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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

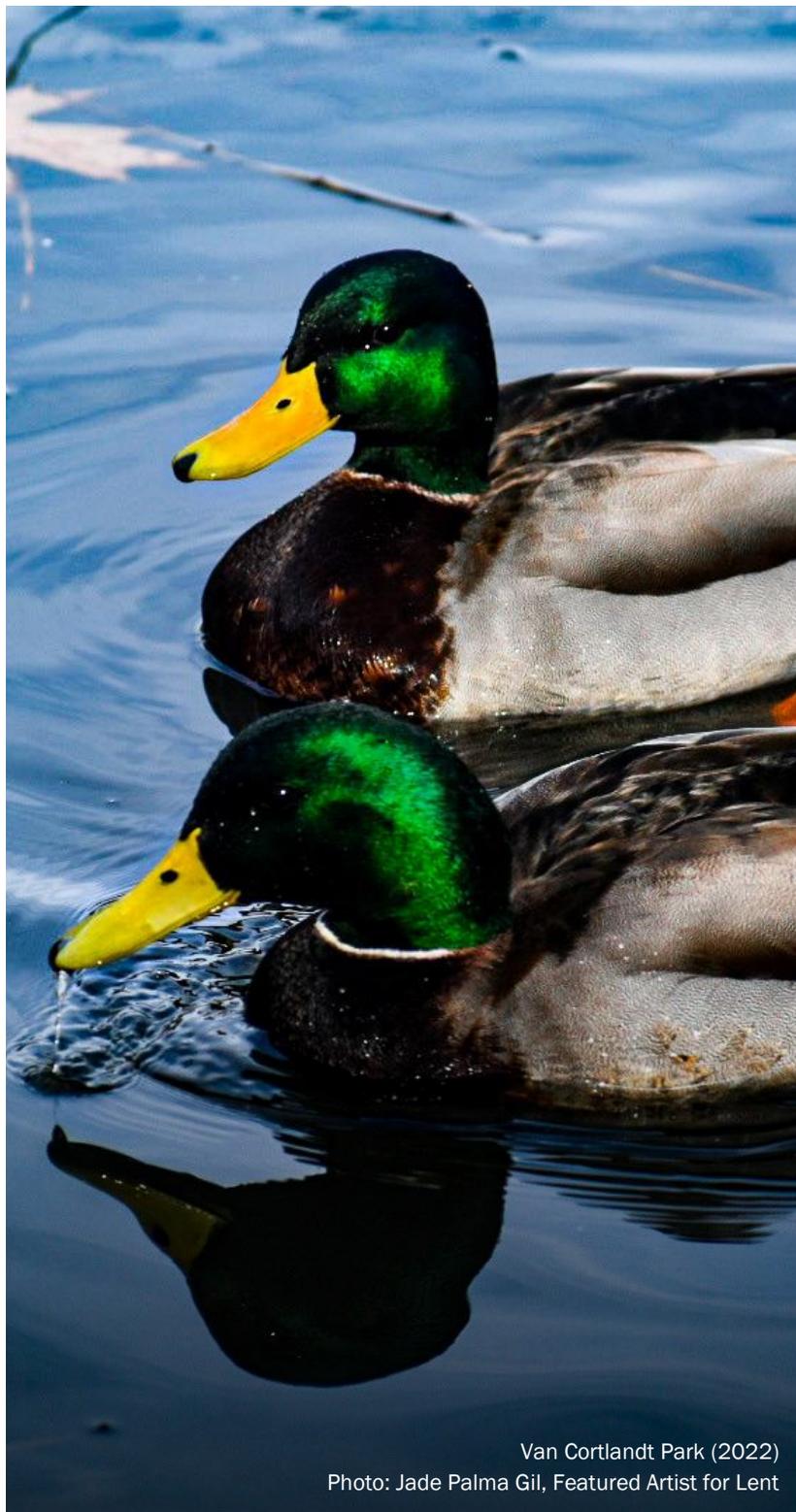
Join us as we build a
community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

K Karpen &
Lea Matthews
Pastors

**Third Sunday
in Lent**

March 20, 2022
at 11am

Livestream



Van Cortlandt Park (2022)
Photo: Jade Palma Gil, Featured Artist for Lent

Sunday, March 20, 2022

◆ *Please rise in body or spirit*

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

Melanie Baker, Frank Glass

“Largo” from Sonata IV in G Maj for Violin and Continuo by G. P. Telemann

Introit

Brent Ness, Frank Glass

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

Call to Worship ◆

*adapted from
Psalm 63*

Lea Matthews

O God, you are my God,

I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you and your right hand upholds me.

