

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

**Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

January 31, 2021
Online Worship



In December, WSCAH distributed food
for more than 299,000 meals

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Prelude

Frank Glass
I Would See Jesus

Welcome

Lea Matthews

Call to Worship

from the writings of
Rabbi A. J. Heschel

bj Karpen, Peggy Griffin-Jackman

One: Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement

Many: To get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted.

One: Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible;

Many: Never treat life casually.

One: To be spiritual is to be amazed.

Many: To be spiritual is to be amazed!

One: We may doubt anything,

Many: except this: that we are struck with amazement.

One: When we are in doubt, we raise questions;

Many: When we are in wonder, we do not even know how to ask a question!

One: Doubts may be resolved, but radical amazement can never be erased.

Many: There is no answer in the world to our radical wonder.

One: Under the running sea of our theories and explanations

Many: Lies the aboriginal abyss of radical amazement.

One: Amazing Savior, let us never ceased to be amazed by your presence and power;

All: Be with us now in this moment of our need.

Opening Hymn

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

Opening Prayer

Dorcas Demasio

Prayer Song

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (pg. 5, v. 3)

Gospel

Carter Snyder-Samuelson
Mark 2: 1-12 (pg. 4)

Gospel Song

In Christ Alone (pg. 5)

Homily

K Karpen
“The Faith of a Few Friends”

Sermon Song	Christ Has Broken Down the Wall (pg. 6)
Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer	Jenna Johnson 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.
Prayer Song	Down to the River to Pray (pg. 6)
Offering	K Karpen Of tithes, gifts, and prayers
Offertory	Melanie Baker, Frank Glass Is There Anybody Here
Benediction	K Karpen
Response	Jane Williams, Francisco Rodriguez, Melanie Baker, Jeff Neiblum, David Richards Shed a Little Light
Postlude	Frank Glass How Firm a Foundation
Hymn Leaders	Melanie Baker, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams
Audio	David Richards
Video & Editing	Harry Karpen

Prayer Requests, Connect & Care Groups

To make a prayer request or join a Connect & Care Group, visit our website, stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected

Gospel Reading from Mark 2: 1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and Jesus was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed person, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Jesus; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralyzed person lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Human One has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.”

And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

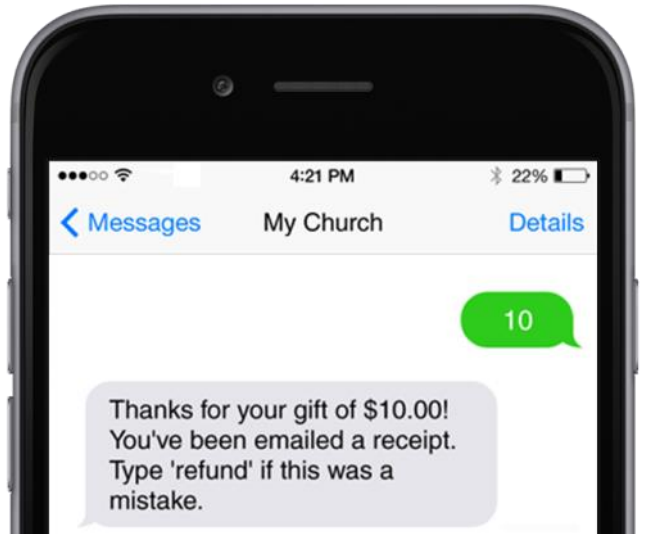
*The word of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God!***

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Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Fanny Crosby, 1868

William Doane, 1870

1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry. While on oth - ers thou art
2. Let me, at thy throne of mer - cy, find a sweet re - lief, kneel - ing there in deep con -
3. Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face. Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken

call - ing, do not pass me by. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble
tri - tion. Help my un - be - lief. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble
spi - rit. Save me by thy grace. Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble

cry! While on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.
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In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002

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1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first

stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort
hell, no scheme or plan can ev - er pluck me from his hand. 'Til he re -

er, my all - in - all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark A. Miller, 2011

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1.Christ has bro - ken down the wall, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
2.We're ac - cept - ed as we are, we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
3.Cast a - side your doubts and fears, cast a - side your doubts and fears.
4.We will tear down ev - 'ry wall, we will tear down ev - 'ry wall!



Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
Through God's love, all is re - con - ciled. We're ac - cept - ed as we are.
Peace and love free - ly of - fered here. Cast a - side your doubts and fears.
God has called us one and all. We will tear down ev - 'ry wall!

