

# ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a  
community of radical welcome  
that follows Jesus into the  
streets of the city to increase  
the amount of love and justice  
in the world.

K Karpen &  
Lea Matthews  
Pastors

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22, 2020

Online Worship



WSCAH's 2020 Turkey Challenge:  
5000 turkeys by Thanksgiving

# Sunday, November 22, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Simple Gifts</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Jim Cintron</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams, K Karpen</b> Leader: I will call upon the Lord, <b>People: I will call upon the Lord,</b> Leader: Who is worthy to be praised, <b>People: Who is worthy to be praised,</b> Leader: So shall I make friends... <b>People: So shall I make friends with my enemies;</b> Leader: The Lord liveth! And blessed be the Rock and may the God of my salvation be exalted. <b>People: The Lord liveth! And blessed be the Rock</b> <b>and may the God of my salvation be exalted.</b>  Leader: For the beauty of the earth, <b>People: For the beauty of the earth,</b> Leader: For the glory of the skies, <b>People: For the glory of the skies,</b> Leader: For the love that... <b>People: For the love that lies all around us,</b> Leader: Sing praises! Give thanks unto the Lord, and let the children of all nations sing together! <b>Leader: Sing praises! Give thanks unto the Lord,</b> <b>and let the children of all nations sing together!</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>We Gather Together</b> (page 5, v. 1-2)
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Jon Deak</b>
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<b>We Gather Together</b> (page 5, v. 3)
<b>Message for All Ages</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>We Gather Together</b> (page 5, v. 4)
<b>Reading</b>	<b>The Frischling Family</b> <b>“Gratefulness” by Abraham Joshua Heschel</b> (page 4)

<b>Song</b>	<b>We Gather Together</b> (page 5, v. 5)
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Lindiwe Ngwevela</b> <b>Deuteronomy 8:7-18</b> (page 4)
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Now Thank We All Our God</b> (page 6)
<b>Homily</b>	<b>Rabbi Felicia Sol &amp; Rabbi Roly Matalon</b>
<b>Sung Prayer</b>	<b>Hassan Ari Previn</b> <b>Gracias a la Vida</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>Robert Harris</b> <b>Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>
<b>Every Member Commitment</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Offering</b>	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Vicki Clark, Frank Glass</b> <b>Canticle of the Turning</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Response</b>	<b>Robin Bahr-deStefano, Lea Matthews</b> <b>For the Beauty of the Earth</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You</b>
<b>Hymn Leaders</b>	<b>Frank Glass, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams</b>
<b>Audio</b>	<b>David Richards</b>
<b>Video</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Editing</b>	<b>Harry Karpen</b>

# “Gratefulness” by Abraham Joshua Heschel

To pray is to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living. It is all we can offer in return for the mystery by which we live. Who is worthy to be present at the constant unfolding of time?

Amidst the meditation of mountains, the humility of flowers—wiser than all alphabets—clouds that die constantly for the sake of God’s glory, we are hating, hunting, hurting.

Suddenly we feel ashamed of our clashes and complaints in the face of the tacit glory in nature. It is so embarrassing to live!

Only one response can maintain us: gratefulness for witnessing the wonder, for the gift of our unearned right to serve, to adore, and to fulfill. It is gratefulness which makes the soul great.

## Reading from Deuteronomy 8:7-18

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that God has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep the commandments, ordinances, and statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. God made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is God who gives you power to get any wealth, and who confirms the covenant that God swore together with your ancestors.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

# We Gather Together

*Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626  
Transcribed by Theodore Baker, 1894  
Adapted by Ruth Duck, 1981

16th-Century Dutch Melody  
Arranged by Edward Kremser, 1877



1. We ga - ther to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing, to turn to a wis - dom sur -  
2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the  
3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant. De - fend us, be - friend us what



pass - ing our own. The pow'rs that op - press us now cease\_\_\_ to dis -  
pow - er of life. Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all\_\_\_ tell the  
ev - er may be. May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape\_\_\_ tri - bu -



tress us. O God, be pre - sent with us and make your will known.  
sto - ry. Our God be ev - er with us in glad - ness and strife.  
la - tion. Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free.

Additional verses by K Karpen (after Abraham Joshua Heschel), 2020

4. We pray to regain a small sense of the mystery that touches all beings with passion and awe.  
We witness the wonder in rain and wind and thunder, the power of a flower to bring us to praise.
5. One thing can sustain us, one thing can maintain us, despite all our clashes and massive complaints.  
Our hating and hurting, God's glory still asserting, our gratefulness can make all our weary souls great!

# Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1636

Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Johann Crüger, 1647

Harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voi - ces, who won-drous things has  
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with ev - er joy - ful

done, in whom this world re - joi - ces; who from our par-ents' arms has  
hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and

blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
guide us when per-plexed; and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

## Supporting Our Ministries

We hope that you enjoyed today's service. Please help us continue to create meaningful virtual worship and support essential services by donating at [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/give) or emailing [donate@stpaulandstandrew.org](mailto:donate@stpaulandstandrew.org) to make a gift by electronic check.

## Prayer Requests, Connect & Care Groups

To make a prayer request or join a Connect & Care Group, visit our website, [stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected)

## Our Mission Statement

We seek to build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world. *To do this, we will...*

- ◆ Be a catalyst for love-inspired action and social justice.
- ◆ Nurture and inspire Jesus' followers through dynamic worship and relationship-building to transform ourselves and the world.
- ◆ Teach and live progressive Christian values, including racial and gender equality, inter-faith partnership, LGBTQI affirmation, and empowerment of the last, the lost, and the least.
- ◆ Raise up future generations by fostering a congregation of all ages and developing young leaders & communities.

# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

Ellen and Sheila, both received excellent health news  
For David, whose recent tests were encouraging  
Victoria's brother Sam and his wife have moved into their new house  
Time for laughter with friends from SPSA  
NY Justice For Our Neighbors thank God, K, Brent, Vicki and many other SPSA supporter and all donors for the success of their Nov 12 Gala!  
Successful research papers; and those who contributed  
SPSA upcoming Christmas pageant  
Niece Griffin's marriage  
Laura Joy has started her job at KPMG Children at play  
The President and VP elect  
Mrs. June Garrett and her life-changing encouragement to Chris  
New cars and sharing cars  
Jessie, Laura Joy and all our SPSA young people all grown up and amazing members!  
Siobhan's ordination!

## Health/ Healing

Rebecca and Danny, as she struggles with ALS  
That people make wise choices to protect themselves and others as the pandemic escalates  
Shirah, suffering from dementia  
Continued recovery for Esther's niece, Lucy; support and guidance for her family  
May all those in need of physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual healing experience God's grace  
Stephanie (friend of Mary Ann) who has breast cancer and is having surgery and beginning chemotherapy  
Continued prayers for Pat with leukemia; she is in hospital  
Continued prayers for Wanda, who suffers from asthma, now caring for her husband, Skip, after his open-heart surgery  
Uncle Lou & Aunt Carole  
Ritchie

Eddie  
Friend, Jim  
Fran and John Bowman  
A cousin's heart health  
Consciousness in mask wearing  
Alex's continued healing  
For Gail, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have a double mastectomy before Christmas. For her husband, Frank, as he supports her through this.

## Comfort

Carrie, who lost two relatives to a drunk driver  
Kris & Robert, in their decision to let ease their cat, Sari's, transition  
Rita's family and friends who are mourning her passing  
Mary Ellen & Mark, family and friends mourning their godson and nephew, Sean, age 42, who died suddenly last Friday.  
Consolation and comfort for all who mourn  
For all who serve as caregivers to family members  
Mercy for those in the path of natural and man-made disasters  
Those mourning the loss of Karl Deak; but celebrating him as an inspired teacher and coach  
For Lillian Alexander's family, as they grieve her peaceful passing last week. For Gary and Carla, especially.

## Work and Life

Standing up for what you believe  
Patience with ourselves and others and with the facts on the ground as we negotiate the pandemic  
Travel mercies for those who must travel; especially college students  
That families may be able to gather for Thanksgiving  
For wisdom, guidance, strength and resilience for our newly elected presidential team  
Planning Thanksgiving around Covid concerns

Jan's sister, Connie  
Peter, a friend of Julie's, who desperately needs work  
For all schools, especially those in the DC area  
Mixed blessing of Jon's stay out west  
Aidan and other special needs kids whose much need support services are cancelled due to the pandemic  
Jessie, that she be less sad and more motivated; for her brother and mother for their support this week  
The General Theological Seminary transitioning to new leadership  
For all NYC public school kids, teachers, staff, and parents who will navigate remote learning now that schools are being closed due to Covid-19 rates in the city.  
Carla's cousin's grandson is up for a job he dearly wants. We pray for good and meaningful employment for him!

## Peace & Justice

Resolution to the election and a smooth transition; that the new team be given access to resources and information needed for the transition  
Peace and an end to conflict in the time of political transition  
May God's spirit imbue our elected officials and civic leaders with wisdom, courage and commitment to the common good

## Covid-19

Carol & Geri, who lost their mother to Covid  
Essential workers, especially doctors and nurses, who worry about passing the virus to their families  
Stephanie's dad with Covid  
Karen (Marianne's friend) with Covid  
Clinton, Melinda's brother, who has the virus.  
For Stephanie's Dad, who has Covid-19.  
For Marty's friend Alice, for a full and speedy recovery