Opening Hymn ◆

Come, Ye Disconsolate (pg. 5, v. 1-3)

Opening Prayer

*by Rev. M Barclay,
enfleshed*

Lea Matthews

Prayer Song

Come, Ye Disconsolate (pg. 5, v. 4)

Scripture Lesson

Andrea Steinkamp

Isaiah 55: 1-9 (pg. 4)

Hymn

Come, Ye People, Poor and Needy (pg. 6)

Gospel Lesson ◆

Ron Bennett

Luke 13: 1-9 (pg. 4)

Gospel Song ♦	2022: A Space for Theodicy (pg. 7)
Sermon	K Karpen “ The Oddity of Theodicy ”
Sermon Song	<i>May the life I lead</i> May the life I lead, speak for me <i>speak for me</i> (2x) <i>When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavy load,</i> <i>May the life I lead</i> May the life I lead, speak for me
Morning Prayer The Lord’s Prayer	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.
Prayer Song	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (pg. 8)
Love in Action	Julia Tulloch
Offering	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 10)
Offertory	Melanie Baker, Frank Glass “ Round about the Mountain ” African American Spiritual, arr. by Roland Hayes (1948)
Prayer of Gratitude	Shirley Struchen
Closing Hymn ♦	I’ll Fly Away (pg. 8)
Benediction ♦	K Karpen
Postlude	Frank Glass “ And Can It Be That I Should Gain ” by Thomas Campbell (1839)
Live Stream	Hannah Chomiczewski, Red Gate Sound (video), Hector Pagan (audio)
Audio	Brent Ness
Greeters	Nancy Meyers, Julia Tulloch
Hymn Leaders	The Congregation
Counters	Cheryl Melchiorre, Gina Leonetti
Childcare	Jessie Floyd

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Reading from Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

Seek the Lord while God may be found, call upon God while God is near; let the wicked forsake

their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that God may have mercy on them, and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts," says our God

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading from Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you. Still, unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you. Still, unless you repent, you may all perish just as they did."

Then Jesus told this parable: "A person had a fig tree planted in the vineyard; and came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' The gardener replied, 'My friend, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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Van Cortlandt Park

Featured Artist for Lent: Jade Palma Gil



Come, Ye Disconsolate



1. Come, ye dis-con so-late, wher-e'er ye lan-guish. Come to the mer-cy seat,
2. Joy of the des-o-late, light of the stray-ing, hope of the pen-i-tent,
3. Here see the bread of life. See wa-ters flow-ing forth from the throne of God,



fer-vent-ly kneel. Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your
fade-less and pure! Here speaks the Com-fort-er, ten-der-ly
pure from a-bove. Come to the feast of love. Come, ev-er



an-guish. Earth has no sor-row that heav'n can-not heal.
say-ing, "Earth has no sor-row that heav'n can-not cure."
know-ing earth has no sor-row but heav'n can re-move.

4. Come, you who thirst for life. Come to the water.
You who are penniless, come, buy and eat.
Come, for your milk and bread from your Supporter:
Food that will satisfy, healthy and sweet.

Thomas Moore, 1816
Altered by Thomas Hastings, 1832
K Karpen, 2022 (Verse 4)

Samuel Webbe, Sr., 1792



Come, Ye People Poor and Needy



1. Come, ye peo - ple_ poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, _ sick and sore.
2. Come, ye thirs - ty, _ come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty _ glo - ri - fy.



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pi - ty, _ love and pow'r.
True be - lief_ and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.



I will a - rise and_ go to Je - sus, he will em - brace me _ with his arms.



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are _ ten _ thou - sand charms.

Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.

William Walker's *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion* (1835)
Harmonized by Charles Webb, 1987

Engaging the Wilderness at Van Cortlandt Park

Join us this Thursday at Inwood Hill Park with Katie Reimer



Twenty Twenty-Two: Space for Theodicy



1. When the tow'r of Si - lo - am fell_ up - on the peo - ple_ gath - er - ed there,
2. When we see your peo - ple threa - tened in our town or_ in Uk - raine,



though they did_ no sin or ev - il, per - il caught them un - a - ware.
where can we go_ to search for an - swers to our dai - ly_ doubt and pain?



Can we a - rise and_ go to Je - sus, ask him in our_ sighs and pray'rs,



what to make of deep - ly tra - gic, cruel e - vents and_ world af - fairs?