Down to the River to Pray

Southern USA Folk Song

Southern USA Folk Song
Transcribed by Jackson Henry, 2011



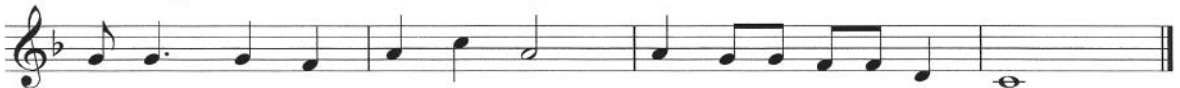
1.As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way and
2.As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way and
3.As I went down to the riv - er to pray, stu - dy - ing a - bout that good old way and



who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sis - ters,
who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. O bro - thers,
who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sib - lings,



let's go down, let's go down, come on down!_
let's go down, let's go down, come on down!_
let's go down, let's go down, come on down!_



Come on, sis - ters, let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray.
Come on, bro - thers, let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray.
Come on, sib - lings, let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray.

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving for a smooth transition to the new administration

Feelings of hope and relief

Thanksgiving that Nancy is safely home

For all the courageous people who said no to the former President

Conversations with the older generation

Efforts for dialogue

Recuperation after surgery

Support through grief

Carter and Kiah's wedding!

Jon's Wisconsin group of Young Composers and their work with WI Symphony and University Orchestra

Our church services that resonate and inspire every week

Chris and J.J.'s Lamplighter Award book nomination

Carol's son Andy, recovered from COVID

Carol's writing group

Health/ Healing

Ressie, out of the hospital, and now in rehab

Continued prayers for Erna and Sam

Stephanie, Marianne's friend, halfway through her chemo treatments

Zachary, as he finds his way forward

John, still struggling but getting help

Margaret, Jenna's grandmother, getting physical and occupational therapy

Natalie

Ginny

Noah

Pam, healing and recovery

Students returning to campuses; that they stay well

Esther's niece, Lucy

Lea's niece, Owen

Shirah, struggling with Alzheimer's

David W

Ava suffering from vertigo and recovering from Covid-19

Marybeth's father Michael (92) experiencing bouts of confusion

Healthcare workers reluctant to get the vaccine

Jess' father-in-law Robert's continued healing after successful implant readjustment surgery

Jon's colleague Amy L's postponed surgery

Jessica's dad dealing with shingles

Robert's continued healing after successful implant readjustment surgery

Morris' sister, Harriet, home and recovering from a heart attack

Covid-19

Caroline, isolating after a positive COVID-19 test

Connie's friend Matt who's in the hospital with COVID

More vaccinations

Comfort

The Collins-Wildman family and friends on the death of Karen's mother, Mary-Elizabeth

Kyong-jin, her family is in crisis

For those feeling the pain of isolation as the pandemic shutdowns continue

Marianne's friend, Karen and her family mourning for Karen's mother, June

Continued prayers for April, mourning her mother

Family and friends of Gail Swimer, Jan's former voice teacher, who passed away this week

The family of David Darling, mourning him and dealing with difficult family dynamics

Jan, for whom January has been filled with many losses

Jessica's friend Connie reeling from the loss of both her husband and her father

Those mourning Jessica's family friend, Yvonne

Mary's friend Mary Catherine, mourning her father Ed's death from COVID

Carter's family mourning the passing of his grandpa, David Arner

Peace & Justice

The new administration, that they may govern wisely

Violence against women

Prayers for our nation

Work and Life

People who are neglected because they are hard of hearing

Joy Floyd, adapting to her new living arrangement in memory care residence

Connie's possible fostering of two cats, Moxie and Binky

Students, returning to college and younger students negotiating school online and/or in person in the midst of the pandemic

Vaccination program, that people are able to sign up as the bugs are worked out. Success for the program

Laura Joy and her good friend working through a challenging time in their friendship

Harlem community concerns

Parents fearing for the safety of their children in minority communities, including minority religious communities

Buffalo Bills fans, for a good outcome

Who's Who

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Music Notes

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Down To the River To Pray

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Music: DOWN TO THE RIVER Southern American folk song; transcribed by
Jackson Henry (2001)
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Offertory: Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus

Music: African American Spiritual, arr. by Undine Smith Moore (1981)
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Response: Shed a Little Light

Words: James Taylor (1991, 1993)
Music: James Taylor and Daniel Kortchmar (1991, 1993)
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Postlude: How Firm a Foundation

Music: Early American tune in R.M. McIntosh's "Tabor, or The Richmond
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