

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

Trinity Sunday

Youth Sunday

May 30, 2021
Online Worship



Faith Parker & Gemstain Adu taking it to the streets
for Pentecost (see page 10 for more photos)

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ♦ Trinity (& Youth) Sunday

Prelude	Frank Glass Beautiful Treasure/Simple Gifts
Welcome	SPSA Youth Group
Call to Worship	SPSA Youth Group One: Community is: working together. All: Gather us in, dear God. One: Community is: being there for one another. All: Gather us in, dear God. One: Community is: FUN! All: Gather us in, dear God. One: Whether we're hanging out in person or really far apart, God reminds us that we can build community in all kinds of ways. All: Gather us in, dear God, that we might build a kin-dom of love and care here on Earth. Amen!
Opening Hymn	We Are Called (pg. 4)
Opening Prayer	Gemstain Adu
Prayer Song	Canticle of the Turning (pg. 5, v. 1-2)
Scripture Reading	The Serrano Family Acts 2: 42-47 (pg. 4)
Scripture Song	Canticle of the Turning (pg. 5, v. 3-4)
Sermon	Carter Baxter “Simple Gifts of Community”
Sermon Song	Sweet Beckford, Nora Matthews, Carter Baxter What Does the Lord Require of You
Commissioning & Blessing of Carter Baxter	Lea Matthews, K Karpen, and friends in ministry

Morning Prayer
The Lord's Prayer **Jessie Floyd**
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 **Together We Serve** (pg. 6)

Offering **The McCann Moina Family**
Of tithes, gifts, and prayers
Today is UMC Peace with Justice Sunday. Learn more on page 7

Offertory **Kurtis Bradley Brown, Frank Glass**
Amazing Grace

Benediction **Carter Baxter**

Response **Kurtis Bradley Brown, Frank Glass, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams**
Parting Hand, L.M.D.

Postlude **Frank Glass**
Whosoever Will

Hymn Leaders **Kurtis Bradley Brown, Frank Glass, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams**

Audio **David Richards**
Video **Brent Ness, K Karpen**
Editing **Harry Karpen**

Prayer Requests, Connect & Care Groups

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

Sharing the Peace

As you watch online morning, please share the message of peace with one another in the comments section of your video platform.

Scripture Reading from Acts 2: 42-47

The community devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as people needed it. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
2. Come! O-pen your heart! Show your mer - cy to all those in fear. We are
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the ci - ty of
called to be hope for the hope-less, so all ha-tred and blind-ness will be no
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er, as sis-ters and bro-thers u - nit-ed in



God!
more! We are called to act with jus- tice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,
love!



we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to



walk hum - bly with God!

Donald Haas, 1988

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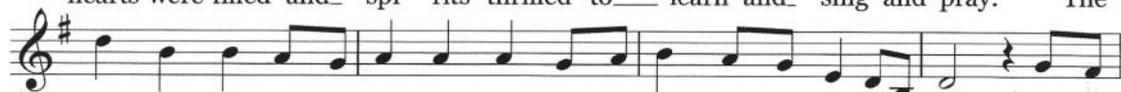
Canticle of the Turning



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is great! And my
2. On Pen - te - cost when all was lost, the Spi - rit came to stay. Then



spi - rit sings of the won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
hearts were filled and spi - rits thrilled to learn and sing and pray. The



fixed your sight on your peo-ple's plight and our weak-ness you did not spurn, so from
peo - ple there would stop and stare at the won - ders and the signs that



East to West shall your name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn? My
were per-formed as hearts were warmed, as the world start-ed to un-wind.



heart shall sing of the day you bring! Let the fires of your jus - tice burn! Wipe a-



way all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

3. All who believed began to weave together their hearts and souls.
All worldly goods they'd bring and leave in common for the whole.
Nobody said, "No, this is mine! I'll take my own and run."
Instead they said, "Let all be fed! We'll care for everyone."
4. From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware, for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they cannot earn.
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth will be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Rory Cooney, 1990
K Karpen, 2021

Star of the County Down
Traditional Irish Tune

Together We Serve



1.To-geth-er we serve, u-nit-ed by love, in-vit-ing God's world to the glo-ri-ous
4.To-geth-er, by grace, we wit-ness and work, re-mem-ber-ing Je-sus in whom we grow



feast. We work and we pray serve through sor-row and
strong. To-geth-er we serve in spi-rit and



joy, ex-tend-ing your love to the last and the least.
truth, re-mem-ber-ing love is the strength of our song.