K Karpen, 2022

William Walker's *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion* (1835)
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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1. Spi - rit of God, des - cend up-on my heart. Wean it from earth, through
 2. I ask no dreams, no proph-et ec-sta-sies, no sud-den rend - ing



all its pul-ses move. Stoop to my weak - ness, migh-ty as thou
 of the veil of clay, no an - gel vi - si - tant, no op'-ning



art, and make me love thee, as I ought to love.
 skies; but take the dim-ness of my soul a - way.

George Croly, 1867

Frederick Atkinson, 1870

I'll Fly Away



1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way.
 2. When the sha-dows of this life have gone, I'll fly a-way.
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then, I'll fly a-way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a way.
 Like a bird from pri - son bars has flown, I'll fly a-way. *I'll fly a-*
 To a land where joys shall know no end, I'll fly a-way.



way, O glo - ry! I'll fly a-way. When I die, hal - le-



lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

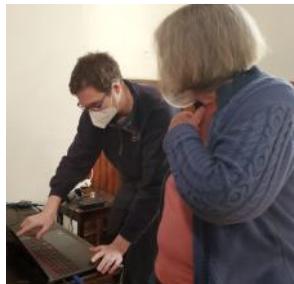
Albert Edward Brumley, 1932

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Last Week at St. Paul & St. Andrew



Clockwise, from far right: Amanda preaching on the Gospel of Dolly, K with a trio of in-town visitors: Jim, Harry, and Ron; Kate, Alicia, and Julia after the service. Brent and Julia go over some last minute tech, Betty Ann and David, Brooke and Amanda, Jim and Kate, Vicki and Danny.



Bottom row: On Wednesday, K was back on the roof for a photo shoot with Crain's New York Business...these pics taken by Brent; the actual shot will be much, much better!



Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Don offers thanks for the care shown to him this week after his fall
Joy and gratitude for Mary McM's Dad (Stacy Evans) significant improvement in his Congestive Heart Failure
For the successful roll-out of the new DOE mask protocols
Martha P's sister Jenny has obtained a psychologist license for New York state
Gratitude for the work of people in the criminal justice reform and the prison liberation movement
Giving thanks for Barbara's successful surgery (Jo's friend).
Gratitude for pleasant work experiences.
Gratitude for SPSA devotionals and our community connections.

Healing & Health

Continued healing for Don K
Continued healing for Gina L
Tim M
John B
Junie
Kathryn's cousin Diane with

leukemia
Roger (husband of Kathryn's friend Mary)
Kathryn's brother-in-law Ken
Phil Hall, dealing with some health issues
Alicia's friend Cheryl to maintain good health and health care.
Alicia to have normal blood pressure.
Jo's brother Wilson, for dealing with a serious health challenge; discernment for both him and his doctors

Comfort

Ginnie, Roseann's sister, in hospice with Parkinson's disease; for Roseann & John traveling back and forth to VA
Family, friends and professional community of Barbara Maier Gustin who died from a head injury after being knocked down on the street
For the family of Tim Hess, who passed away

Work and Life

Ping's friend Alex' elderly uncle to be safe, he lives in Odessa, Ukraine.

Travel mercies for Connie C
Travel mercies for Gina L
Ping's friend Marisa to get the resources she needs to retain her staff.
For good things to happen in and with the Grace UMC council, Harrisburg
Success for Kendrice with college project and deadline

Peace & Justice

Prayers for safety and strength and support for President Zelensky.
For leaders in the United Nations trying to end the war in Ukraine
Prayers for peace - in Ukraine, Yemen, and everywhere that there is violence
David W's friend Ulas in Estonia and all others who are opening their doors to people fleeing from Ukraine
The well-being of all Russian protesters who are non-violently saying "no to war"
For trans kids and their families in Texas
Healing and peace to the people of Ukraine in their journey in the wilderness.



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

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Next Week is UMCOR Sunday

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief, we make a difference in communities whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement, and climate change. This annual offering underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" so that 100% of gifts for specific projects, like our gifts to Ukraine, go to the project, and not administration.

Putting Love in Action

Kids Connect Our virtual fellowship and church school with Pastor Lea and Amanda will resume next week at 9:30am on Zoom. They love welcoming new faces and familiar faces. Email Lea (see pg. 12) for details. *Next Sunday at 11am: Playground Church at Hippo Park*

LaMP Campus Ministry Meets Monday evenings at 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian (on break this week). Reach out to Ekama (see pg. 12 for email) for details.

