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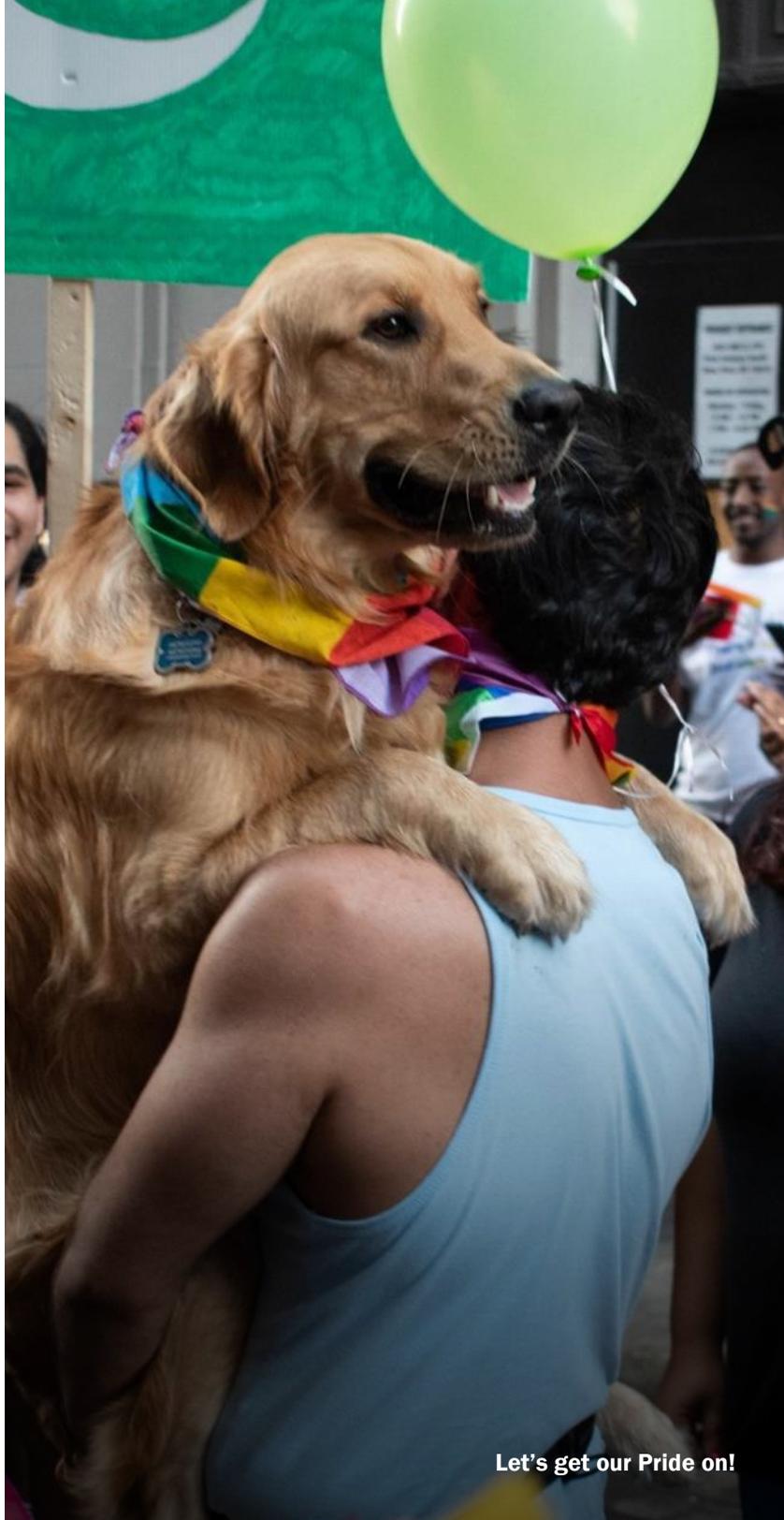
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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Lea Matthews  
Pastors

**PRIDE SUNDAY**

June 27, 2021  
Online Worship



Let's get our Pride on!

