

# 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

Seventeenth Sunday  
of Pentecost

September 17, 2023  
at 11 am

Worship in the Park



K opens Tuesday's press conference at City Hall with prayer.

# Sunday, September 17, 2023 ♦ 17th Sunday of Pentecost

Children are invited to join Pastor Andrea at Hippo Playground. Microphones are for livestream only.

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

## Gathering Music

**Carly Reiner**

## Introit

**Alleluias** (pg. 4)

## Call To Worship

Adapted from  
*Iona Abbey*

**Ekama Eni**

ONE: The Earth belongs to God,

**ALL: The earth and all its peoples.**

ONE: How good it is, how wonderful,

**ALL: To live together in harmony.**

ONE: If Christ's disciples keep silence,

**ALL: These stones that surround us would shout out!**

ONE: Open our lips, O God,

**ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

## Opening Hymn

**Morning Has Broken** (pg. 4)

## Opening Prayer

**Ekama Eni**

Liberating God, as you led the Children of Israel out of bondage,

**Set us free from selfishness, pettiness, and injustice.**

As you stepped in to prevent the Egyptian army from harming the Israelites'

**Keep us from wounding our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

As you brought the people through the wilderness to a land of promise,

**Journey with us through despair to hope, knowing that you forgive us, renew us, and enable us to grow in love.**

## Prayer Song

**Hamba Nathi** (pg. 4)

## Scripture

**Aurora Celestin**

**Exodus 14:19-31** (pg. 6)

## Scripture Song

**Wade in the Water** (pg. 5)

## Reading

**Cheryl Allen Melchiorre**

**Your Liberation is Near, by Peter Storey** (pg. 7)

## Hymn

**Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown** (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

<b>Sermon</b>	<b>K Karpen</b> “The Mercies of Traveling”
<b>Sermon Song</b>	<b>Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown</b> (pg. 5, v. 3-4)
<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Lord’s Prayer</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b> <b>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.</b>
<b>Love in Action</b>	<b>Julia Tulloch</b>
<b>Closing Hymn ♦</b>	<b>May the Life I Lead</b> (pg. 6)
<b>Blessing ♦</b>	<b>K Karpen &amp; Lea Matthews</b>
<b>Passing the Peace ♦</b>	<i>Please greet one another with a word of peace</i>
<b>Livestream</b> <b>Counters</b> <b>Greeters</b> <b>Childcare</b>	<b>Reese Overstreet, Hector Pagan</b> <b>Cheryl Melchiorre, Linda Bloom</b> <b>Karen Collins, Robin Bahr-de Stefano, Aurora Celestin, DJ Husted</b> <i>Children are invited to Hippo Park (just to the north) with Pastor Andrea.</i>



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## Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://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.

## Gathering Songs

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (2x)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, tamid (2x)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, tamid (2x)

(Hebrew, trans: *Praise God always*. Tune: *Skye Boat Song*)

Alle-alle-alleluia! Alle-alle-alleluia!

Alle-alle-alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Morning Has Broken

WORDS: Eleanor Farjean, 1931

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic Melody



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken, like the first morn - ing. Black-bird has spo - ken,  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first dew - fall  
3. Mine is the sun - light, mine is the morn - ing, born of the one light



like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the  
on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
E - den saw play. \_\_\_\_\_ Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing, fresh from the word. \_\_\_\_\_  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day. \_\_\_\_\_

## Hamba Nathi (South Africa)

Hamba nathi kululi wethu

Come walk with us, the journey is long

Come talk with us, give meaning to life

## Wade in the Water

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna trouble the water,  
Must be the band that Moses led, God's gonna trouble the water. (*chorus*)

The waters were parted and they walked right through, God's gonna trouble the water.  
And the Lord made sure no one could pursue, God's gonna trouble the water. (*chorus*)

## Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown



1. Come, O thou trav - el - er un known, whom still I hold but can - not  
2. I need not tell thee who I am, my mis - er - y and sin de -



see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone and I am left a - lone with  
clare. Thy - self hast called me by my name, look on thy hands and read it



thee. With thee all night I mean to stay and wres - tle till the break of  
there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me



day. With thee all night I mean to stay and  
now. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell



wres - tle till the break of day.  
me thy name and tell my now.

3. Yield to me now, for I am weak but confident in self-despair!  
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.  
Speak--or thou never hence shall move--and tell me if thy name is Love.  
Speak--or thou never hence shall move--and tell me if thy name is Love.

4. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee. Pure, Universal Love thou art,  
To me, to all, thy mercies move. Thy nature and thy name is Love.  
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## May the Life I Lead

May the life I lead **May the life I lead**

Speak for me **Speak for me**

May the life I lead **May the life I lead**

Speak for me **Speak for me**

**When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavy load**

May the life I lead **May the life I lead, speak for me**

May the road we choose **May the road we choose**

Lead us on **Lead us on**

May the road we choose **May the road we choose**

Lead us on **Lead us on**

**May the choices we make today, keep us walking on freedom's way**

May the road we choose **May the road we choose, lead us on**

## Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who had been going before the Israelites moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the Children of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. God drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>Then God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, God tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians left on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>The Children of Israel saw the great work that God did, protecting them against the Egyptians. So the people followed God and believed in God and in God's servant Moses.

