

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 Pentecost**

PRIDE SUNDAY

June 25, 2023
at 11 am



Sunday, June 18, 2023 ♦ PRIDE SUNDAY

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Frank Glass, piano

How Beautiful Are the Feet That Preach the Gospel of Peace

G.F. Handel (1741), arr. by Frank Glass (2023)

Introit

There's a Spirit of Love In This Place (pg. 5, v. 1)

Call to Worship ♦

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were originally written by Ann B. Day, and adapted by Light Street Church, Baltimore, MD.

Savannah Ritz, Griffin Lockette

One: Beloved:

Many: We are the body of Christ.

One: We are the hand-clapping, toe-tapping, heart-pumping, food-tasting, arm-embracing, justice-seeking, hymn-singing, love-making, bread-breaking, risk-taking body of Christ.

Isn't it ironic, then, the way we fear bodies?

The way we fear darker bodies? Disabled bodies? Queer bodies?

The way we fear our own body – so transparent

in its hunger and its thirst and its need to be loved?

Many: We are the body of Christ.

One: Then why do our bodies become vessels for shame? Not the right shape, size, shade, or strength?

Not what we see reflected and projected on all our screens and dating applications.

Baptized in the Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many and varied in gender, color, race, sexuality, age, class and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

Many: We are the body of Christ.

One: No one can say to another, "I have no need of you."

For only together can we claim wholeness.

No one can say, "I will not care for you."

For we are connected like muscle and bone.

If one suffers, all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Thanks be to God in Christ, who has made us one.

Come, let us worship God with pride!

Opening Hymn 529 ♦

How Firm a Foundation (pg. 6, v. 1-3)

Prayer of Confession **Griffin Lockette** (and to be read in unison)
We are a pilgrim people, accompanied by our God, who journeys beside us, celebrating who we are; yet goes before us, beckoning us toward who we might become. But as we move through our days, other gods call to us. Questions confound us, direction blurs, we lose our way. We confess to you, steadfast God, that we wander from the path of love which we are meant to walk. Fears divide us, prejudice hardens us, violence destroys us. We turn our hearts again to You, God of grace and mercy. In silent prayer, let us offer to God our confessions and our hope.

Let us keep a holy moment for silent personal confession

Assurance of Pardon **Savannah Ritz**
Leader to the people: Hear the good news:
Christ came to live and die and rise as one of us, even while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People to the leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Prayer Song **There's a Spirit of Love In This Place** (pg. 5, v. 2)

Contemporary Word **Aurora Celestin**
Queer Christian by Erica Mason (pg. 7)

Scripture Reading **Rodney Brown**
Proverbs 16: 18 (pg. 7)

Scripture Song 439 **How Firm a Foundation** (pg. 5, v. 4-5)

Sermon **Rev. Dr. J. Terry Todd**
"Whose Pride Goeth Before Destruction?"

Morning Prayer **Andrea Steinkamp**
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.**

Prayer Song **There's a Spirit of Love In This Place** (pg. 5, v. 1)

Welcome of Visitors **Nancy Meyers**
Passing of the Peace **The Congregation**
Please greet those around you with a word of peace

Peace Song

We Are Marching In the Light Of God

We are marching in the light of God...we are marching, marching...
Siayhamb' akukhanyen' kwenkhos'...Siayhamb'a, hamb'a

Love in Action

Julia Tulloch (pg. 12)

**Offering
Offertory**

Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 8-9)

Chancel Choir

Draw the Circle Wide

Words: Gordon Light (1994) Music: Mark Miller (2008)



Or text "Give"
to 646-971-9400

Prayer of Gratitude

adapted from a prayer
by M Jade Kaiser

Arthur McLean

Closing Hymn ♦

Will the Circle Be Unbroken? (pg. 8)

Benediction ♦

Dr. Rev. J. Terry Todd

Postlude

Frank Glass

Come, Come, Ye Saints

From T.J. White, *The Sacred Harp* (1845)

Livestream

Audio

Brent Ness (director) **Red Gate Sound** (cameras)

Steven Yee

Greeters

Karen Collins, Shirley Struchen

Counters

Gina Leonetti, Cheryl Melchiorre

Childcare

Al-Naima Finch

Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

Words and Music: Mark A. Miller, 2003



1. There's a spi - rit of love in this place. There's a spi - rit of love in this
2. There's the pres-ence of peace in this room. There's the pres-ence of peace in this



place. You can't see it but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a
room. In God's ten-der-ness is found peace that pass - es hu man bounds. There's the



spi - rit of love in this place. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! We bless your ho-ly
pres-ence of peace in this room.



name. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! There's a spi - rit of love in this place.

