

# ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

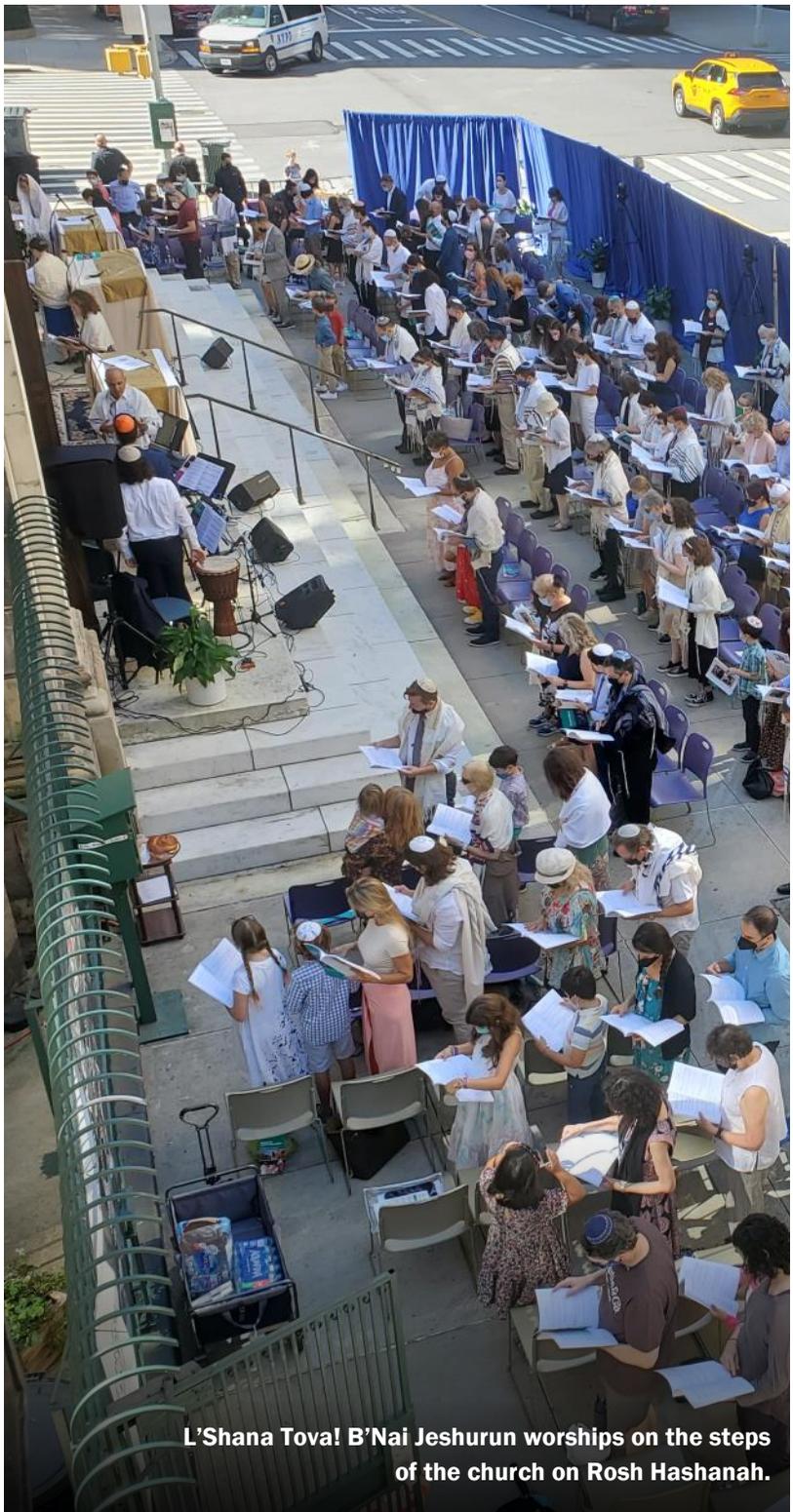
Join us as we build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world.

K Karpen &  
Lea Matthews  
Pastors

Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

*Labor of Love:  
The Still More  
Excellent Way*

September 12, 2021  
at 10am  
Livestream



L'Shana Tova! B'Nai Jeshurun worships on the steps of the church on Rosh Hashanah.

