

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

**The Season
of Pentecost**

August 7, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Livestream



Ekama enjoying the great outdoors at
Tuesday's Central Park Picnic

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, August 7, 2022 ♦ Pentecost Season

Prelude

Frank Glass

There Is a Fountain

By Wm Cowper (1772); 19th C. USA folk tune, arr. by Frank Glass (2022)

Introit

Sweet Hour of Prayer (pg. 4, v. 1-2)

Call to Worship ♦

Adapted from Henri
Nouwen's *Genesee*
Diary

Sandy Owen Polese

One: How can I receive anyone in my prayer when there is no real place for them to be free and relaxed?

Many: When I am still so full of preoccupations, jealousies, and angry feelings, anyone who enters will get hurt.

One: I must create some free space in my innermost self so that I may indeed invite others to enter and be healed.

Many: To pray for others means to offer others a hospitable place where I can really listen to their needs and pains.

One: If I could have a heart of flesh and not of stone, a room with some spots on which one might walk barefooted—Then God and my fellow humans could meet each other there.

All: Then the center of my heart can become the place where God can hear the prayer for my neighbors and embrace them with love. Let us make such a place in our hearts this day.

Opening Hymn ♦

Lord, Whose Love (pg. 7, v. 1-2)

Opening Prayer

Sandy Owen Polese

Prayer Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing twice)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Scripture Reading

Aurora Celestin

Colossians 1:1-14 (pg. 4)

Hymn ♦

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (pg. 5)

Sermon	Lea Matthews Intent On Intercession
Sermon Song	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (pg. 6, v.1-2)
Lovingkindness Meditation	bj Karpen
Prayer Song	Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (pg. 6, v.3)
Love in Action	Ekama Eni (pg. 11)
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts and prayers (pg. 10); Chancel Choir Near to the Heart of God By Cleland McAfee (1907), arr. Frank Glass (2016)
Communion	K Karpen
Lord's Prayer	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.
Sharing Bread & Cup	Please come forward at the ushers' direction.
Prayer	Ekama Eni
Closing Hymn ♦	Lord, Whose Love (pg. 7, v. 3-4)
Benediction ♦	Lea Matthews
Postlude	Frank Glass And Can It BE That I Should Gain by Charles Wesley (1730) and Thomas Campbell (1835)
Livestream	Brent Ness (tech director), Chazz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (cameras), Sloan Welsch (audio)
Audio	Hector Pagan
Greeters	Don Kirby, Shirley Struchen
Counters	Connie Coddington, Don Kirby
Childcare	Al-Naima Finch <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Parlor.</i>

Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r! that calls me from a world of care, and
2. Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of
bids me at my Mak-er's throne make all my cares and wish-es known. In
those whose anx-ious spi-rits burn with strong de-sires for thy re-turn! With
sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has oft-en found re-lief, and
such, I has-ten to the place, where God my Sav-ior comes with grace, and
oft es-caped the temp-ter's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of pray'r!
glad-ly take my sta-tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of pray'r!

William Walford, 1845, *alt.*

William Bradbury, 1851

Reading from Colossians 1:1-14

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy,
To the holy and faithful siblings in Christ at Colossae:

Grace and peace to you from our Loving God. We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you show towards all the holy ones, because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading all over the world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest coworkers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, and it was he who told us of your love in the Spirit.

Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen.

Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of shadow and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spi-rit in this place,___ and I know that it's the spi-rit of the