Daniel Damon, 1998

Daniel Damon, 1998

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Music Notes

Prelude: Beautiful Treasure/Simple Gifts

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Sermon Song: What Does the Lord Require of You?

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Offertory: Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton, 1779

Music: Anon. tune in D.H. Mansfield's "The American Vocalist," 1849;

arr. Frank Glass

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Response: "Parting Hand, L.M.D."

Text: John Blain, 1818

Music: William Walker, 1835; arr. by Frank Glass, 2018

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Postlude: Whosoever Will

Music: Philip Bliss, 1870

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Today is Peace with Justice Sunday

When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's family with ministries that challenge structures of inequality and empower people and communities through systemic change.

For example, in Washington, DC, Peace with Justice funds, through the BaltimoreWashington Annual Conference, support Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church's Community Anti-violence Project (C.A.P.).

To help address a long litany of violence in the community, Hughes UMC joined with Howard University School of Law to begin an after-school program to help at-risk children and youth who live in the community surrounding the church.

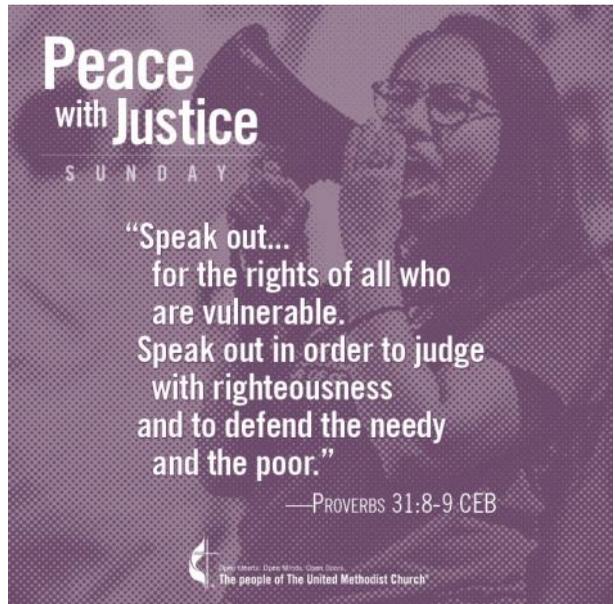
The District of Columbia Public School system "has historically been defined by sometimes stark racial and class divides. Poverty, food insecurity, housing insecurity and rampant violence are just some of the factors that negatively impact the academic performance of the children who live near Hughes Memorial UMC," the Rev. Paul Johnson said. "It is unfair and unrealistic to expect impoverished children who are hungry, cold and scared to excel in school."

The after-school program seeks to help the children who live near the church to dream big dreams and to achieve their dreams by preparing them holistically— physically, mentally, emotionally and intellectually.

Students participating in the Community Anti-violence Project have shown improved reading scores and other advancements. But Johnson is also convinced that "in our community there is no peace because there is no justice, and there is no justice because there is no peace."

C.A.P. is committed to peace with justice. Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world.

Please give online at stpaulandstandrew.org/give or mail checks to St. Paul & St. Andrew (263 W 86th Street, New York, NY 10024). Be sure to write "PWJS" in the memo line.



