

# 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

Fifth Sunday  
of Eastertide

May 15, 2022  
11:00 a.m.

Livestream



LaMP end-of-year cookout in the courtyard

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.

# Sunday, May 15, 2022 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

## Prelude

**Frank Glass**

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; arr. by Frank Glass, 2020

## Introit

**The Risen Christ** (pg. 4)

## Call to Worship ♦

(based on Galatians 5)

**Andrea Steinkamp**

One: Gracious God, you have blessed us with freedom

**Many: freedom to follow or to turn away;**

One: freedom to love or to hate;

**Many: freedom to heal or to hurt.**

One: You ask only that we follow your ways,

**Many: loving our neighbors as ourselves.**

One: In the midst of our turbulent lives,

**Many: help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us.**

One: Help us claim these gifts today.

**Many: And help us to use those gifts to bless those you place in our path.**

## Opening Hymn ♦

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

## Opening Prayer

**Lea Matthews**

## Prayer Song

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (pg. 5, v. 3)

## Scripture Lesson

**Lea Matthews**

**Revelation 21: 1-6** (pg. 6)

## Scripture Song

**Down To the River to Pray** (pg. 4)

## Gospel Reading ♦

**Ekama Eni, Andrea Steinkamp**

**Acts 8:26-40** (pg. 6)

## Gospel Song ♦

**Wash, O God, Your Precious Children** (pg. 7)

## Sermon

**K Karpen**

**"Free to Love (How to be Church)"**

<b>Sermon Song</b>	<b>Draw the Circle Wide</b> (pg. 8)
<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>Ekama Eni</b> <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>Prayer Song</b>	<b>Steal Away To Jesus</b> (pg. 8)
<b>Love in Action</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b> (see pg. 11)
<b>Offering</b> <b>Offertory</b>	Of tithes, gifts and prayers (pg. 10) <b>Chancel Choir</b> <b>His Name So Sweet</b> African American Spiritual, arr. by Frank Glass, 2022
<b>Prayer of Gratitude</b>	<b>Kate Gill</b>
<b>Closing Hymn ♦</b>	<b>God of Grace and God of Glory</b> (pg. 9)
<b>Benediction ♦</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Come, Come, Ye Saints</b> Adapted from ALL IS WELL by T.J. White in <i>The Sacred Harp</i> , 1844
<b>Livestream</b>	<b>Brent Ness, Red Gate Sound</b> (video), <b>Sloan Welsch</b> (audio)
<b>Audio</b>	<b>Hector Pagan</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Karen Collins, Shirley Struchen, Julia Tulloch</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Connie Coddington, Cheryl Melchiorre</b>
<b>Childcare</b>	<b>Jessie Floyd</b> <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Parlor.</i>

## The Risen Christ

O grace of God, so clean and fresh, wash us from sin and self-ish-  
ness, with gen' - rous arms that o - pen  
wide, that show we know the ris - en Christ.

Words and music by Keith Getty and Phil Madeira, 2005

Alternate text by K Karpen, 2022

## Down to the River to Pray

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stu-dy-ing a-bout that good old way and  
who shall wear the star-ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, sib-lings, let's go down!  
Let's go down! Come on down! Come on, sib - lings,  
let's go down, down to the riv - er to pray!

Southern USA Folk Song

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1. Come, thou fount of ev'-ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of  
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, hith - er by thy help I'm come; and I



mer-cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise! Teach me some me - lo-dious  
hope, by thy goodplea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home. Je - sus sought mewhen a



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove! Praise the  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God. He, to



mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem-ing love!  
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander--Lord, I feel it--prone to leave the God I love,

Here's my heart! O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson, 1758

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

## Reading from Revelation 21: 1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her wedding. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
God will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup>God will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also that one said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And then, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*The Word of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God.***

## Reading from Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. They had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; and seated, in their chariot, was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard them reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ <sup>31</sup>They replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And then invited Philip to get in and sit beside them. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that the Ethiopian was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied.  
Who can describe this generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.’

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’<sup>\*</sup> <sup>38</sup>So they commanded the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized them. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on the way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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# Wash, O God, Your Precious Children

1.Wash, O God, your pre- cious chil - dren where your cleans - ing wa-ters

2,We who bring them long for nur - ture. By your milk may they be

flow. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, bless as Christ blessed long a - fed.

Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing

go. Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling, com-pass them with love and bread.