Lord.____ There are sweet ex - pres-sions on each face,____ and I

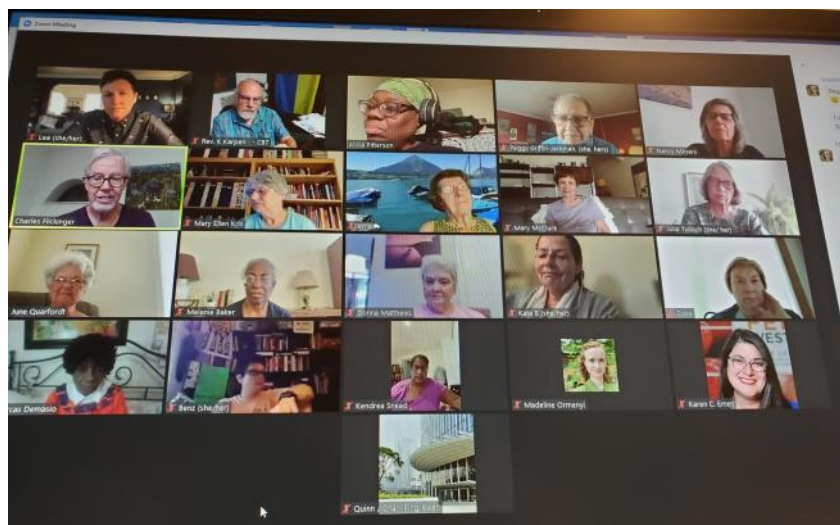
know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord.____ Sweet Ho-ly Spi-rit,

sweet heav'n-ly dove, stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings, we lift our hearts in praise! With-out a

doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.____

Words and Music: Doris Akers, 1962



Join us for Pajama Prayers

each Tuesday morning
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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1. Draw us in the Spi-rit's teth - er for, when humb - ly in your.
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of Christ to

name two or three are met to - geth - er, you are in the midst of
 sup, then with thanks to God the Mak - er, break the bread and bless the

them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we
 cup. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! So now

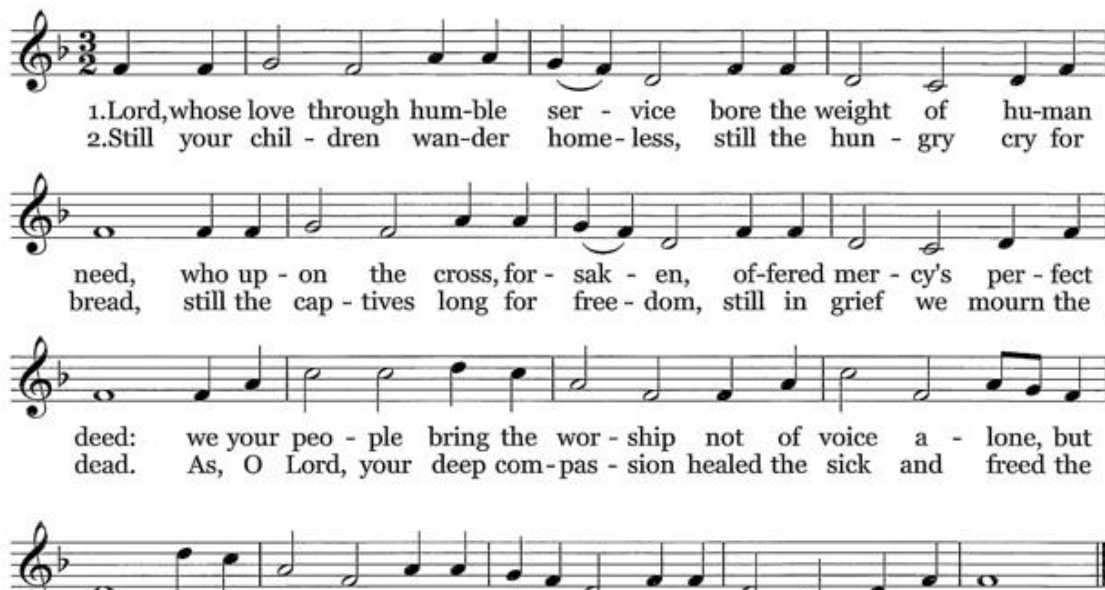
now your gar - - - ment's hem.
 bind our friend - - - ship up.

3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
 That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! We may serve with faith anew.

Percy Dearmer, 1931, *altered*

Harold Friedell, 1957

Lord, Whose Love



1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man
2. Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less, still the hun - gry cry for

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of-fered mer - cy's per - fect
bread, still the cap - tives long for free - dom, still in grief we mourn the

deed: we your peo - ple bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but
dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the

heart, con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev-'ry gift that you im - part.
soul, use the love your Spi-rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live

Albert Bayly, 1961, *altered*

Attributed to Benjamin Franklin White, 1844
Harmonized by Ronald Nelson, 1978

Last Sunday's Worship: The Persistence of Prayer



Tuesday Evening: Picnic in Central Park



Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Gratitude for Jim who was a Good Samaritan this week

Congrats to Victora S, who will be moving to Washington, DC for a job at the DOJ.

