

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

**Homecoming
Sunday**

***Labor of Love:
Love Like We Do***

September 19, 2021
at 11am
Livestream



Vesper...“one of the newest Christians on the planet!”

Sunday, September 19, 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

Come Down, O Love Divine

Welcome

& Introduction of our Fabulous Interns

K Karpen

Andrea Steinkamp, Amanda Munroe

Call to Worship ◆

(adapted from enflashed)

Amanda Munroe, Andrea Steinkamp

One: We know what love is. We have seen it. We have felt it. Love lives in us. In our collective life together.

Many: But we lose touch with it, in the noise of hate and bigotry.

One: Without love, we cannot perceive the voice of God around us or God speaking within us. Without love, we move too quickly. We tend to the surface. We miss the roots. Our dreaming becomes narrow and shallow.

Many: Without love, we struggle and give in to thoughts of unworthiness, isolation, and hopelessness.

One: Still, this we know. This we profess. This we strive to live by. Everything else will fade like the day's sun. Everything else will turn to dust.

Many: But love... love never ends!

One: And so we nurture it. Intentionally. With care. In ourselves. In each other. In the earth.

All: Whatever else, we work to make love our greatest investment.

Opening Hymn ◆

Together We Serve (pg. 5, v. 1-3)

Opening Prayer

Amanda Munroe, Andrea Steinkamp

Prayer Song

Together We Serve (pg. 5, v. 4)

Welcome of New Members

K Karpen, Lea Matthews, Melanie Baker
(pg. 4)

Hymn

God Is Here (pg. 6, v. 1,2)

Gospel

Jon Deak
Mathew 22: 33-40 (pg. 4)

Gospel Song	God Is Here (pg. 6, v. 4)
Homily	Lea Matthews “Love Like We Do”
Homily Song	How Can We Name a Love (pg. 7, v. 1, 3)
Morning Prayer The Lord’s Prayer	K Karpen Ekama Eni 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.
Song	How Can We Name a Love (pg. 7, v. 4)
Welcome of Visitors Call to Offering & Service	Ekama Eni Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 9)
Offertory	Jan Hittle, Frank Glass Simple Song
Benediction ♦	Lea Matthews
Response ♦	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms (pg. 8)
Postlude	Frank Glass Dwelling in Beulah Land
Hymn Leaders Greeters Live Stream	Frank Glass, Ken Guest, Jan Hittle, K Karpen, Brent Ness Nancy Meyers, Julia Tulloch



Welcome!

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, or scan this QR code to complete a Connect Card online. Thank you for joining us today!

Liturgy for New Members

Kate Baum

Jeff Baum

Kate Gill

Christopher Henderson

Jan Hittle

Marty Plevel

Ashlyn Smith

Kay Wenzel

Church, when directed, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit and offer your vow, as indicated in bold.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
Reaffirm both your rejection of sin
And your commitment to Christ?
If so, say "we do."

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news

And live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons

With a community of love and forgiveness,

That they may grow in their trust of God,

And be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them,

That they may be true disciples

Who walk in the way that leads to life.

Gospel Reading from Matthew 22: 33-40

The crowds were astonished at Jesus's teaching. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered: "You must love the Most High God

With all your heart,

With all your soul,

And with all your mind.'

"That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based—and the Prophets as well.

Together We Serve



1.To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in - vit - ing God's world to the
2.We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a lamp for the heart and a
3.We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the bus - y, the lone - ly, and



glo - ri - ous feast. We work and we pray through sor - row and
light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine
all who need care. We of - fer a home to those who will



joy, ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
through un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
come, our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.

4. Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

Daniel Damon, 1998

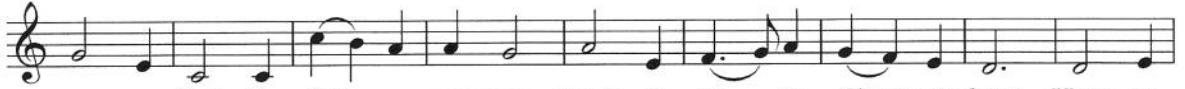
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God Is Here!



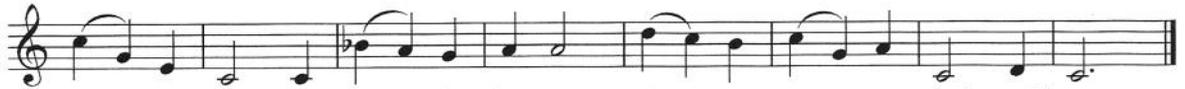
1. God is here! As we_ your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and pray'r,
2. Here are sym - bols to_ re - mind us of our life - long need of grace.



may we find in full - er mea - sure what it is_ in Christ we share. Here, as
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross_ has cen - tral place. Here, in



in the world_ a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
hon - es - ty_ of preach - ing; here, in si - lence as in speech;



wait_ the com - ing of_ the Spi - rit in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and_ re - new - al, God_ the Spi - rit comes to each.

