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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

**Ascension
Sunday**

May 21, 2023
at 11 am



**Amanda and Andrea: Two of the newest
graduates of Union Theological Seminary!**

Sunday, May 21, 2023 ♦ Ascension Sunday

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Charles Wesley (1742) & Scottish Folk Tune, arr. Frank Glass (2023)

Introit

Shout To the Lord (pg. 4)

Call to Worship ♦

K Karpen, Lea Matthews (pg. 4)

Opening Hymn ♦

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (pg. 5, v. 1-4)

Opening Prayer

Lea Matthews

Prayer Song

Dedicated to the memory of Rodne Brown (see pg. 10)

Phil Hall, piano & bj Karpen, oboe

Wayfaring Stranger American Folk Song, arr. by Phil Hall

“I am a poor wayfarin’ stranger, trav’lin’ through this world of woe.

There is no sickness, toil, or danger in that fair land to which I go.

I’m goin’ there to see my mother. I’m goin’ there no more to roam.

I’m just goin’ over Jordan. I’m just goin’ over home.

“I know dark clouds will gather round me. I know my way is rough and steep.

But golden fields lie just before, where the redeemed shall ever sleep.

I’m goin’ there to see my father. He said he’d meet me when I come.

I’m just goin’ over Jordan. I’m just goin’ over home.

“I’ll soon be free from ev’ry trial. This form will rest beneath the sod.

I’ll drop the cross of self-denial and enter in my home with God.

I’m goin’ there to see my Savior, who shed for me his previous blood.

I’m just goin’ over Jordan. I’m just goin’ over home.”

Scripture Lesson

Pat Schlegel

Luke 24: 44-53 (pg. 5)

Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (pg. 6, v. 1-2)

Message for All Ages

Andrea Steinkamp

Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the message, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Chapel.

Hymn

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (pg. 6, v. 3-4)

Scripture Lesson

Ekama Eni

Acts: 1-11 (pg. 6-7)

Sung Response

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (pg. 6, v. 5)

Sermon	K Karpen “Ready To Take Off”
Sermon Song	I Will Sing, Hallelujah Pause awhile, pause awhile, in the humdrum of the city and behind the cloister wall; in the early morning and when shadows start to fall. See creation bending to the Maker of it all; and all you have to do is pause awhile.
Morning Prayer 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	Love Lifted Me (pg. 7)
Welcome Blessing of K Passing of the Peace	Madeline Örményi The Congregation <i>Please greet those around you with a word of peace</i>
Peace Song	Robin Bahr-deStefano, K Karpen Allelu, allelu, allelu. Allelu, allelu, allelu (2x) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! (2x)
Love in Action	Nancy Meyers (pg. 12)
Offering Offertory	<i>Of tithes, gifts, and prayers</i> (pg. 9 & 12) Chancel Choir Loved with Everlasting Love George Robinson (1890) & James Mountain (1890), arr. Frank Glass (2022)
Prayer of Gratitude	Julie Haggerty
Closing Hymn ♦	I’ll Fly Away (pg. 8)
Benediction ♦	K Karpen
Postlude	Frank Glass The Royal Airplane James D. Walbert (1948)
Livestream Greeters Counters Childcare	Brent Ness, Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound Cheryl Melchiorre, Shirley Struchen Marianne McClure, Cheryl Melchiorre Al-Naima Finch <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.</i>



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Shout to the Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zachech, 1993



Shout to the Lord! All the earth, let us sing!— Pow-er and maj-es-ty, prais-es we bring!



Moun-tains bow down and the seas— will roar at the sound— of your name.—



I sing for joy— at the work— of your hands. For - ev - er I'll love— you, for - ev -



- er I'll stand. Noth-ing com-pares to the prom- ise I have in— you.

Christ Has Risen with a Shout

Words: K Karpen, 2023

Music: Michael O'Shields, 1994



ONE Christ has ris-en with a shout!

Let the trum-pet call ring out!



ALL Christ has ris-en with a shout!