Success of Christmas in July

Gratitude for the luxury of vacations

Healing & Health

Continued prayers for Peter S, receiving therapy following a stroke

Tony, a friend of Carla M

Lee M, healing from hip surgery following a fall

Sandy as she starts radiation

Terry as she seeks treatment for lymphoma

Jeane, in the hospital with cancer, prayers for her and her family

Dan F

Lynn who is legally blind and has mobility problems

Continued prayers for Lucy D, battling cancer

Health and well-being of Madeline

Kendra S, for continued health

Melanie's family and mom as she recovers from hip surgery

Julie J who has congestive heart failure

Comfort

The communities of Eastern Kentucky

The Morehead family, some of whose members were tragically murdered

David who is on verge of hospice and for his wife Minna

Shirah as she struggles with Alzheimers

Leonard L who is in hospice

Work & Life

That we may learn to protect the Earth

Kindness and forbearance in dealing with relatives who disagree with us on political and ideological issues.

People who are supporting their parents in their health, wellness and independent or interdependent

Mike and Melody, friends of Julia T's

Peace & Justice

For a productive outcome to January 6, 2021 hearings going on now and sensible gun control measures activated.

Thanks for Americans rallying together against gun violence and the persistence for safe gun control measures

Prayers for those suffering food shortages due to the war in Ukraine.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine as they suffer through an extended and devastating war

Covid

All the SPSA members and others with or recovering from 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

Summer in the City

One of the best things about summertime in the city is that we have more time and energy to do fun things. Mark your calendars and save these dates....

Sunday, August 14th at 10am:

Outdoor Worship in Riverside Park

We'll take our witness out into the world! We'll gather for a casual worship in Riverside Park at 89th Street, just north of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. It's shaded and lovely, with steps and a bench, is easily accessible, plus it's right by Hippo Playground. So we can take advantage of that after worship.

Tuesday, August 30th at 5:30pm: **Walk With Me**

Join us on a leisurely stroll across the iconic Brooklyn Bridge. You can meet us at the church at 5pm or meet us at 5:30pm at the Park Place subway station (2 and 3 trains). Then we'll enjoy the 1.1 mile walk across the East River, taking in the beautiful views. Once across, perhaps we'll get a cone from the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory while we wander through the Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Sunday, September 4th at 11: Labor Weekend Cookout

In town for the Labor Day Weekend? Please join us for a Labor Sunday Cookout in the Courtyard! July's cookout was such a success, we need to do it again!

Ongoing

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

Kids & Families Ministry

Sunday School goes on hiatus for the summer while our kids and families travel and camp and enjoy a little more freedom in their schedules. On Sundays during worship, Kids ages 6 and under can join our childcare provider, Al-Naima Finch, for playtime in the Parlor or in the Courtyard, depending on the weather.

Plus, this year, we'll have **Weekend Vacation Bible School on August 26-28**. Amanda Munroe will be our Camp Director this year. We can't wait to gather with the kids for singing, storytelling, games, cookouts, and learning more about the love of God and the joy we find in community. Let Amanda know your kids are coming!

Offsite

THE VILLAGE, by Savannah Ritz (a SPSA Young Adult) follows two young women as they grow up in a religious community in South Texas, and shows their evolving relationships with faith, their families, their sexuality, motherhood vs womanhood, and each other. This story is an exploration of the relationship between queerness and the sacred, infused with youthful magic and deep care and hope for a better future. Presented by The Tank (312 W 36th St) - Today, Aug 7 at 7pm. Tickets: \$15 thetanknyc.org



Homework Help On Wednesday a group of tutors met in the church courtyard to think of best ways to continue working with our wonderful families and kids that need our help. To give Charlene get an idea of the number of interested tutors for the fall, please let her know at charlenefloyd@aol.com

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Central Park Picnic! Tuesday's gathering was a delightful time to catch up with old friends and make a few new ones. Join us for **Worship in Riverside Park** next Sunday!