# Sunday, September 12, 2021

◆ Please rise in body

*As we gather on the unceded land of the Lenape peoples, we acknowledge the community, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations.*

## Prelude

**Frank Glass**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

## Welcome

**K Karpen**

## Call to Worship ◆

(1 Corinthians)

**Rachel Black & Nora Matthews**

One: Beloved friends, strive for the great gifts of the spirit,

**Many: And I will show you a still more excellent way.**

One: If I speak in the languages of people and angels, and have no love,

**Many: I am like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

One: And even if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and knowledge.

**Many: And have enough faith to move mountains,**

One: If I do not have love, I am nothing;

**Many: If I do not do love to other people, I am nothing!**

One: Even if I give away all my possessions, and sacrifice myself for others,

**Many: But don't do all that from a place of love, I gain nothing.**

One: Sing a song of love to the Unknown Traveler who knows us better than we know ourselves;

**Many: Sing a song of love to the One whose nature and name is Love.**

## Opening Hymn ◆

**Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown** (pg. 5, v. 1-3)

## Opening Prayer

**Rachel Black & Nora Matthews**

(inspired by the writing of Howard Thurman)

## Prayer Song

**Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown** (pg. 5, v. 4)

## Scripture

**Justin Rae**

**1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a; 11-13, 14a** (pg. 4)

## Scripture Song

**The Gift Of Love** (pg. 6)

## Message for All Ages

**Lea Matthews**

**Blessing of Students, Teachers, and Staff**

## Baptism Song

**Child of Wonder** (pg. 7, v. 1/solo & v. 2/congregation)

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| <b>Sacrament of Baptism</b>   | <b>Vesper Skye Rae (Parents Justin &amp; Kristin Rae, sister Isobel)</b><br>Now it is our joy to welcome our new sibling in Christ. Vesper, we all say to you: <b>Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.</b> |
| <b>Baptism Song</b>   | <b>Child of Wonder</b> (pg. 7, v. 3/solo & v. 4/congregation)   |
| <b>Sermon</b>   | <b>K Karpen</b><br><b>The Still More Excellent Way</b>  |
| <b>Sermon Song</b>  | <b>I Believe</b> (pg. 8)  |
| <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>The Lord's Prayer</b>                   | <b>Ekama Eni</b><br><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>Song</b>   | <b>I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry</b> (pg. 8, v. 1-3)   |
| <b>Welcome of Visitors</b><br><b>Call to Offering &amp; Service</b> | <b>Lea Matthews</b><br>Of tithes, gifts, and prayers  |
| <b>Offertory</b>  | <b>Madeline Taylor, Frank Glass</b><br><b>Jesus Loves Me</b>  |
| <b>Benediction ♦</b>  | <b>K Karpen</b>   |
| <b>Response ♦</b>   | <b>We'll Understand It Better By and By</b> (pg. 9)   |
| <b>Postlude</b>   | <b>Frank Glass</b><br><b>I Believe It</b>   |
| <b>Hymn Leaders</b>   | <b>Frank Glass, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Madeline Taylor</b>   |
| <b>Greeters</b>   | <b>Peggy Griffin-Jackman, Julia Tulloch</b>   |
| <b>Live Stream</b>  | <b>Hannah Chomiczewski, Michelle Navis, Brent Ness, David Richards</b>  |

# Reading from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a, 11-13, 14a

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends....

<sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. <sup>14</sup>Pursue love!

## New Guidelines for in-person worship starting Sept. 19

Dear Friends,

As the pandemic wears on and the Delta variant threatens, it is our top priority to keep our community safe. Beginning **Sunday, September 19**, in keeping with changing NYC and NY Conference guidelines, we will require that everyone **eligible** for the Covid vaccine must be **vaccinated** prior to attending in-person worship. where It is our hope to continue to worship outside, but as we know the weather cannot always be counted on to cooperate!

Also, beginning **September 19**, services will return to an 11am start time, and we will ask everyone to register ahead of the service. We will send you a link, and reminders.

We very much value your participation in worship, whether in person or remotely, and we want to do everything we can to ensure a safe, meaningful and moving worship experience!

With Love,  
Your pastors,  
**K & Lea**

PS: Please let us know if you have any questions about this, or anything else.

# Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown



1. Come, O thou trav - el - er\_\_ un known, whom still\_ I hold but can - not  
2. I need not tell\_ thee who I am,\_\_ my mis - er - y\_\_ and sin\_ de-



see! My com - pa - ny\_\_ be - fore\_ is gone and I\_\_ am left\_\_ a - lone with  
clare. Thy - self hast called me by\_\_ my name, look on\_\_ thy hands and read it



thee. With thee all night I mean to stay\_ and wres - tle till\_\_ the break of  
there. But who, I ask\_ thee, who art thou? Tell me\_ thy name, and tell\_ me



day. With thee all night\_ I mean\_ to stay\_\_ and  
now. But\_ who, I ask\_\_ thee, who\_\_ art thou?\_ Tell



wres - tle till\_\_ the break\_\_ of day.  
me\_\_ thy name\_\_ and tell\_\_ my now.

3. Yield to me now, for I am weak but confident in self-despair!  
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.  
Speak--or thou never hence shall move--and tell me if thy name is Love.  
Speak--or thou never hence shall move--and tell me if thy name is Love.
4. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou died'st for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee. Pure, universal Love thou art.  
To me, to all, thy mercies move. Thy nature and thy name is Love.  
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Charles Wesley, 1742

Traditional Scottish Tune  
Harmonized by Carlton Young, 1963

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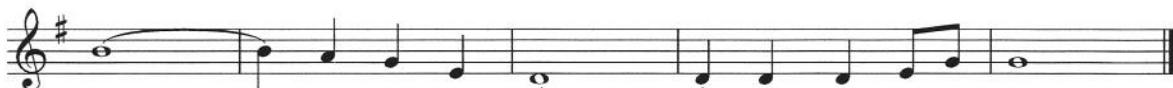
# The Gift of Love



1. Though I may speak \_\_\_\_\_ with brav - est fire \_\_\_\_\_ and have the gift \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though I may give \_\_\_\_\_ all I pos - sess, \_\_\_\_\_ and striv - ing so \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Come, Spi - rit, come, \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts con - trol. \_\_\_\_\_ Our spi - rits long \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ to all in - spire, \_\_\_\_\_ and have not love, \_\_\_\_\_ my words are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ my love pro - fess, \_\_\_\_\_ but not be giv'n \_\_\_\_\_ by love with -  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be made whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Let in - ward love \_\_\_\_\_ guide ev - 'ry \_\_\_\_\_



vain, \_\_\_\_\_ as sound - ing brass \_\_\_\_\_ and hope - less \_\_\_\_\_ gain.  
- in, \_\_\_\_\_ the pro - fit soon \_\_\_\_\_ turns strange - ly \_\_\_\_\_ thin.  
deed. \_\_\_\_\_ By this we wor - ship and are freed.

Hal Hopson, 1972

Scottish Folk Tune  
Adapted by Hal Hopson, 1972

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# Child of Wonder



*Solo* 1. Child of won - der, child of grace, love comes dan - cing 'round your face. Child of  
*Unison* 2. Child of ev' - ning, child of night, child of morn - ing, child of light. Bring the



wa - ter, child of earth, gen - tle flow - er come to birth. You shall be God's  
day - break and the sun, God's own peace when day is done. You shall be God's



joy - ful sing - er, — you shall be life's joy - ous song. —  
joy - ful dan - cer, — dance the moon and stars to sleep. —

*Solo* 3. Child of dreams and our tomorrows, come to share our joys and sorrows,  
Child so helpless and so weak, such a power still you speak.  
You shall be God's loving promise, hope of life amid our doubts.  
You shall be God's joyful prophet, voice of life's resounding shout.

*Unison* 4. Child of wonder, child of grace, love comes dancing round your face.  
Child of water, child of earth, gentle flower come to birth.  
You shall be God's joyful singer, let your song be lifted high.  
You shall be God's joyful dancer, dance your joy across the sky.

Marty Haugen, 1985

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# I Believe in Love

One: I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining

**Many: I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining**

One: I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it

**Many: I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it**

One: I believe in God, I believe in God, even when, even when God is silent

**Many: I believe in God, I believe in God, even when, even when God is silent**

Anon., found on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany  
following the Holocaust

Mark A. Miller

Music © 2012 Chorister's Guild

## I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1."I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re-  
3."When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were



joined the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un-fold. 2.I was there when you were but a  
raised to praise the liv-ing God, to whom you now be-long.



child, with a faith to suit you well. In a blaze of light, you



wan-dered off to see where de-mons dwell.