God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps, free from sin and all its

light. Fill, a - noint them, send liv - your

snares, one with Christ in ing,

Spi - rit, ho - ly Dove and heart's de - light.

dy - ing, by your Spi - rit: child-ren, heirs.

3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives, we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us, God, transform!

Ruth Duck, 1987, altered

Attributed to Benjamin Franklin White, 1844

Harmonized by Ronald Nelson, 1978

# Draw the Circle Wide



Draw the cir- cle, draw the cir- cle wide. Draw the cir- cle, draw the cir- cle wide. No one



stands a lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir- cle, draw the cir- cle wide.

Gordon Light, 2008

Mark Miller, 2008

# Steal Away to Jesus



Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je-sus. Steal a-way,



steal a-way home. I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bend-ing, as



we sit here a - trem - bling. The trum-pet sounds with -

*to Refrain*



in - a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

African American Spiritual, arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

# God of Grace and God of Glory

Musical notation for the first stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1.God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy pow'r.  
2.Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways.  
4.Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore.

Musical notation for the second stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's\_ sto - ry, bring her bud to\_\_ glo-rious flow'r.  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us. Free our hearts to\_\_ work and praise.  
Let the search for thy\_ sal - va - tion be our glo - ry\_\_ ev - er - more.

Musical notation for the third stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

Musical notation for the fourth stanza of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

hour, for the fac - - ing\_\_ of this hour.  
days, for the liv - - ing\_\_ of these days.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

John Hughes, 1937

# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

For mothers on Mother's Day  
Upcoming celebration of the life of  
Ressie Mae Bass  
For K's boldness in naming injustices in  
our world and challenging us to take a  
stand against them  
Thanksgiving for being part of the SPSA  
community that stands up to injustice  
as part of our Christian faith

## Healing & Health

Continued prayers for Pat and Carlos,  
both with cancer  
Continued prayers for Jenny with breast  
cancer  
For Kat's friend who's been diagnosed  
with two brain tumors and is now  
attempting to determine if the tumors  
are malignant or benign, and then  
what course to follow  
Connie C.'s Kitty, Moxie  
Shirley B. and Puddy Cat  
Peggy GJ  
Continued prayers for Ed, healing from  
a heart attack, that he follow his  
doctor's order and also take it easy to  
recover fully  
Susan, struggling with depression  
That all people who are depressed or  
isolated will get the rest and find the  
strength they need

## Comfort

Family and friends of Erlene McCaleb  
who died this past week; especially for  
her daughter Cynthia

Anna, mourning the loss of her son and  
grandson

For Erna, and family and friends  
mourning Sam, who died this week;  
may they find comfort and some  
peace

Comfort and peace for John, building  
manager at the Church Center at the  
UN, following the death of both his  
brother and mother in the past week

## Work & Life

Continued prayers for Kyong-Jin and  
daughter Aviyah, struggling with a  
difficult family dynamic  
Travel mercies for Julie & Bill returning  
from her sabbatical in Paris  
Travel mercies for David W. as he  
travels to Egypt  
For strength in dealing with difficult,  
unethical bosses, and prayers that  
ongoing projects and participants will  
not be harmed, but rather thrive  
Strength for Alberto who is facing  
enormous challenges as he leads his  
office through difficult times Strength  
for Ping, as he supports other leaders  
in his company  
For Lizbee and Dabbs that their trip to  
Montreal is successful in finding a new  
apartment and establishing new  
professional and personal  
relationships  
For the NY Rangers and all their fans.

## Peace & Justice

For the people of Ukraine and Russia

on the eve of the May 9 Victory Day  
Citing St. Paul let us "pray without  
ceasing" for the people of Ukraine; and  
for all world leaders as they work to  
negotiate a way out that limits  
destruction ,violence and suffering

Continued prayers that churches are  
able to clearly discern the best ways to  
help the people of Ukraine,  
For Roman Catholic churches targeted  
because of the SCOTUS opinion

That the upcoming Middle East Council  
of Churches meeting will empower and  
support its participants in bringing  
greater peace and justice to the  
Middle East

Prayer that as the rights of women,  
LGBTQ folks, students, voters, etc. are  
being threatened, resistance will build  
and those rights will be strengthened

## Covid

June's neighbors, Marie & Joe; Joe  
contracted it in rehab and is  
recovering but now Marie is sick  
Kristina Hansen, pastor of Mary Taylor  
Memorial UMC, dealing with COVID  
Colleen, Cheryl and Jim's daughter-in-  
law, and granddaughters Georgia and  
June, recovering from COVID  
Healing for Charlie and other children  
who have contracted COVID  
That people take precautions to limit  
COVID spread, and prayers of good  
health for people who contract 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

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://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.