# Sunday, June 27, 2021 ♦ PRIDE SUNDAY

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>How Beautiful Are the Feet</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>AJ Tiedeman</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b> <i>from enfleshed</i>	<b>Rodney Brown, Arthur McLean</b> One: Gathered together, we proclaim the Good News of God publicly, intentionally, and explicitly: <b>Many: The presence of God welcomes the fullness of who we are.</b> One: We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice love in many ways. <b>Many: We celebrate love of all kinds and connections.</b> One: Love that is queer and love that is collective. <b>Many: We are people who want to know and be known - for who we've been, who we are, and who we are becoming.</b> One: We honor identities in transition. We delight in authentic self-expression. <b>Many: God moves in our becoming.</b> One: How wonderful are the many works of God's creative hand! <b>All: May all who long for Love's embrace feel their Holy worth.</b>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>For All the Children</b> (pg. 6)
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Rachel Black</b>
<b>Original Poem</b>	<b>Jessie Floyd</b>
<b>Anthem</b>	<b>Kurtis Bradley Brown, Phil Hall</b> <b>Come, Thou Fount</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Benz, Carol Scott</b> <b>Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18</b> (pg. 4)
<b>Anthem &amp; Dance</b>	<b>Queer Quartet, featuring Chiara Bosco</b> <b>The Handiwork of God</b> (pg. 6)
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b> <b>Pride in Process!</b>

**Morning Prayer**      **Spencer LaJoye**  
**A Plowshare Prayer** (pg. 7)

**Offering**              **Alison Grillo**  
Of tithes, gifts, and prayers

**Offertory**            **Kurtis Bradley Brown, Phil Hall**  
**Grateful**

**Benediction**        **Lea Matthews**

**Postlude**            **Frank Glass**  
**Victory in Jesus**

**Hymn Leaders**    **Queer Quartet**  
**Kurtis Bradley Brown, Lea Matthews, Andy Redeker, Madeline Taylor**

**Audio**    **David Richards**  
**Video**    **Harry Karpen, Michelle Navis**  
**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](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected)

## **Sharing the Peace**

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

# Scripture Reading from Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

# For All the Children



1. God, we ga - ther as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we  
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free, and we  
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so a -  
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture, when child - ren far and wide can



dare to claim the prom - ise of your love. \_\_\_\_ Though the day may not yet  
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be, \_\_\_\_ that they nev - er have a  
fraid of who they are and whom they love. \_\_\_\_ May the mes - sage now be  
live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride. \_\_\_\_ As they grow in strength and



be here, we \_\_\_\_ trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free. \_\_\_\_  
rea - son to \_\_\_\_ doubt that they are blest. May they in your love find rest. \_\_\_\_  
ban - ished that your love is for the few. May their faith in you re - new. \_\_\_\_  
sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand. \_\_\_\_



— Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be



room e - nough for ev - ry - one in - side. \_\_\_\_ For in God there is a wel - come, in



God, we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song!

David Lohman, 2007

David Lohman, 2007

# The Handiwork of God

Stitched together, piece by piece,  
Sewn with purpose and with care,  
Scraps once thought to have no worth  
Now become a sacred treasure.

*A quilt of love, made by holy hands,  
Every pattern known by heart,  
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls,  
A quilt of love and work of art,  
We're the handiwork of God.*

Gathered here in this holy hour,  
Hearts are full of pain and glory.  
Quilt the threads of this kinship up  
Into your unfolding story.

When we come apart, when we've been torn,  
When the fabric of our lives is frayed and worn,  
Mend us up, loving friend.  
Let your creative touch heal again.

All the colors, each design  
For the living of these days,  
Every blessing, a gift from God,  
And all creation sings its praise!

*A quilt of love, made by holy hands,  
Every pattern known by heart,  
Stitched together by the sewer of our souls,  
A quilt of love and work of art,  
We're the handiwork of God.*

A quilt of love and each of us bears a part.  
We're the handiwork of God.

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# A Plowshare Prayer

Dear blessed creator, dear mother, dear savior  
Dear father, dear brother, dear holy other  
Dear sibling, dear baby, dear patiently waiting  
Dear sad and confused,  
    dear stuck and abused

Dear end-of-your-rope,  
    dear worn out and broke,  
Dear go-it-alone, dear running from home  
Dear righteously angry, forsaken by family  
Dear jaded and quiet, dear tough and defiant

I pray that I'm heard  
and I pray that this works

I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword  
    against you and your heart,  
    against you and your word  
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts  
    that it might break you open,  
    it might help you grow

I pray that your body gets all that it needs  
    and if you don't want healing,  
    I just pray for peace  
I pray that your burden gets lighter each day  
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away