Let the trum-pet call ring

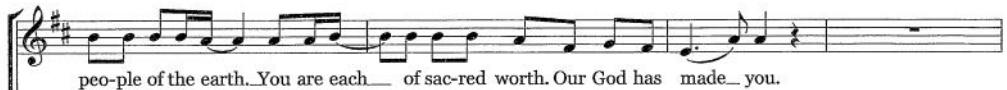


God will gath - er peo - ple to geth - er.—

Sing prais-es, all



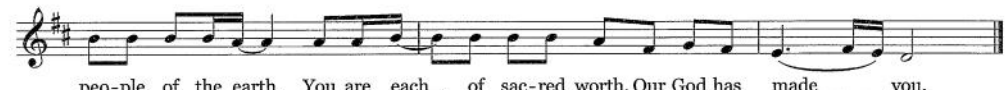
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peo-ple of the earth...You are each— of sac-red worth. Our God has made— you.



Sing prais-es, all



peo-ple of the earth. You are each— of sac-red worth. Our God has made— you.

Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today

1.Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth and heav'n in
 2.Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia! Fought the fight, the
 3.Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia! Where, O death, is
 4.Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia! Fol-l'wing our ex-

chor-us say, Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and tri-umphs high,
 bat-tle won, Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for-bids him rise,
 now thy sting, Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our souls to save,
 alt-ed head, Al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - - le - lu - ia! Sing ye heav'ns and
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Christ has o-pened
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Where's thy vic-t'ry,
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Ours the cross, the

earth re-ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 par-a-dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 boast-ing grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Charles Wesley, 1739, *alt.*

Lyra Davidica, 1708

Gospel Reading from Luke 24: 44-53

⁴⁴Then Jesus said to the disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what God promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While Jesus was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia! To his throne a -
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia! Lift your heads e -
3. See! the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia! Yet he loves the
4. See! he lifts his hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! See! he shows the



bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ a while to mor - tals giv'n,
ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ has con - quered death and sin,
earth he leaves, Al - le - lu - ia! Though re - turn - ing to his throne,
prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia! Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,



Al - le - lu - ia! Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Take the King of Glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Still he calls the world his own, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ings on his church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Why stand looking up to heav'n? Alleluia! We must be God's yeast and leav'n, Alleluia!
We're the ones God must employ, Alleluia! Spread the Way of love and joy, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley, 1739
Verse 5: K Karpen, 2023

Robert Williams, 1817

Gospel Reading from Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kin-dom of God. ⁴While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of God. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set by God’s own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two persons in white robes stood by them. ¹⁴They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come again in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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Love Lifted Me!

I was sink ing deep in fear, far from the Lord I love, could not, would not
 see him clear, now he has gone a- bove. But the Mas- ter of the skies
 heard my des- pair- ing cry, reached right down and lift- ed me, now saved am I!
 Love lift- ed me! Love lift- ed me! When noth- ing else could help, love lift- ed
 me! Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me!
 When noth - ing else could help, love lift - ed me!

James Rowe, 1912
 K Karpen, 2021

Howard E. Smith, 1912

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.

Words and Music: Albert Edward Brumley, 1932

Monday's Resource Fair: Asylum-seekers with our partnering attorneys.



Prayers

Joy & Thanksgiving

Sally's recovery in rehab
Sophie, Insook's granddaughter, becomes valedictorian
Vienna Providence, born to Madeline O's sister Grace
Emily M and her daughter, born May 13
Lisa and Rishi, to enjoy a long and happy life together
United Women in Faith former president using her Facebook page to pray and persist with others, helped bring awareness about a missing teen (found safe this week)

Healing & Healing

Mary Ellen's mother-in-law, Irene and her daughter Peggy
Continued prayers for Jon Mikel's mother, Dot, now out of the hospital and in a rehab center
Kendrea, for healing for her foot
For those in need prayers for healing and swift, full recoveries from illness
John B, Gina's friend, recovering from Mersa
Gail, who broke her hip after a fall
Emily M, new mother, struggling with Bell's Palsy

Comfort

Friends and family of Gretchen S, who died from a heart attack
Continued prayers for the family and friends of Ken J
For all the families, friends and communities of the victims of gun violence
For the Burshell family mourning their father

