



August 28, 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.*

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

Keith Chapman

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord our God! Be in our midst today!

All: Extinguish our vanity, defiance and despair.

One: Replace them with your greatness, goodness and mercy!

All: Make us yours today and every day! Amen.

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

* HYMN

To You O God, All Creatures Sing



1. To you O God, all crea - tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2. Your wind that blows the tem - pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3. Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4. To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery
5. Now we who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our



- thing sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en
sky sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire, boun - ti - ful and
way, sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra - grant
part, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! To you we lift our pain and



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es,
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,
care, re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear, sing - ing prais - es,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**We give you this prayer
in all humility, Lord.
How can we be proud
when asking you for mercy?
In Christ's grace,
we see our cautious love;
In his giving, our tight grip;
In his justice, our prejudice;
In his love, our divisions;
In his innocence, our sins.**

**Yet, Christ's cross is our forgiveness.
Christ's resurrection is our hope.
We claim both in his name.
Give them to us.
Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Morning Has Broken

v. 1



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird.____ Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass.____ Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play!____ Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!____
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.____
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!____

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 1 and 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the outcast, and misfits and oddballs who never get invited out. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of God's people."

* 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

Morning Has Broken
See previous hymn

vv. 2 & 3

SERMON

"Mr. Manners"

Matt Fitzgerald

* HYMN

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night



1. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, what is
2. With an ev - er - last - ing love I'll love you, though with
3. Al - though Sa - tan in a rage would tear you, and with
4. I will lift the cloud of night be - fore you, I will



wrong I'll make it right be - fore you, all your bat - tles I will
tri - als I will test and prove you, still there's noth - ing that can
ev - ery win - ning art would snare you, yet from youth to your old
make the crook - ed straight be - fore you, I will spread my wings pro -



fight be - fore you, and the high place I'll bring down.
hurt or move you; and the high place I'll bring down.
age I'll bear you and the high place I'll bring down.
-tect - ing o'er you; and the high place I'll bring down.

Refrain



When you walk and lose the way I'll lead you; on the



pro - duce of the land I'll feed you; And a home with - in my heart I'll



deed you; and the high place I'll bring down.

OFFERTORY

Rondo

W.A. Mozart

from *Horn Concerto No. 2 in E flat Major, K. 417*

Natalie Douglass Grana, French horn

Kevin Dzierzawski, piano

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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

Avena Ward

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

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers



1. Thank our God for sis - ters, broth - ers, one by grace, in har - mo - ny,
2. Praise to God for con - gre - ga - tions, keep - ing faith with Christ as guide;
3. Ho - ly is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re - main,



Join - ing heart to heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.
Man - y tongues of man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.
Bless the church's new en - deav - ors; make our wit - ness one a - gain.



With the cross of Christ our stan - dard, let us sing as with one voice,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the car - ol, when our song is raised as one.
One in Christ and in the gos - pel, make us one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom - ise: we who are the church re - joice.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heav'n your will be done.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth
St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Craig Curry

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

The Chancel Choir is on summer break and will return on September 11.

This setting of ***Morning Has Broken*** was composed by Keith Chapman (1945-1989). He was an American concert organist and composer. He was the Principal Organist of the famous Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia. The tune, BUNESSAN, that we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

To You O God, All Creatures Sing is a text that was adapted by Sister Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938). She is a Catholic theologian and also a Medical Mission Sister that has worked in a number war torn areas including Ethiopia and Cambodia. The German hymn tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN, dates from 1623 and was first found in a hymnal published in Cologne, Germany.

The text for ***Morning Has Broken*** was written by Elinor Farjeon (1881-1965), who also wrote children's books. The tune, BUNESSAN, that we know so well is a Gaelic melody.

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night was composed and text also written by Charles P. Jones (1865–1949) in 1910. The tune is the composer's last name, JONES. The Reverend Jones was African American and founder of the Church of Christ. He composed more than 1,000 gospel hymns, both music and texts.

Natalie Douglass Grana, who plays our Offertory today, is a member of our Chancel Choir. She is on the music faculty at both Lake Forest College and DePaul University. She is a published author on Oxford University Press, a Fulbright Scholar, and received her Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart (1756-1791) composed his ***Horn Concerto No. 2 in E flat Major, K. 417*** in 1783 at the height of his musical powers. In the same year, he composed the “Linz” *Symphony No. 36, K. 425*, two concerti for piano, a rarely performed opera, *L'oca del Cairo, K. 422*, and the great *Mass in C minor, K. 427*. It is hard to fathom the sheer brilliance and output of Mozart in his all too short 35 years.

