

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 ♦

Andrea Steinkamp

(based on Galatians 5)

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)”

Sermon Song	Draw the Circle Wide (pg. 8)
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	Steal Away To Jesus (pg. 8)
Love in Action	Lea Matthews (see pg. 11)
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts and prayers (pg. 10) Chancel Choir His Name So Sweet African American Spiritual, arr. by Frank Glass, 2022
Prayer of Gratitude	Kate Gill
Closing Hymn ♦	God of Grace and God of Glory (pg. 9)
Benediction ♦	K Karpen
Postlude	Frank Glass Come, Come, Ye Saints Adapted from ALL IS WELL by T.J. White in <i>The Sacred Harp</i> , 1844
Livestream	Brent Ness, Red Gate Sound (video), Sloan Welsch (audio)
Audio	Hector Pagan
Greeters	Karen Collins, Shirley Struchen, Julia Tulloch
Counters	Connie Coddington, Cheryl Melchiorre
Childcare	Jessie Floyd <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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second line contains the next two lines of lyrics. The third line contains the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

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!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 2/2 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second line contains the next two lines of lyrics. The third line contains the next two lines of lyrics. The fourth line contains the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

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 good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when 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 *Respository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Reading from Revelation 21: 1-6

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her wedding. ³And 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;
⁴God 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.”

⁵And 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.” ⁶And 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

²⁶ 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; and seated, in their chariot, was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard them reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹They replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And then invited Philip to get in and sit beside them. ³²Now 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.
³³ In his humiliation justice was denied.
Who can describe this generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?’ ³⁸So they commanded the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized them. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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. snares, Fill, a - noint them, send your
one with Christ in liv - 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the song, and the second staff contains the remaining two lines. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

Gordon Light, 2008

Mark Miller, 2008

Steal Away to Jesus

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of lyrics and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff contains the third line of lyrics. The fourth staff contains the fourth line of lyrics and includes another triplet of eighth notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

African American Spiritual, arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

God of Grace and God of Glory



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.



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.



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 -



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, 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 5th: 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

Pastors

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

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Brent Ness*

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Danny Aponte*

Minister of Music

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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