Live music! Get off your trampled path and wander into spring by joining **Unpaved** (Esther Ready, Robin Bahr, hot glue & the gun, and Robert Brashear) for an exciting evening of music and harmony at the West End Theatre on Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm. Experience both much-loved songs and some incredible original music. You may even find yourself singing along! For tickets: unpavedmarch21.eventbrite.com

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday morning gathering on Zoom for communal prayer continues this week at 7:30am, come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting: 865 7245 3828 Phone: 929-436-2866

Vespers (see schedule on pg. 12)

A Cinema in the Church New Plaza Cinema presents films Thursday-Sunday in the West End Theatre. Visit newplazacinema.org for showtimes

Engaging the Wilderness of New York City While the devotional guide will help us meditate on the gifts of wilderness each day, you're also invited to experience the wilderness

right outside your window. Each week as a community, we'll engage our wilderness by getting out and into it. Six sites and accompanying activities, one for each week of the season, will draw us in and open our awareness to the wilds of our world. Those sites of exploration and the city's wilds will be amplified for us by the work of our Featured Artist of Lent, photographer and community member, Jade Palma Gil.

3/24 at 6pm: Inwood Hill Park
3/27-4/3: The High Line (self-guided)
4/4 at 6pm: Central Park

We Cry Justice Bible Study

Thursday, March 24, 31, April 7 & Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30pm

We're delighted that the Bible Study that began at St. Paul & St. Andrew is on the move! Now, our sister congregation, Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains, will host the study through the season of Lent. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Visit stpaulandstandrew.org/events for the Zoom link

Pilates also on Thursday at 6, Nancy leads a Pilates class on Zoom. Meeting: 845 4515 3356

Voices from Inside: A Conversation with Isha Stevens-Hamilton Join us on March 27 at 7:30pm for an open meeting of the BJ/SPSA Racial Justice Task Force with special guest, Isha Stevens-Hamilton, as she discusses and reads from her book, *Unwritten: Stories from Behind and Beyond the Bars*, a collection of poems and essays by incarcerated people and their loved ones. Stevens-Hamilton is also a member of the Alliance of Families for Justice (AFJ), an organization with which the BJ/SPSA Task Force has been working with for a number of years now, especially since COVID-19 dramatically affected the lives of those incarcerated and their loved ones. This gathering will provide an opportunity to hear from Isha about her book and the experiences recorded in it, and to learn about the broader work of AFJ. Registration required: rb.gy/n9wif1

Tomorrow in the West End Theatre



Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen*
Rev. Lea Matthews*

Director of Operations

Brent Ness*

Building Superintendent

Danny Aponte*

Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass*

Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni*

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Michelle Navis*

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Lent & Holy Week

Lenten Vespers

Every Wednesday evening in Lent at 6:30pm, we'll come together for a midweek time of worship. Drawing from the devotionals, we'll be guided in a time of prayer, song, and reflection. We'll alternate between in-person and Zoom services and you are warmly welcome at all of them!

3/23: Join us on Zoom

3/30: Join us in the sanctuary

4/6: Join us on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 8972 882 6272

Palm Sunday, 4/10

We'll gather in the street at 11am, just like the crowds did way back when, welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem for that final time. We'll sing and wave palms as we walk around the block, following our beloved donkey-friend. Then we'll conclude our Palm Sunday worship inside. Afterwards, all are invited to mingle and make palm crosses in the sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday, 4/14 at 7pm, to commemorate the Last Supper, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a time of meditation and communion, with time for silent reflection and prayer.

Lenten Devotionals Printed copies will be available. We will also distribute by email and on Facebook. If you you're not receiving our email newsletter, please fill out a Connection Card at the Welcome Table.

Easter Lilies Help us decorate the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday and Easter, and make a dedication for loved ones. Suggested donation is \$25-40. Please use a special flower envelope at the welcome table to make your gift.

Good Friday, 4/15 at 6pm

Join Pastor K and other pilgrims, as they process through the streets of our city carrying the cross. This reflective and embodied ritual is a modern-day interpretation of the stations of the cross. The pilgrimage ends with participants carrying the cross into our sanctuary in the midst of our service.

At 7:30pm, you are invited to join us in-person or on the livestream for a powerful worship service on Good Friday. Our focus turns, on this day, to the mystery and awe of the passion, as we follow Jesus on the journey to his death on the cross. We will listen for God's voice from Golgotha together, guided by reflection, reading, song, and prayer.

Easter Sunday, 4/17

At 6:30am, we'll have our annual Sunrise Service at Belvedere Castle in Central Park. You can also join by Zoom, from your own patch of the world, sharing your sunrise with others who join from afar.

At 11am, we'll join together for a Celebration of the Resurrection. The Metropolitan Brass Authority and Dr. Frank Glass will make sure to greet us all with a joyful noise! And immediately after service, the kids can join Pastor Lea and Amanda in the Board Room, while Pastor Ekama and the youth help the Easter Bunny prepare for an egg hunt.