The text for ***Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers*** was written in 1948 by Rev. Roger Powell (1914-2003). The text was composed for a Thanksgiving service. Rev. Powell served as pastor of a baptist church in Camillus, NY. HOLY MANNA is an unattributed melody from the great American series of shaped-note hymnals from the early 19th century including *The Sacred Harp*.

Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, ***For the Beauty of the Earth***, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

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

Head Ushers: Beatrice Jaji, Jen Luerssen

Ushers: David Baker, John Balevic, Mary Brown, Doug Clark, Fred Pearson

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

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

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Kurt and Terry Hansen.

BORN THIS WEEK IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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.

Aug 28 Kathryn Mussatt, Pat Mayer, Roxana Vieira, Grace Ashley-McGraw,
Nolan Dierks, Katie Kobak, Theo Bultemeier

Aug 29 Karen Schmidt-Hein, Laura Nowack, Steve Patton

Aug 30 Ashley Pensinger-Sok, Ed Keller, Jessica Seaton, Tracy Nach

Aug 31 Cecilia Badanes, Riley Conway, Timothy Liu

Sept 1 Brent Carstensen, Jill Lawrence

Sept 2 Carol Weston, Gretchen Althen, Mary Train

Sept 3 Erika Keegan, Natalie Mutch

WELCOME, ASSOCIATE PASTOR LIZ NICKERSON

We are excited to announce that **Pastor Liz Nickerson** has been hired as St. Pauls next Associate Pastor! Liz has deep roots in Chicago and comes to St. Pauls from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, where she served as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.



Liz is organized, creative, thoughtful, and full of enthusiasm for St. Pauls. She is a gifted preacher, who won the award for pulpit excellence upon graduating from McCormick Theological Seminary. She knows how to plan and follow through, skills built in her time and training as an architect. She is collegially minded, and eager to join our team. She and her husband are raising their family in our neighborhood, and understand the challenge and promise of ministry in Lincoln Park. Her years of pastoral experience leave her with a thorough sense of what it takes to revitalize and lead our Sunday School.

Liz will join the St. Pauls staff full-time on October 1. Her collaborative leadership style will make her a wonderful addition to our staff. **On Sunday, September 11, Liz will join us for worship** as we kick off our Fall programming. Mark the date, and plan to meet your new pastor as we welcome her to St. Pauls together!

ABOUT THE PROCESS

Hiring decisions for Associate Pastors at St. Pauls are made by the Executive Committee of the Church Council and the Senior Pastor. This effort began in January with a job description written by the Youth and Children's Ministry Revitalization Task Force. This description and our Local Church Profile were posted on the UCC's national job board.

We received interest from more than twenty pastors. Applications were reviewed and applicants were screened in three phases by Pastor Matt and our Interview Team. The Interview Team members were Nancy Curotto, Sharon Collins, Ben Emmrich, Renae Bradshaw, Justin Hartanov, and Pastor Matt.

After receiving enthusiastic feedback about Pastor Liz following the first two steps in this process, the Interview Team viewed several of her sermons and met with Liz for group interviews. These concluded with the Team's unanimous agreement that she would be an excellent Associate Pastor for St. Pauls. The Executive Committee shared the Interview Team's excitement and agreed, unanimously, to extend a call, inviting Rev. Liz Nickerson to serve as an Associate Pastor as the third member of St. Pauls pastoral staff.

Pick up a hard copy of the full announcement and letter from Pastor Liz in the Narthex, or see it online here: mailchi.mp/spucc/welcome_pastor_liz

St. Pauls Green Team Occasional Note:

Get All Excited: Climate Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act

President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Act) into law on August 16, 2022. Although not perfect, it is indeed good news! For the Act to be adopted and overcome political stalemate, significant compromises had to be made and a number of important provisions of the original package – the Build Back Better Act – were cut. This note covers only those provisions of the Act directly affecting the environment.

The Act is considered a landmark achievement. It is the first major federal legislation to address climate change and includes \$369B in federal funding for climate and clean energy programs. According to Earthjustice, an environmental legal advocacy organization, “Finally, we have legislation that begins to match spending with the true scale of the climate crisis, and we now have a path to just-in-time solutions.” Experts estimate that by 2030, the Act will enable the U.S. to reduce carbon pollution by 35-45% over 2005 levels, create up to 1.5M jobs and help prevent up to 3,900 premature deaths.

Among the Act’s more important environmental provisions are:

Clean Power – the first linchpin to de-carbonize the economy. The Act includes clean energy tax credits, government loan guarantees to leverage private sector investment in clean energy (i.e., wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, etc.) technologies, and rural electricity investments.

