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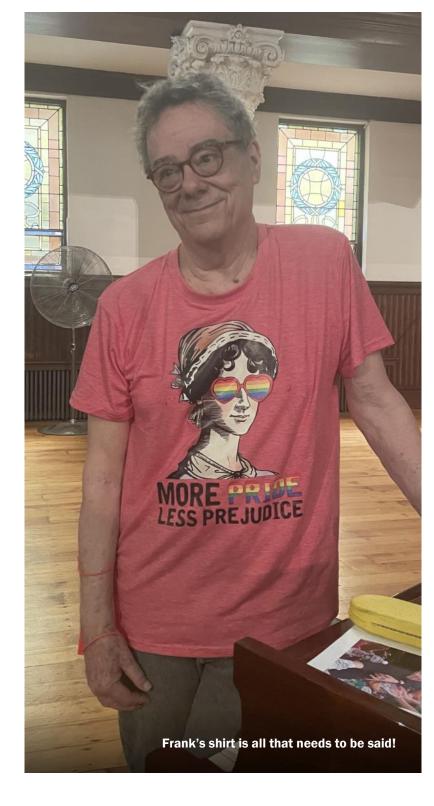
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

# Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

July 30, 2023 at 10 am





# Sunday, July 30, 2023 ♦ Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude Frank Glass

Come Down, O Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906; arr. Frank Glass, 2020/2022

Introit 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (pg. 4, v. 1)

Call to Worship ♦ Ekama Eni

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One: We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.

Many: We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates.

One: Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

Many: The Spirit leads us in power and truth.

One: Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.

Many: With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.

**Opening Hymn 111 ♦** How Can We Name A Love (pg. 5, v. 1, 2)

Opening Prayer Ekama Eni

Prayer Song 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (pg. 4, v. 2)

Scripture Julia Tulloch

**Romans 8:26-39** (pg. 6)

**Scripture Song 111** How Can We Name A Love (pg. 5, v. 4)

Sermon Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd

"Be Still My Heart"

Morning Prayer Rev. Lea Matthews

The 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 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (pg. 4, v. 4)

Welcome, **Love in Action**  **Andrea Steinkamp** 

Offering Offertory Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 7)

**Prayer of Gratitude** 

**Nancy Meyers** 

Closing Hymn 419 ♦

I Am Thine, O Lord (pg. 4)

Benediction

**Andrea Steinkamp** 

Sending Song

**Frank Glass** 

**Have You Been To Jesus For the Cleansing Power?** 

Elisha Hoffmann, 1878

**Passing the Peace** 

Please greet one another with a word of peace

Livestream Brent Ness (director) Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (cameras)

**Audio Steven Yee** 

**Counters Connie Coddington** 

**Greeters Karen Collins, Shirley Struchen** 

Childcare Al-Naima Finch

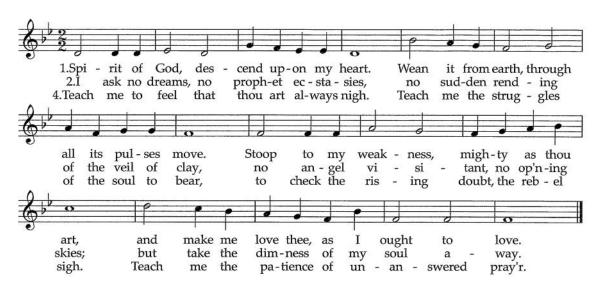
Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.



# Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code above, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

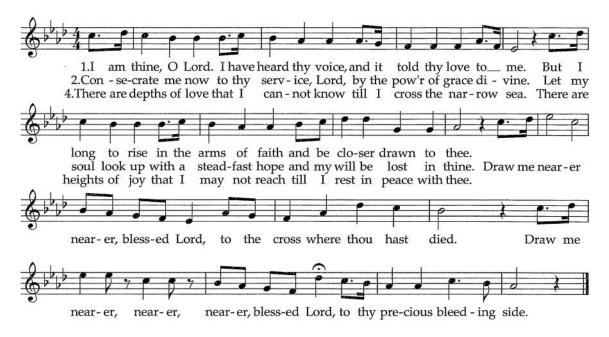
# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