I pray that you honor the grief as it comes  
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs  
I pray that if you go all day being brave  
that you can go home, go to bed feeling safe

I pray you're forgiven, I pray you forgive  
I pray you set boundaries and openly live  
I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving  
I pray that you know I will always believe you

I pray that you're heard  
and I pray that this works

Amen on behalf of the last and the least  
On behalf of the anxious, depressed,  
    and unseen  
Amen for the workers, the hungry,  
    the houseless  
Amen for the lonely and recently spouseless

Amen for the queers and their closeted peers  
Amen for the bullied who hold in their tears  
Amen for the mothers of little Black sons  
Amen for the kids who grow up scared of guns

Amen for the addicts,  
    the ashamed and hungover  
Amen for the calloused, the wisened, the sober  
Amen for the ones who want life to be over  
Amen for the leaders  
    who lose their composure

Amen for the parents who just lost their baby  
Amen for the chronically ill and disabled  
Amen for the children down at the border  
Amen for the victims of our law and order

I pray that you're heard  
and I pray that this works

I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword  
    against you and your heart,  
    against you and your word  
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts

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# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

Joy of gathering to celebrate Janet Kobe on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Thanks that we are able to be together, even on Zoom

Thanks for Juneteenth as a national holiday

From Ann Morgan, pastoring in the Catskills, who thanks our 'music squad' of amazing voices and especially those from June 13<sup>th</sup> service

Anthony's successful surgery

For Brent's Granny's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday

Jan shares a prayer of gratitude for the SPSA staff and volunteers

## Healing

Continued prayers for increased strength for Ressie

Fritz, that his reaction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine is mild

People facing mental illness and needing support

MC's sister-in-law, Betty, undergoing tests for a shoulder injury

Olga's 34 year old relative, suffering from seizures

Mark and Mary Ellen's friend Jay, struggling with pancreatic cancer, and for Jay's family

Jim Davis and his wife Bjorg Davis who are both experiencing

sudden and difficult health problems

For Kathy, dealing with both dialysis and cancer treatments

People in South America and India, navigating Covid

For Kay's brother and his diabetes, and her 93-year-old mother

For Steve Q, who is dealing with multiple health issues.

For Nick in San Francisco, who has cancer

For Matthew in Ohio, whose breast cancer has returned

## Comfort

Ken Lucian and his family, mourning the sudden death of his mother

People who have lost loved ones and are struggling, even as the city opens up

People spending their first Father's Day without their father

MC's great nephew, Taylor in hospice care, and his loved ones

For the loved ones of Mark's long-time friend, Mary Claire, who just lost her battle with Covid-19.

For the Shinn family and the loss of their brother/son

## Work and Life

City elections, may they run smoothly

Our mental health system

Travel mercies for Linda (IN), Kate (CA), and Harry and Jesse (Grand Canyon), Lea, Rachel, and Nora

For all communities facing excessive heat and drought this summer

For Rev. Dr. Beth Nolan as she prepares to leave the ministry this weekend in Australia

## Peace & Justice

Calm and sanity from religious leaders

Prayers that the Senate will pass comprehensive voter rights legislation (S1 and John Lewis Act)

For the people of Afghanistan facing rising COVID infections and increasing violence

Prayers for the Black Voters Matter Freedom Ride.

For the nurses near Lahore, Pakistan, who are being detained on false charges of blasphemy

That Shakeel's family will receive permission from the US Govt to join him in the US

# Outdoor Worship!



**Sunday Mornings, starting July 11**  
**Join us 10:00 am!**  
**West End Ave at W86th Street**

**Our mission to follow Jesus into the streets to increase love and justice in this world becomes practical this summer. Sunday worship will take place outside, right on the steps of our church.**

**We will also livestream our services so you can join from the comfort of your home or from where you are traveling.**

**Rain location: inside the church ♦ [stpaulandstandrew.org](http://stpaulandstandrew.org)**



Director: Kathie Burkatt



## Love in Action

# Who's Who

## Pastors

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# Music Notes

## Prelude: How Beautiful Are the Feet

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## Anthem: Come, Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: Wyeth's "Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813; arr. Phil Hall  
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## Morning Prayer: Plowshares Prayer

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## Offertory: Grateful

Words: John Bucchino, 1996

Music: John Bucchino, 1996; arr. Phil Hall, 2016

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## Postlude: Victory in Jesus

Music: Eugene Bartlett, 1939

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# Our Mission

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- ◆ 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.