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 26 Patricia Calore, Annabel Jackson, Lucas Lippert

June 27 Jill Minetz, Patricia Kirby, Milana Jozwiak, Genevieve Anderson, Theo
Gonzalez-Greenberg

June 28 Declan Good

June 29 John Busker, John Klaben, Ralph Wiser, Rebecca Gonzalez, Renee Hardt

June 30 Mark Grosshans, Zech Funkhouser

July 1 Kathy Berghoff, Grace Smith, Billy Mooney

July 2 Sarah Coulter, Tate Saltarelli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. St. Pauls helped found the pantry in 1967. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution to the folks they serve (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container). Items can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

Needed Items: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

**COMMON
PANTRY**



JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Reparations Means Repair – Jemar Tisby: “At no time since the abolition of slavery has the nation ever made widespread and sustained effort to financially compensate Black people for the theft of their labor. People too often mistake the dismantling of certain discriminatory practices for progress. The racial wealth gap is the bleeding wound of racism that will not heal apart from a comprehensive and substantive policy of financial reparations for Black people in America. Before asking about the complexity or popularity of reparations, first ask whether it is right. Reparations simply means repair.”

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION. You are invited!

- Stop buying old-style, landfill-bound, single-use plastic containers. Use non-liquid, dissolvable, concentrated tablets for soaps and cleaners. Mailed to you in minimal, recyclable packaging, the tablets are ready to drop into reusable bottles.
- You can take your own refillable containers to “Eco and the Flamingo” and fill with cleaning and health/beauty products. <https://www.ecoandflamingo.com>
- Many products are available plastic-free: shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, soap, etc. Switch to bar soap and shampoo, choosing organic, natural, chemical-free.
- Many companies are looking out for the earth and donating to causes supporting the environment.
- Read labels and fine print very carefully.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

TODAY - PRIDE PARADE - After worship

Walk with St. Pauls in the Pride Parade! Meet by the bell after worship and we'll take the L to the parade and meet up with other members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches to share our St. Pauls welcome. The kick-off number for the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches is #53 this year. We will be on the west side of Broadway. It should be between Wilson Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue, near Target and Aldi. You can find us easily by identifying CCWC SIGNS! The Parade is about three miles, 90 to 120 minutes walk. The end is near the intersection of Diversey Parkway and Sheridan Road in Lincoln Park

TODAY - ST. PAULS SOCIAL PRIDE COOKOUT - 3 p.m., Courtyard

Join hosts Rick Peterson and Doug Heyboer for a St. Pauls Social cookout in the St. Pauls courtyard after the Pride Parade whether you're marching or not. Bring your own food to grill and a side to share, beverages and chairs. A grill will be provided. You can leave your food and chairs at the church during the march. We'll eat in the church in case of rain.

JUNE 29 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're following the story of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. All are welcome! Email Pastor Jeff for the link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

JUNE 29 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL GRANT PARK SYMPHONY - 6:30-8:30 p.m., Millennium Park

Bring your picnic and lawn chair and join adults of all ages to hear the Grant Park Symphony play Benjamin Britten's *Spring Symphony*. Pastor Jeff will arrive early and get a spot in the middle of the lawn near the back. Look for the orange table cloth. (This picnic will not take place if it rains.) RSVP and get updates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1330859.

JULY 9 - LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION 3rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Parlor

Join Lighthouse Foundation's staff and leaders for an inspirational panel discussion about lessons learned from our three years as an organization. Come be empowered to dream boldly and act intersectionally. We will enjoy a light brunch and mimosa bar followed by a discussion from Lighthouse. RSVP: bit.ly/LFAnniversary

JULY 24 - SPARC DISCUSSION: *THE ROAD TO HEALING* - 11 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room
Please join us in discussing *The Road to Healing: A Civil Rights Reparations Story in Prince Edward County, Virginia (TRTH)* by Ken Woodley, local newspaper editor. In 1959, Prince Edward County closed its public school system rather than desegregate per the Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision. Most White students went to private academies, leaving more than 2,000 Black students without formal education until the federal courts required the public schools to reopen in 1964. *TRTH* traces the steps taken in recent years to redress the wounds of these Black students, resulting in the first civil rights era reparation in the United States. Jim Brandt will lead this two-session discussion after worship on July 24 and August 14, 2022. Please RSVP here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1337600

OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWERS

Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up for 2022 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968. There are still many dates available this year!

THE BOOK NOOK – Love to read? We have restarted the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at lindanitz@yahoo.com.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join 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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271.

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.

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 2022. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

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.

PICKLEBALL – Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor?
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m.
spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

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.

SARAH’S SIBS are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

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 here:
spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyzinn11@gmail.com.

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).

SUMMER SUNDAY CHILDCARE

If you plan to have your 2-year-old and under child(ren) attend Summer Church Child Care from June to August 2022, please register at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306425. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

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.

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 Wednesday.

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.

- B.J. Anderson and loved ones at the death of her wife, Shari Melde.
- Family, loved ones and friends of Sharon Phillips at her death. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on August 27.
- Family and friends of Jim Courtright – Big Thinking by the Hour producer of many Saint Pauls videos and worship services – at his passing.
- Jan, friend of Gloria Joseph, suffering with pain and complications from a heart procedure.
- Family and friends of Margaret, grandmother of Matt Leimann, at her passing.
- Family and friends of Bob and Cheryl Kuba at Bob's passing. A memorial service will be held at St. Pauls on October 16.
- Family and friends of the Ashley Family at Petrine's sister Elizabeth's passing.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- Marilyn, Doug Clark's mom, undergoing therapy at home while recovering from a stroke.
- Jeanne Heard, Shannon Castle's mother, for swift and full recovery from health issues.
- A friend of the Combs family who has suffered a serious fall.
- Ken Travers, recuperating from a broken hip and surgery.
- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, at home in hospice care.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- 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 178 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.