## Reading: from 'Your Liberation Is Near!' by Rev. Peter Storey

For Jesus, 'business as usual' was proclaiming God's word of justice and mercy to all who would hear and returning daily to his place of prayer and communion with God. And so 'business as usual' for followers of Jesus is nothing ordinary. We must give ourselves to God in worship, and to people in costly engagement and service. If false gods are failing and if God's victory is assured... we must live in God's future now. For the followers of Christ, Jesus is already Lord—*now!*

In a world of cruelty, we know that compassion and caring will one day rule—so we will demonstrate them *now*.

While this world bows to the love of power, we will cry, "No!"—we will live by the power of love *now*.

While truth lies fallen in the streets, we will affirm that Jesus, who is the truth, is Lord—and we will live by his truth *now*.

While people live comfortably with injustice we know that justice will one day rule—it must therefore be our standard *now*.

While people continue to trust in military might, we know that the Prince of Peace is Lord—and we will cast out violence from our midst *now*.

That is 'business as usual' is all about for Christians. That is what Christian hope is all about—not sentimental optimism but the insight that enables us even in the face of the darkest hour to know that Christ is Lord. Christian hope is living in by God's future in the now.

I pray that we may be so filled with this quality of hope that when all this begins to happen, we will be able to journey onward and hold our heads high, knowing that our liberation is near.



**Midnight Pancakes:** Our LaMP Campus Ministry fed 239 hungry Columbia students, and had fun!

# Last Sunday at St Paul & St Andrew: Worship & After







# Homework Help at St Paul & St Andrew

**We are looking for TUTORS! [that means you!]**

**What we do:**

We tutor kids ages 5 – 17 years old, one-on-one

- That means we help kids with their homework, read with them, help with book reports, science projects, art projects, basically help them learn
- That means kids look forward to seeing us each week, telling us about their triumphs and their heartbreaks
- That means each kid has the undivided attention of *their* adult, who is focused entirely on *their* kid for a whole hour
- That means really good, powerful stuff happens for tutor and for the kid

We work with the parents of the kids being tutored

- That means offering a soft chair and snacks OR English conversation

**When and where we do it:**

Wednesdays 5:45 – 7:00 pm at St. Paul and St. Andrew

- We meet each Wednesday the kids are in school starting October 4<sup>th</sup>

**How can YOU help?**

- You can volunteer to tutor with a student each week
- You can volunteer to be a substitute tutor when your schedule permits
- You can help purchase simple schools supplies and games
- You can volunteer to work with the parents
- You can help with our celebrations (December and/or May)
- You can offer to help in other ways...

**For more information, please plan to attend an orientation/information meeting on WEDNESDAY, September 27<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Or please contact: Charlene Floyd [charlenefloyd@aol.com](mailto:charlenefloyd@aol.com)**



## 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.

## Work with Our New Neighbors: Migrant Monday



## Justice for New Neighbors: Interfaith City Hall Press Conference



Credit: NY Daily News

# Who's Who

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# Putting Love in Action

**Today** we meet at 11am in Riverside Park because our Sanctuary is being used by B'Nai Jeshurun for Rosh Hashanah services. L'Shana Tova!

**Church Council** Our next Church Council meeting is upon us and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to hearing a reflection by Pastor K about his sabbatical journey. There will also be updates from several committees and information about fall plans. The meeting will take place **Monday, September 18th at 6:30pm** on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 815 3365 5428 (PW:972742).

**New Members** we are delighted to welcome some new members, who will be received during our Sunday worship service on 9/24 at 11 am. After the service we will host a welcome lunch to celebrate.

**Don Kirby Memorial;** Please join us on Sat, Sep 30 at 3pm as we celebrate the life of Don Kirby. The service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel, for those who are unable to join in person.

## Immigration Law & Justice

**RefORM Gala:** Formerly know as Justice for Our Neighbors, ILJNY will host its 24th Anniversary Gala on October 5th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Christ Church UMC at 524 Park Avenue in New York City, and will feature guests, awards, and include diverse performances. This is as a special opportunity to reinvigorate and energize following a whirlwind year of thousands of

new migrant arrivals seeking our help and support. Gala guests will first be guided to food curated by refugee chefs from Eat Offbeat.

**Connect & Care 6.0** All are invited to sign up for these spiritually supportive small groups Visit [loveinaction.churchcenter.com](http://loveinaction.churchcenter.com) and find a group that fits your life and schedule.

## Ongoing Programs & 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](http://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 the day prior.

### Campus Ministry

meets each Monday at 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian, 114th. Email Ekama\* for details.

### 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.

**Homework Help Tutoring** returns! Wednesday evenings. See pg. 10.