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 Je - sus still leans for re - pose, I will not, I



faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he say than to
God and will still give thee aid. I'll strength - en and help thee, and
woe shall not thee o - ver - flow; for I will be with thee, thy
fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I
will not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should en -



you he has said, to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
cause thee to stand up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy thee to thy deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

"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

Contemporary Reading: Queer Christian

Erica Mason, hip-hop artist and spoken word poet, wrote and performed, “Queer Christian,” to articulate her own journey to freedom and self-love out a church background that saw her sexuality as an “abomination.” She was told that God condemned her desire. Then she came out as a queer Christian. Erica says to us all, “My desire is for you to find freedom for yourself. These affirmations are for those on a journey of freedom, for those who have questioned if they could be loved by God.” She instructs us, “Say these affirmations when you feel you need them most:

I am worthy of acceptance and love
I accept all of me and I give grace to the parts of me I don't fully understand.
I am seen and loved by God just as I am today.
I won't allow others to define God for me.
I will seek God for myself.
I don't have to fear what other people think.
Their opinions don't pay my bills or add to my well being.
My sexuality is a personal journey between me and God.
I don't owe an explanation or justification to anyone.
I will live my life from a space of love.
I am creating a safe space for all aspects of who I am.
I give myself room and grace to grow.
I love myself for who I am today and I embrace who I will become in the future.
I am intentional about finding God for myself.
God is big inside of me.
I will no longer minimize myself out of fear of opinions.”

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Scripture: Proverbs 16:18 King James Version

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?



1.As we work to build the kin-dom, there's a sound you can't con-trol. It's a
2.If we lis-ten for the Spi-rit in these walls to pave our way, we'll be
3.Now we sing the songs of free-dom, hymns of faith that make us strong. When the



cry for love and jus-tice that, on hear-ing, makes you whole.
guid-ed by a vi-sion and we won't be led a-stray. *Will the cir-cle be un-*
peo-ple sing to-geth-er, hear the an-gels sing a-long!



bro - ken? *By and by, oh! by and by, there's a*



bet - ter world a - com - ing if we try, Lord, if we try.

Ada Habershon, 1907
New words by K Karpen, 2022

Charles Gabriel, 1907

Prayers

Joy & Thanksgiving

Joy for the cast, crew & audience of the Lion King - performed at PS 191 elementary school
Andrew graduation from high school
Jenna Johnson in her new role as ordained Deacon
For the C & C group leadership by Madeline, Mary, Amanda and for the presence and growth of this group this season.
Vicki Clark and the cast of Kimberly Akimbo on their Tony wins
For new insights about friends
For museums that make art accessible to the young
For family
For summer in New York City

Health & Healing

Roseann's friends Rene and Elaine, both fighting cancer

Continued prayers for John B, who's been in and out of the hospital; hopes to be released to a rehab facility this week
Continued prayers for June as she deals with health issues
Continued prayers for Sydney's brother Mark
For Dionne, chaplain at Church Center for the UN, as she recovers from major accident
Connor
Andrew who has impending surgery
Don K, for more information about new discomfort and a swift return to activity
Connie's cat Moxie undergoing surgery on Monday
For Pope Francis, recovering from surgery
Continued prayers for Tony's eyes
Ping's friend Al whose father fractured his spine
June's daughter's father-in-law, for recovery from brain surgery

Donna H, with uterine cancer
For those suffering with mental instability and their caregivers
Jan, for speedy recovery from last week's surgery; and for her music projects and the associated deadlines as she juggles them and manages her care, physical therapy, etc.
For recovery, health and wellness for Kate's friends Alex and Linda who both experienced significant medical crises recently
Julie J, Marianne's friend, for healing