Work & Life

Travel mercies for David and Margery
Allison, for her job search
For our broken medical care system
Continued prayers for Mary McM's discernment
Continued prayers for Kyong-Jin and Avivah at this difficult time
Support for making life changes
Shanetia
Gina L's daughter, Stella, in search of a new apartment
For all graduating students and for all traveling to and from graduations
SPSA as we discern a path forward in our advocacy for asylum seekers
For wisdom for the leadership of the city; may the situation be seen as an opportunity

Peace & Justice

For asylum seekers, especially those in New York
For Palestinians on May 15 commemorating 75 years of oppression and resilience
For the migration process in the US
Prayers for the demise of violent machine guns in US culture
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



Getting Connected & Sharing Your Prayers

We are thrilled you are here this morning, and we hope you will like to get connected with our community. To join us in the work of increasing justice and love in the world, use your smartphone's camera Scan this QR code or pick up a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Our church community also uses this digital or physical card to share joys and concerns. 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.

Rodne Brown

Even if you didn't know Rodne personally, you might sometimes have heard him sing at St Paul & St Andrew, most especially at our pre-pandemic Christmas Eve late services. He was a wonderful singer, with an extraordinarily beautiful voice. He could sing the most taxing operatic and oratorio arias with ease. But he could also sing the simplest, most seemingly hackneyed religious hymns and songs with such deep spirituality and belief that, if you had a working human heart at all, you couldn't help but believe every word he sang. To hear him sing something like "Jesus Loves Me" or "Blessed Assurance" was a transcendent religious experience.

Rodne's later years were plagued by ever worsening health problems that left him heartbreakingly debilitated. The last time we saw him was at our Ash Wednesday service where, even as ill as he was, he could still make it sound like there were twenty more male voices in the congregation singing those beautiful, poignant Lenten hymns. He died shortly after that, even though the exact date of his death will never be known.

Honoring Rodne's memory, his friend Phil Hall, has made an arrangement of "Wayfaring Stranger" for oboe and piano that he and bj Karpen are playing today. A memorial service celebrating Rodne's life will be held at Christ Church (Park Avenue and 60th Street) on Sunday June 4th at 3:00 PM. All of Rodne's SPSA friends are invited.



Migrant Resource Fair (Monday)



Sunday: Gathering for worship...



...and after worship



Who's Who

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Putting Love in Action

Today Join us for a cookout in the Courtyard as we wish *K bon voyage* as he begins his renewal leave this week. See you in September, K!

Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd will provide pulpit and pastoral coverage during his time away, beginning June 4.

WSCAH Rocks the Block today from 12-4pm, a fun-filled block party with meaningful activities to benefit food insecure New Yorkers.

District Day with Bishop Bickerton Thu, May 25 at 7pm (Park Ave UMC 106 E 86th St) Laity are encouraged to attend. Register at bit.ly/3WtaIRH

Young Adults The 4th Sunday Fellowship meets after the May 28 service for lunch and conversation. Email Andrea* for details.

Youth & Families hosts a summer kickoff picnic in Riverside Park on Wednesday, May 31.

Community Conversation with Breaking Ground, operator of the Safe Haven shelter that opened on 83rd Street Hosted by B'nai Jeshurun, *June 14th at 7pm*. More details to come.

VBS Vacation Bible School 2023 will take place Thu eve, Aug 3 through Sun morn, Aug 6.

Registration and details coming soon!

Ongoing Programs and Projects
Assisting Our New Neighbors Sign up to help with daily needs, especially providing meals and Monday morning distribution efforts via Lotsa Helping Hands (bit.ly/3pOyr2l). Starting in June, our Monday Resource Fair will have a weekly focus. Our clothing store will be once per month, with clothing donations accepted one Sunday a month (Jun 11, July 23, Aug 20).

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. **NEW!** Meeting ID : 872 2124 0868 Passcode: 920100

Homework Help Celebrates this Wednesday from 6-7pm. For info about tutoring next fall, contact Charlene: charlenefloyd@aol.com

Pilates with Nancy an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom on Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent for tails.



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.