# Putting Our Love in Action

**Church Choir** The Choir has resumed weekly rehearsals on Sunday at 9:30am in the Chapel, and sings during the 11am service. For details, drop Frank an email (see pg. 12)

**Sunday School** Our Sunday morning Sunday School get-togethers will be in person on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month after the Message for All Ages. Beginning in May, we'll connect on Zoom on the 3rd Sunday and 5th Sundays of the month, also following the Message for All Ages during the service. Playground Church at Hippo Park will continue on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 11am. Got that? For details, email Pastor Lea (see pg. 12)

**Pajama Prayers** our Tuesday morning gathering on Zoom for communal

prayer at 7:30am; come as you are with whatever is on your heart.  
Meeting: 846 8921 4607  
Phone: 929-436-2866  
Passcode: 799900

**Pilates** on Thursday at 6, Nancy leads a Pilates class on Zoom.  
Zoom Meeting: 883 8549 1695  
Passcode: 585042

**Five Extravagant Themes (Dance)**  
Morgan Griffin presents 'Five Extravagant Themes' at the West End Theater, a culminating thesis performance for her MFA at NYU Tisch Weds. May 18 at 8:00pm

**The Leak, the Law, & Post-Roe America** Join lawyer and senior editor at Slate Dahlia Lithwick for a

conversation on what is at stake should Roe v. Wade be overturned.  
*Wed, May 18 @ 7:15 pm*  
Register (required) at bj.org

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

**Bible Study:** SPSA and Memorial UMC in White Plains collaborates again for a six week study using *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign*, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the March on Washington with the PPC on June 18. *Thurs. at 7pm; May 12-June 16*  
Meeting ID: 897 6769 9875  
Passcode: 435644

## Re-Creating Through EasterTide

### Urban Farm Field Trip

*Sunday, May 15 from 1-2:30pm*

Join us today following worship for a picnic and program at the incredible New Roots Community Farm in the Bronx. Following our picnic lunch, community member, Lhana Örményi, will take us on our tour of the farm, teach us about pollinators, and then guide us through a group scavenger hunt of the pollinators present at the farm. We'll conclude our time with a brief theological reflection of what we've learned and how it connects to our role as co-creators with God. Let us know you're coming!

*Travel to 670 Grand Concourse: 2/3 to 149th Grand Concourse; walk north on Grand Concourse to 153rd St. Parking available on Sunday*

### Pentecost Planting

*Sunday, June 5 at 12:30pm*

Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: What better way is there to celebrate the birth of the Church than to plant seeds and prepare them for growth?

Immediately following worship, all are invited to participate in our culminating re-creating program. In the back of the sanctuary and in the courtyard, we'll be painting flower pots and planting seedlings. Lhana Örményi will guide us in best practices, so we'll have some of her gardening expertise to start us off. As our seedlings grow in the coming weeks, we can be reminded that the Spirit is constantly at work, transforming us and our world.

### Ongoing Gardening Opportunity

*Saturdays from 10am-noon*

Anybody up for some dirt therapy? Join the Friends of Verdi Square, a group of volunteers who meet each Saturday (weather permitting) at 72nd St and Broadway to work on the gardens on either side of the plaza in front of the subway entrance. Dig, plant, weed, water, or do whatever needs to be done. Tools are provided. Drop by to join or just see and say hello. Look for Nancy Meyers, our ambassador in the group.



**Meet Lhana Örményi, Curator of the Re-creating Programming** Lhana is the Technical Director of The Glicker-Milstein Theatre at Barnard College. In addition to their work as a theatrical electrician, carpenter, and set and lighting designer, Lhana is a beekeeper, community gardener, environmental educator, and mixed-media doodler. Lhana's background in public programming and informal environmental education is founded on a commitment to urban environmental justice. Lhana previously worked as Education & Program Operations Coordinator at Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy and served on the Manhattan Land Trust board of directors.

# Who's Who

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Ekama Eni\*

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# LaMP Campus Ministry



Pastor Ekama, along with Pastor Becca, and the LaMP Campus Ministry concluded the academic year with a cookout in the courtyard

## Re-Creating Through EasterTide



Photos from Monday's visit to the W104th Street Community Garden.  
Check out upcoming Re-Creating Through Easter programs on p. 11