John Ylvisaker, 1985

John Ylvisaker, 1985

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# By and By

1. We are tossed and driv-en on the rest-less sea of time. Som-ber  
4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares oft - en takes us un - a-ware, and our  
skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine. In that  
hearts are made to bleed\_ by a thought-less word or deed. And we  
land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way, we will  
won - der why the test when we try to do our best, but we'll  
un-der-stand it bet-ter by and by. By and by, when the morn-ing comes,  
un-der-stand it bet-ter by and by.  
when the saints of God are gath-ered home, we'll tell the sto - ry  
how we've ov - er-come, for we'll un - der-stand it bet - ter by and by.

Charles A. Tindley, 1906

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# Last Week: Sunday Worship (September 5)



Top row: K prepares the table for communion, Aurora leads the Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Ekama reads the day's scripture. Second row: Madeleine holds her stuffed animal, Kris and Frank offer special music, Barb brought her special friend to worship. Third row: Rodney, Arthur and Peggy catch up after the service, as do Matt, Clara, and Aurora. Bottom row: Melanie, Lea, Peggy, Rosângela, and Jorge catch up, Robert moves gets West End Ave ready for the upcoming week.

# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

Zach, doing better and for Zach and Chris' relationship

Ron J, grateful for good days  
Siobhan and Diana's wedding  
For Graham's job and apartment

## Healing & Health

Continued prayers for increased strength for Ressie

Josie's upcoming surgery

Alison, recovering from surgery

Continued healing for Erin,  
Elizabeth and Rob

Steady recovery for Cynthia's aunt who had a stroke

Lilo, with a blood disorder

Julie and Moshe, in rehab and negotiating health issues

Adrienne, with cancer, having surgery in two weeks

Jessie, recovering from a bike accident

Pat with leukemia

Wanda with asthma

For Christopher's health and relationship with his family

## Comfort

Erna, mourning the loss of her friend and her family's mourning

The 13 families mourning loved ones killed in Afghanistan; as well as all the loss of lives there

Nancy and her family on the death of her mother

Cynthia's family on mourning her sister-in-law, Patricia

## Work and Life

All those impacted by Hurricane Ida  
Safety for teachers, staff, and students

Rebecca, to lean closer to God and listen to what she needs to hear

For safe travels and financial stability for Rebecca; and for her roommate a sustainable job and a closer relationship to God

## Peace & Justice

For the safety of the people in Afghanistan

# Music Notes

## Prelude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Music: From John Wesley's "Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed" (1761), harm. Frank Glass (2019)

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## Offertory: Jesus Loves Me

Words: Anna Warner (1869) and David McGuire (1971)

Music: William Bradbury (1861); arr. Frank Glass

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## Postlude: I Believe It

Music: Charles Tindley (1909)

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## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us! If you are new to our community, we'd love to keep in touch, and invite you to fill out a Connect Card at the Welcome Table.



## Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/give) or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be made at the Welcome Tables.

## SPSA Putting Love In Action



Danny and Hector load produce bound for La Morada. (left) Pat and A.J. with Rev. Jim Moore and Peter Seirup at Kingswood Stone Ministry. (right)

# Who's Who

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen  
Rev. Lea Matthews

## Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass

## Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni

## Lay Servants

Nancy Meyers,  
Alicia Pitterson,  
Shakeel Samuel

## Director of Operations

Brent Ness

## Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano

## Theater Manager/ Compliance Officer/

## Livestream Director

Michelle Navis

## Building Superintendent

Danny Aponte

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# Connect & Care 2.0

We've learned over these past many months that small group connections are life-giving, joy-makers! They are socially nurturing and spiritually nourishing. We want to continue to grow spiritually and in community. So we are excited to launch a new round of Connect & Care groups. This time, you won't be automatically placed into a group. You'll choose a group that fits your life and schedule. There are options for what day the group meets, how often in a month, and in what format (on Zoom or hybrid).

Registration opens on today (Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>)!

To join a group, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Go to this site: <http://loveinaction.churchcenter.com/>
- 2) Click on "Groups" to see a list of all the groups
- 3) Search by Frequency, Day of the Week, and Location Type to find what works best for your schedule
- 4) Click on the group that works for you
- 5) Click on the button "Ask to Join"
- 6) Fill out the contact info and push "Continue"
- 7) Once you submit the request to join, you're done. You'll hear back from a Facilitator with an email soon.

# Our Mission

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.

- ◆ 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.