Comfort

Family of Gina's friend Catherine N. who passed away unexpectedly late last month.
For less sadness for Emily
For the family and friends of Carl McLaughlin
For those in our church community suffering from the blues, despair, depression
Family of Melinda, life-long friend of June's, who died this week
For all who are experiencing loss, loneliness, and depression - may they be comforted by God's loving presence
For the family of David and Karen's neighbor, Larry, who passed away this week

Work & Life

Noah, Margery & David's son celebrating his 50th birthday amidst some life challenges
For all UMC annual conferences that we get back to our mission
Continued prayers for Mary McM's PUA situation, for job search, and for finding and building community in Las Vegas
Elizabeth as she takes her exams
Travel mercies for: Elizabeth, Andrew, InSook, and Mary Ellen and Mark
Travel mercies for Amy's mother and sister
For all our young people as the venture out this summer and support for their families they leave behind
Prayers of support for UM annual conferences, with hopes that they rediscover their call for mission & purpose
Prayers especially for all of the transitions many of our church members are going through this summer
Gail whose car's catalytic converter was stolen
For the people of the Philippines, Cuba, Central America,

Canada, and all places suffering from the climate effects of flooding, volcanos, wildfires
For patience in learning how to deal with our aging partners
Hannah R as she travels for work next week into a new community and for her colleague Abigail as she transitions from her missionary work in Colombia back to the Philippines.
Traveling mercies & safety for children and families who are vacationing and for pastors who are traveling
Prayers for hope for Sydney's family's renewed closeness
For the challenges and opportunities Don R. faces as new Administrative Committee chair at their Pennsylvania UMC

Peace & Justice

Prayers for the safety and success of the Poor People's Moral Poverty Action Congress in Washington DC next week
Prayers that we may all take to heart the liberation and reparation messages of Juneteenth
For all those whose issues are brought to our attention through the Human Rights Watch Film Festival
For asylum seekers, especially those in New York
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
Prayers for the safety and success of the Poor People's Moral Poverty Action Congress in Washington DC next week
Prayers that we may all take to heart the liberation and reparation messages of Juneteenth
For communities suffering from gun violence
For asylum seekers, especially those in New York
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 & Share 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 to 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.

Sunday Worship



This past Sunday we commemorated Juneteenth using the words of an obscure Hebrew prophet, Habakkuk, who lived over 2,500 years ago and not so obscure Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman, who lives today, as our guiding texts. Together, we held the tension of remembrance, lament, joy and resistance through prayer, song, reflection, and even a little dancing!

Campus Ministry Bowling



Ekama and students from Campus Ministry hit The Gutter for a bowling outing on Tuesday, June 13.

Summer Picnic



On Tuesday, we came, we saw, we picnicked (Riverside Park)!

Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen‡
Rev. Lea Matthews*
Rev. Dr. J. Terry Todd *§

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Putting Love in Action

Liberation March Meet Pastor Terry and Aurora today outside the Franklin Street (1) subway station at 2pm for the Rally at Foley Square. This year's March begins at 3pm.

Next Sunday starts at 10am

Beginning next Sunday (July 2) and continuing through Labor Day, our Sunday morning worship time will shift to 10:00am.

Souls, Solidarity, and Anti-Racist

Politics We are excited to launch a 4 week small group study this summer, beginning the second week of July. Visit loveinaction.churchcenter.com and click Groups to select a study group.

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 (July 16, 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

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

Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun

June 25 (Su) - 2:00pm Queer Liberation Rally at Foley Square; march at 3pm
July 9 (Su) - 10:00am Outdoor worship at Soldiers & Sailors Monument
July 18 (Tu) - 7:30pm Metropolitan Horn Authority Concert
July 19 (W) - 8:30pm Outdoor Movie (Luca) at Pier I (seating opens at 6:30pm)
July 30 (Su) - 11:00am Courtyard Cookout after worship
Aug 2 (W) - 7:00pm Hymn Sing!
Aug 13 (Su) - 10:00am Outdoor Worship at Soldiers & Sailors Monument
Aug 16 (W) - 6:30pm Church-Wide Fun: Minute to Win It
Aug 20 (Su) - 11:00am Courtyard cookout after worship

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.