4. Lord of all, of church and kindom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive.
We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Fred Pratt Green, 1978

Cyril Taylor, 1941

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How Can We Name a Love



1. How can we name a Love that wak - ens heart and mind, in -
3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite in



dwell - ing all we_ know or think or do_ or seek or_ find? With -
pro - jects old or_ new, to make or do_ with shared de - light, our



in our dai - ly world, in_ eve - ry hu - man face, Love's
Friend and Part - ner's will is_ bet - ter un - der - stood, that



ech - oes sound and_ God is found, hid in_ the com - mon - place.
all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is_ good.

4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence,
sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun;
In Christ alone is Love full grown, and life and hope begun.

Brian Wren, 1973

English Folk Tune
Arranged by Frederick Sheppard, 1915

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms!
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms!



What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms!
O how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms!



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms!
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms!



Lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms!
Lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms!

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms!
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms!
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms!

Elisha Hoffman, 1887

Anthony Showalter, 1887

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Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Vesper's baptism
Gratitude for so many dedicated Kingswood volunteers
Aurora gratitude for the 95-99% Vax of students and teachers; and for finding a Director & Dramaturg for her play
New folks worshipping with us both in person and on the livestream
K and Charlene's 35th anniversary
Guardian angel David

Healing & Health

Continued prayers for increased strength for Ressie
Josie's upcoming surgery
Steady recovery for Cynthia's aunt who had a stroke
A.J.'s Aunt Carol
Amy F
Floyd-Karpens for beloved dog Danny

Rich K
Angela, a Kingswood volunteer
Ping's Aunt Anne & Cousin Tony
Laura and Bill D
Kathryn's extended family's health challenges
Kathryn's new treatment
Connie's cousin's wife Jane's chemo for ovarian cancer
For Benz - strength and patience as a caregiver
For Beate; and for Wolfgang's smooth recovery from a broken hip
For Carol
Jessica's mom Rita who fell and injured her arm

Comfort

Mary Ellen K mourning the death of her brother, Bob
For the family and friends mourning Barbara, Elizabeth
J's cousin, who lost her battle with cancer

Work and Life

Safety for teachers and students
All of us as we move from initial C & C groups to C & C 2.0
The Reasoner-House's move to PA
Expedited resolution for Hannah's visa
Divine energy for Carol and Benz

Peace & Justice

For the safety of the people in Afghanistan

Covid

Harry K, recovering
Elliot & Molly
Several loved ones with COVID breakthrough cases
Lindsey's father in TN with COVID



Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.



Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be delivered to the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Last Week: Sunday Worship (September 12)



Top row: Madeline and Frank perform the offertory; Nora and Rachel led the Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Ekama offered the Morning Prayer. Second row: Declan and Kyle in a fun moment; K brought Danny for his weekly send-off before sharing some sad news; Some of the bells that made the morning so harmonious. Third row: Rosângela, Don, and Carla; A bittersweet moment for Hannah and her parents, as Don and Christie are moving to Pennsylvania; Vesper with her parents Justin and Kristin. Fourth row: Lea offered blessings to teachers, students, and school staff; Amy Jo brought a friend to service. Photos: Katherine Burkett

New Covid Safety Policy

Recent guidance from our New York Annual Conference leadership has clarified our Covid-19 policy for the use of the building. Starting Monday, September 20, St. Paul & St. Andrew will ask everyone (ages 12 and older) entering the church building to either show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test result from the past 7 days.

Proof of vaccination can be:

- A Vaccination card
- A photo of a vaccination card
- An Excelsior Pass
- A NYC Covid Safe Pass

Negative Covid test can be:

- PCR or rapid
- Dated up to days earlier than today's date

We will not have registration ahead of time for worship.

We will extend outdoor worship into the fall, weather permitting.

Outside or inside, we will continue to wear masks.

Thank you for support and help keeping our community safer.

Music Notes

Prelude: Come Down, O Love Divine

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; arr. Frank Glass, 2020
Annex” (1761), harm. Frank Glass (2019)

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Offertory: A Simple Song from “Mass”

Words: Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

Music: Leonard Bernstein

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Postlude: Dwelling in Beulah Land

Music: Charles Austin Miles, 1911

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Wedding Bells

Lea officiated a ceremony for Diana and Siobhan (SPSA's former pastor) Faustino-Sargent last Sunday at the New York Botanical Gardens. Congratulations!



Who's Who

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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).

Connect & Care groups begin meeting this week!

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.