The Next Steps: Together Again

“My siblings, you were called to freedom; but be careful, or this freedom will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Rather, serve one another in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarized in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ (Gal. 5:13-14, The Inclusive Bible)

Dear Community,

We could not be prouder of St. Paul & St. Andrew. Together, we have navigated the last 15 months with thoughtful action and open communication. We have, with each new phase of the pandemic, responded by prioritizing the care of one another. We have demonstrated that we take seriously the faith imperative to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are now in another shift in context, where recent guidance released by the CDC advises that vaccinated persons can go without masks or social distancing in most public settings. And while we do think there are meaningful changes that we can make to our COVID Safety Plan, we acknowledge that church gatherings, particularly worship, are not like general indoor settings covered by most CDC guidance.

We have made decisions as a community up to this point by being careful not to embrace individual freedoms that might harm a neighbor and therefore put the community at risk. We want to continue that standard of protection. At church, people of mixed vaccine status are together for some time with varying ventilation. In addition, a vital part of our worship life is singing. The CDC recommendations which suggest that there is low risk to gather indoors without masks and which also determines that it is safe to sing maskless indoors, does not take into account that those gathered are not all vaccinated. Members of our community remain unvaccinated and at higher risk of COVID transmission. Children under the age of 12, pregnant women, and the immunocompromised have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated. These persons are part of St. Paul & St. Andrew and deserve the highest care and protection of our community.

We will follow the recommendation of a “two out of three” approach: wearing masks and practicing social distancing indoors, and choosing either masks or distancing as a strategy when gathering outdoors.

The pandemic is not behind us. And we are always mindful of other countries and communities who are experiencing the worst of this virus, even now. We are called to see the connections between our actions and the consequences of them, especially towards the most vulnerable among us. We will continue to respond to science and to the Law of love. The guidelines below specify how we will be able to gather more frequently and in-person, but do so with care and commitment to the whole of our beloved community.

In solidarity,
Lea & K

Timeline and Protocols:

- From now until the end of August, when we gather indoors, we will wear masks and observe social distance.
- From now until the end of August, when we sing, indoors or outdoors, we will wear masks.
- From now until the end of August, when adults gather in small groups outdoors and are not singing, mask wearing is optional.
- From now until the end of August, when mixed ages gather in small groups outdoors, including children under the age of 12, we will wear masks.
- On Sunday July 11th, we will begin offering live worship services at 11am, allowing for a limited number of persons to attend in-person, along with the worship team. Those who attend will register in advance. Services will be livestreamed also.
- On Homecoming Sunday, September 19th, the building will re-open to full usage, inviting in occasional space-users and community meetings. Until then, the building space will prioritize the West Side Campaign Against Hunger and maintain shorter hours of operation.

We Will and We Won't

We Will:

- Continue to follow COVID-safe practices until background levels of virus are very low
- Plan gathering and building re-opening carefully and thoughtfully.
- Adopt a “two out of three” approach: masks, social distancing, gathering outdoors
- Follow state, local, and any ecclesial guidelines, which are not affected by the new CDC advice
- Provide an example of good health practices, particularly for children who have not been vaccinated
- Gather in ways that do not exclude or put at risk unvaccinated members of the community, such as children or medically vulnerable individuals

We Won't:

- Decide the pandemic is over
- Rush into re-opening, disregarding medical and commonsense advice
- Discard safe worship practices
- Ignore state or local health regulations or ecclesial requirements
- Act in ways that require unvaccinated or vulnerable members to choose between being safe and participating in the community

Pentecost (Sunday, May 23)



Pentecost Sunday brought the church community together for in-person worship for the first time in 15 months. We had beautiful weather, some technical glitches and hitches, but an abundance of spiritual riches. What a way to celebrate the birthday of the church!

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Youth Group (May 24)



Our Youth Group combined work (recording their parts of the service) and play (mac and cheese dinner, Sardines, and s'Mores) on Monday to finish a most interesting year.

Walk w/ Me: Inwood Hill Park (May 25)



You can count on great weather on a Walk with Me, which continues on June 3rd and 7th! Visit stpaulandstandrew.org/events to register.