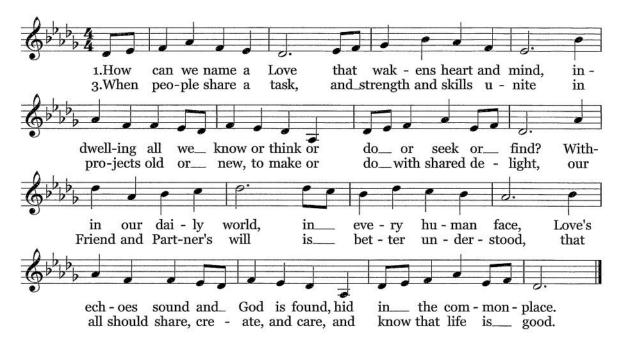
George Croly, 1867

Frederick Atkinson, 1870

# I Am Thine, O Lord



## How Can We Name a Love



4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun; In Christ alone is Love full grown, and life and hope begun.

Brian Wren, 1973

English Folk Tune Arranged by Frederick Sheppard, 1915

# Scripture: Romans 8: 26-39 Adpt. from New Revised Standard Edition, updated

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of the Son, in order that Christ might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom God predestined God also called, and those whom God called God also justified, and those whom God justified God also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God who did not withhold God's own Son but gave him up for all of The word of God for the People of God. us, how will God not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge

who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through God who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

# **Joys & Concerns**

## Joy & Thanksgiving

The life of Don K and his generosity to all For summer in New York City For the commitment and energy of those supporting our Migrant Mondays

## **Health & Healing**

Tiana, for healing after a hip procedure
Lynn D, for recovery from bone marrow transplant
Sammy D, recovering from cleft palette surgery
Kris' friend, Beth, having a PET scan & biopsy for
a mass on her lung that was fortunately
discovered when she was taken to the ER for
another medical issue

For Peggy, continued healing from carpal tunnel surgery

### Work & Life

Traveling mercies & safety for children and families who are vacationing and for pastors who are traveling

## Comfort

Family, friends and community mourning Don K For all who are experiencing loss, loneliness, and depression - may they be comforted by God's loving presence

## **Peace & Justice**

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 shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

## Who's Who

#### **Pastors**

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

## **Director of Operations**

**Brent Ness\*** 

## **Building Superintendent**

Danny Aponte\*

#### **Minister of Music**

Dr. Frank Glass\*

# **Assistant Pastor Communications**

Andrea Steinkamp

## **Youth & Campus Pastor**

Ekama Eni\*

## **Bookkeeper**

Jennifer Serrano\*

## Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan, Jay Torres, Stephen Yee

## **Hospitality Coordinator**

Al-Naima Finch\*

## **Lay Servants**

Nancy Meyers Alicia Pitterson Shakeel Samuel \* email our staff [first name] @stpaulandstandrew.org

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# **Putting Love in Action**

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

**Courtyard Cookout** *Sunday, July 30* Join us outside in the courtyard after worship for a cookout.

The Annual Hymn Sing! Join us on Wed at 7pm as we crack open the hymnals for a good old fashioned hymn sing in the courtyard.

Vacation Bible School "What Every Living Thing Needs, using Psalm 104 as our guiding text. VBS will run Aug 3-6. Email Andrea\* for details and to register asap. rb.gy/wvg6v.

#### "Encanto" in the West End Theatre

Following worship, join VBS in the theater for a screening of Disney's "Encanto" the story of an extraordinary family in which every child has been blessed with a unique gift...except one. When the magic of the village is in danger, can this "ordinary" child save the day?

Funding Our Future In the coming weeks, we will begin a study that will assist us in determining the best plan to move forward with our capital campaign to restore and preserve our landmarked facility. Please ask the greeters for a FAQ sheet that describes the specifics of the study.

#### **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 (rg.by/u670b). 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**

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

## **Our Mission**

We seek to 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.

- ♦ Be a catalyst for love-inspired action and social justice.
- ♦ Nurture and inspire Jesus' followers through dynamic worship and relationship-building to transform ourselves and the world.
- ♦ Teach and live progressive Christian values, including racial and gender equality, inter-faith partnership, LGBTQI affirmation, and empowerment of the last, the lost, and the least.
- ◆ Raise up future generations by fostering a congregation of all ages and developing young leaders & communities.