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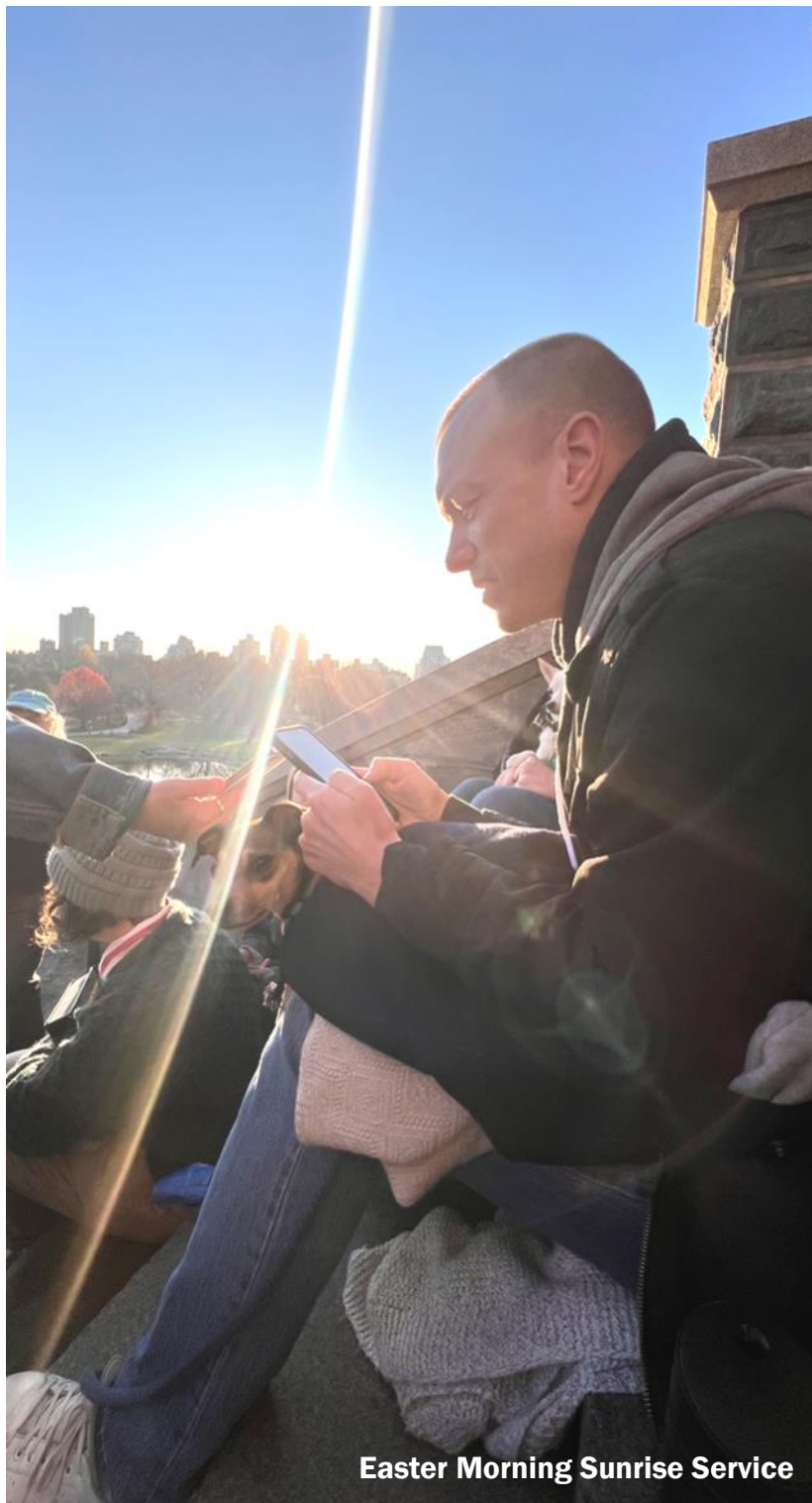
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023
at 11 am



Easter Morning Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 16, 2023 ♦ 2nd Sunday of Easter

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude	Frank Glass Meditation on “Bunessan” Frank Glass (2023)
Introit	Faith, While Trees Are Still In Blossom (pg. 4, v. 1-2)
Call to Worship ♦	Margery Freeman One: When love was prized above all else, evil’s power was threatened. Many: The body of God was battered and bruised. One: Great violence was done with hopes of scattering the faithful. Many: We remember. And we bear witness to the wounds of God. One: In the wake of the empire’s attack, when hearts were shattered and all hope seemed lost, Many: still, an ember of life remained, waiting to be kindled. One: There would be a rising again. Many: We remember. And we bear witness to the power of resurrection. One: Time and time again, the faithful have endured the strikes of evil’s hand. Many: But their labors of love persisted. One: The hope of God has remained alive through the community of saints. Many: We remember. And we bear witness with gratitude. One: Blessed are those who believe. God is still with us. Many: Thanks be to God. May our lives be a witness!
Opening Hymn 304 ♦	Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 4, v. 1-2)
Opening Prayer	Margery Freeman
Prayer Song 304 ♦	Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 4, v. 3)
Gospel Lesson ♦	David Billings John 20: 19-31 (pg. 5)
Scripture Song 529 ♦	How Firm a Foundation (pg. 6, v. 1-3)
Sermon	Lea Matthews “Testifying Thomas”
Sermon Song	How Firm a Foundation (pg. 6, v. 4-5)

Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer	Amanda Munroe 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	Faith, While Trees Are Still In Blossom (pg. 4, v. 3)
Welcome Passing of the Peace	Julia Tulloch The Congregation Please greet those around you with a word of peace
Peace Song	Robin Bahr deStefano Allelu! (pg. 4)
Love in Action	Andrea Steinkamp
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 10) Chancel Choir Hosannah to Jesus from <i>A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony</i> (1820), arr. Frank Glass
Prayer of Gratitude	Robert Harris
Closing Hymn 310 ♦	He Lives (pg. 7)
Benediction ♦	Lea Matthews
Postlude	Frank Glass When the Singers Get Home W.C. Woodward (1941)
Livestream Audio Greeters Counters Childcare	Brent Ness, Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound Steven Yee Erna Daniel, Don Kirby Gina Leonetti, Connie Coddington Al-Naima Finch <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.</i>

Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom



1. Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the pick-ing of the fruit.
2. Long be-fore the dawn is break-ing, faith an-ti-ci-pates the sun.
3. Faith be-lieves that God is faith-ful: God will be what God will be.



Faith can feel the thrill of har-vest, when the buds be-gin to sprout.
Faith is ea-ger for the day-light, for the work that must be done.
Faith ac-cepts the call, re-spond-ing, "I am will-ing, Lord, send me."

Anders Frostenson, 1960
Translated by Fred Kaan, 1972

USA Folk Tune
Harmonized by Carlton Young, 1964

Easter People Raise Your Voices



1. Eas-ter peo-ple, raise your voi-ces! Sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press-ing here be-low.
3. Ev-'ry day to us is Eas-ter, with its res-ur-rec-tion song.



Christ has brought us hea-ven's choi-ces. Heav'n-ly mu-sic, let it ring!
For our Lord em-pow-ered us to tri-umph ov-er ev-'ry foe.
When in trou-ble, move the fas-ter to our God, who rights the wrong.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Eas-ter peo-ple, let us sing!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! On to vic-t'ry now we go!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! See the pow'r of heav'n-ly throngs.

William James, 1979

Henry Smart, 1867

Gospel Reading from John 20: 19-31

Translation from The Inclusive Bible

In the evening of that same day, the first of the week, the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, “Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I’m sending you.” After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus or Twin—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, “We’ve seen Jesus!”

Thomas’s answer was, “I’ll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound.”

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, “Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don’t persist in your unbelief, but believe!” Thomas said in response, “My Savior and my God!”

Jesus said then, “You’ve become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus’s Name.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Peace Song

*Allelu, allelu, allelu, Allelu, allelu, allelu,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Allelu, allelu, allelu,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia*

*Moving on, moving on, moving on, moving on through our trials and cares
Moving on, through the death and despair, for we know that our Savior is there
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia*

*Reaching out, reaching out, reaching out, in the midst of our struggle and strife
Reaching out, reaching out, reaching out, reaching towards resurrection and life!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia*

Text for verses 2 & 3 by K Karpen, 2023

How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-suf-
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I



faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to
God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen and help thee, and
woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy
ficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I
will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should en-



you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
troubles to bless, and sanctify thee to thy deepest distress.
only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
deavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

"K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Early American Melody
In R.M. McIntosh's *Tabor, or The Richmond
Collection of Sacred Music*, 1866

He Lives!

Alfred Ackley, 1933



1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, who's in the world to - day. — I know that he is
3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing — e - ter - nal hal - le -



liv - ing, what - ev - er foes may say. — I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of
lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King! — The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who



cheer. And just the time I need him, he's al - ways near. — He lives, — he lives, — Christ
find. — No oth - er is so lov - ing, — so good and kind. —



Je - sus lives to - day! — He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. — He



lives, — he lives — sal - va - tion to im - part. — You

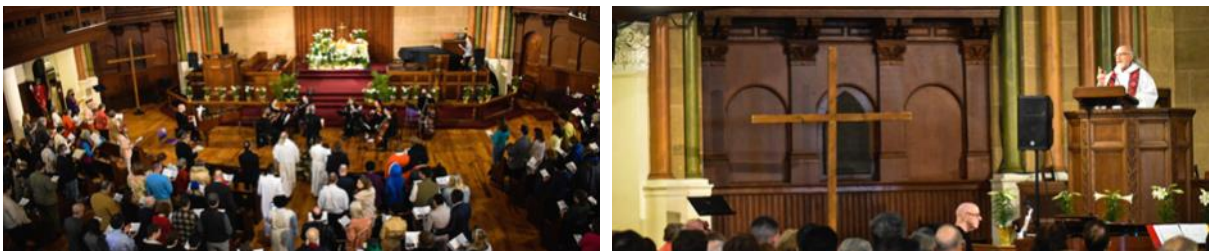


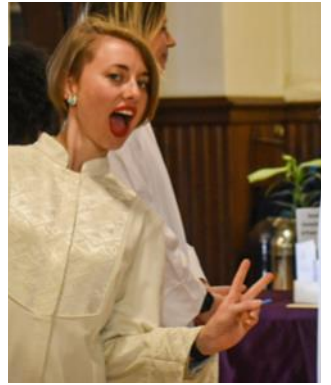
ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart! —

Easter Sunrise Service



Celebration of the Resurrection Service





Prayers

Joy & Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving for the Tennessee 3 who are living the resurrection!