Clean Transportation – this sector creates the greatest share of greenhouse gas pollution. The Act includes electric vehicle (EVs) tax credits for new and used EVs, investment in creating zero-emission heavy duty vehicles, and investment in domestic clean vehicle manufacturing.

Clean Buildings – The “built environment” accounts for 13% of national greenhouse gasses. The Act includes rebates for home electrification and energy efficiency (i.e., heat pumps, electric appliances, etc.) and tax credits for “efficient” residential and commercial buildings.

Oil and Gas Leasing – Several extremely controversial provisions in the Act concern “giveaways” to fossil fuel corporations; in fact, two provisions mandate oil and gas leasing on American public land under certain circumstances.

According to Rev. Brooks Berndt, UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, “After many long years in which climate legislation from Congress seemed like an impossibility to many, I believe this is the first chapter to a new story. This new story tells us that change is possible and that we can make a difference for the sake of justice and for the sake of God’s creation. This legislation will embolden and renew us for continued struggle, so that this story of hope and possibility keeps unfolding.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

If you plan to have your child or youth participate in Sunday School during the 2022-2023 school year, we ask that you please register them at the link below. This is a one-time registration for the school year. Please register each child who will be attending. Sunday School is open to children 2-years-old to high school. Our Nursery will be open for children under age 2. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755

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

August 23 was International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. This UNESCO-founded day has been observed globally since 1998. How can it be observed locally, in our nation and our church? Learn more here (tinyurl.com/mt34knae) from the UCC Minister for Economic Justice.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE

- Install a programmable thermostat. This eco-friendly product will save you up to 10% on electricity costs.
- Program your thermostat to heat or cool to more cost-friendly temperatures and conserve energy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Evening meetings enter through the courtyard door

TODAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR - After Worship, Gym

It is time to come back to Sunday School. Join us for a Sunday School Fair today after worship in the gym. We'll have a bouncy house, fun games, and the chance to meet your children's teachers. Classes begin September 11. Register here:

spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1306755

SEPT 4 - ST. PAULS HANDWORK MEET-UP - After Worship, Social Hall

If you enjoy handwork, you're invited to continue our time with each other by sitting together in communion and community on the first Sunday of the month at a drop-in handwork group. We will gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. Bring along a sandwich if you wish. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project.

SEPT 4 - MEMORIAL ORGAN RECITAL BY NATHAN LAUBE - 2 p.m., Sanctuary

Nathan Laube, internationally renowned organist and longtime friend of St. Pauls, will present a free organ recital in memory of his friend, our beloved Larry Butcher. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Chapel Recital and Piano Maintenance Fund which was started by Larry. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear a great artist on our Phoenix organ. For more information contact Kurt R. Hansen at KurtSingsBach@gmail.com.

SEPT 14 - WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 12 p.m., Zoom

The Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Sept. 14. Our last three sessions will be the last three chapters of the Gospel of Luke from the Last Supper to Easter. All are welcome! Get the Zoom link from Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

SEPT 22 - ST. PAULS YOUNG ADULTS FALL KICK-OFF - 7-9 p.m., Pastor Jeff & Joe's,

130 S. Canal Street, Apt. 818. Get to know and reconnect with other young adults at the home of Pastor Jeff and Joe. Supper and beverages will be provided. Just bring yourself. Their home is convenient to CTA 'L' and bus routes and there is metered street parking or garage parking available in the area. Let us know you're coming here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1418743.

SEPT 25 - ST. PAULS MEDICAL FAIR - 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Gym

See the bulletin insert or the event link for more details!

spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/109116485

OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry 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.

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. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2022 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968.

THE BOOK NOOK – Find your next good read or drop off books to share on the north side of the Social Hal. 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.

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. Ninon Freeman and Rick Peterson are co-chairs. If interested, email them at ninonlanda21@gmail.com or rnpeterson2017@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 the 2022/23 school year. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

PICKLEBALL

Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? It's like a small court version of tennis and is gaining in popularity all over the U.S. We're holding pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the ChurchCenter link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636.
Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 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.

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).

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.

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.

- Tom Henry in the hospital.
- Annie Johnson at the death of her mother, Jean.
- Pat Ruch and Al Cernak as they navigate complicated medical care issues.
- Becky Blank, her husband, Hanns Kuttner, and their daughter Emily as Becky undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Michael Toomin as he recovers from a back injury and is undergoing physical therapy.
- Sergio, grandson of Ivy Sanz, who doctors are concerned might have leukemia.
- 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.

Senior Pastor Matt Fitzgerald, mfitzgerald@spucc.org
Associate Pastor Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org
Pastor Emeritus Tom Henry, emeritushenry@gmail.com

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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.