Gratitude for animals especially Wanda, our Palm Sunday donkey and even our sanctuary pigeons

Gratitude for the work of SPSA

Gratitude for the remarkable Lenten devotional writers!

The life of Christie H's father and the service of celebration

Healing & Healing

Susan as she recovers from her depression

John Fetterman and his family as he recovers from his depression

Haesook who injured her neck

Jan H, as she recovers from her surgery

Continued prayers for Wanda with severe asthma

Continued prayers for Pat with leukemia

For the softening of a calloused heart

Healing for Stephanie's husband Mike, for healing from knee surgery

Sydney's brother, Mark, struggling with depression

Brent's father, for healing from surgery; and his mother-in-law from a hand injury

Comfort

Katherine and family and friends of Diane, in mourning for her

Mourning with Connie for the loss of her friend Terry

Peggy, Mark's sister, and her family

K and his family on the death of his cousin, Mark

Work & Life

Alvin Bragg, Leticia James, and Judge Juan Manuel Merchan - as this city deals with continued random violence, especially gun violence. "Don't give up on the power of prayer!"

Hannah R, going through a complicated process (again) to obtain her visa for Colombia

Ongoing prayers for Kyong-Jin and Aviyah at this difficult time

Peace & Justice

For the Palestinian Christians during Holy Week; most being denied permission to attend services

Lifting up April 4 as two anniversaries: Riverside Church sermon in 1967 by Martin Luther King Jr assailing the triple sins of racism, materialism and militarism; and his assassination exactly one year later, in 1968

Prayers for women being prosecuted in many states for taking responsibility for their own bodies.

All who are incarcerated, including those on Rikers and here in New York, for an end to a system of mass incarceration in the United States

Migrants and refugees, including our guests, seeking asylum in the USA due to government policies, climate change and a myriad of other issues



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.



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.

Putting Love in Action

Spring Retreat This Sunday, Pastor K, Ekama, and other members of the congregation are at Quinipet Retreat Center on Long Island.

Alliance of Families for Justice Mailing Party (Today, from 2-4pm at B'Nai Jeshurun - 270 W 89th St) AFJ is preparing to mail 50 posters to the offices of every state legislator and city councilor, and would love your help for a massive box-opening and envelope-stuffing party. Be sure to register to let them know you'll be attending bj.org/event/afj-mailing-party

Concert Season

We are excited to host these concerts in April:

Schiller Institute NYC Chorus (Today at 4pm) *Let Us Have Peace* a fast moving Spring concert featuring international music, Spirituals, Bach, and Handel's *Messiah*. Tix: \$20, kids free

What Are We Doing To Our World (Sat, Apr 22 at 8pm) To mark the occasion of Earth Day, composer Anne Phillips & director Beth Ann Kennedy (Jazz Nativity) and a cast of singers, dancers, actors, and musicians celebrate creation and our care for it interwoven with words of wisdom from Chief Seattle, Mark Twain, John Muir, and more. Tix: \$30, \$20 students/seniors

Jazzmobile presents the Winard Harper Jeli Posse (Sun, Apr 23 at 4pm) sponsored by Councilmember Gale Brewer, for the occasion of Jazz Appreciation Month. Free.

Carnegie Hall Citywide (Sun, Apr 30 at 4pm) A recital by mezzo-soprano Megan Moore and pianist Francesco Barfoed. Her NY recital debut was praised as "earnest and authentic," with equal praise for Barfoed "her equal partner in making this recital so compelling and musical rewarding." Free.

Riverside Orchestra (Fri, Apr 28 at 7:30pm) performs Price's *Ethiopia's Shadow in America* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*. Tix: \$28.52

Ongoing Programs and Projects

Assistance for Refugees at SPSA See Pastor Lea* if you are able to help distribute essential items to our migrant friends tomorrow. For a full update, please visit: bit.ly/3TMXGLC.

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 ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

Spanish Class Jessie Floyd teaches a conversational Spanish class for beginners on Tuesday at 6pm via Zoom. Meeting ID : 886 5989 7993 Passcode: 192588

Homework Help Meets each Wednesday from 6-7pm. Starts again April 19th. For more info, contact Charlene Floyd: charlenefloyd@aol.com

Pilates Nancy leads an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Thursdays at 6pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 883 8549 1695 Passcode: 585042

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