

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

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 3, 2023
at 10 am



Lea and Jan during our Monday Resource Fair

Sunday, September 3, 2023 ♦ 15th Sunday of Pentecost

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch (1878) & Robert Jackson (1888); arr. Frank Glass (2023)

Introit

As the Deer (pg. 4)

Call To Worship ♦

from *Lectionary Liturgy*

by Thom Shuman

Ekama Eni

One: Be still!

Many: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

One: Be still and know...

Many: We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

One: Be still and know that God is

Many: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Opening Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

Opening Prayer

Ekama Eni

Prayer Song 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer (pg. 6, v. 1)

Scripture

Shirley Struchen

Romans 12: 9-21 (pg. 7)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd

“Liberating Church”

Sung Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center (pg. 5, v. 3)

Love in Action

Andrea Steinkamp (pg. 4, 12)

Offering

Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 3, 9)

Offertory

Insook Won, Frank Glass

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Camille Saint-Saëns

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. J Terry Todd, Rev. Lea Matthews (pg. 7)

The Communion

The Congregation

Prayer After Receiving

Ashlyn Smith

One: Bountiful God,

Many: at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

May we, who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament, be strengthened in your service;

we, who have sung your praises,

tell of your presence and meaning in our lives;

we, who have experienced the depth of your love,

join in your movement of justice and joy and

Build your kin-dom here on earth.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn ♦

I Have a Song that Jesus Gave Me (pg. 8)

Blessing Pastor Terry & Sending Forth♦

Rev. Lea Matthews

Sending Song

Frank Glass

The Rock That is Higher Than I

Erastus Johnson & William Fischer (1875)

Passing the Peace ♦

Please greet one another with a word of peace

**Livestream
Audio
Counters
Greeters
Childcare**

Red Gate Sound

Steven Yee

Carla Mikell, Cheryl Melchiorre

Karen Collins

Al-Naima Finch

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



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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.

As the Deer

WORDS and MUSIC: Martin Nystrom, 1984

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter thee. You a-lone are my
heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship thee. You a-lone are my strength, my shield. To
you a - lone may my spi - rit yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship thee.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff includes a change in time signature to 2/4 and then back to 4/4. The fourth staff concludes the phrase.

We Need Your Input

As you may have heard from previous announcements or communications, we are currently undergoing a Pre-Campaign Study that is being administered by Ruotolo Associates, a philanthropic counselor we have retained.



Our church facilities are in need of significant repairs and upgrades to better serve our community and continue our work of increasing the amount of love and justice in the world. To accomplish these repairs, a capital campaign will be needed. A pre-campaign study is an assessment of a church community's willingness, feasibility, and capacity to move forward with a capital fundraising endeavor.

We want to gauge your thoughts and feedback regarding the proposed projects and as well as gather some key data to help us determine our plan to move forward. To do so, Ruotolo Associates has developed a survey which is available to our entire community. Would you take a few moments to click on the link below and provide your input? The insights and perspectives of our entire community, near and far, are extremely valuable. With higher participation, our results will be more accurate and help us better plan for the work ahead.

Please know this is completely confidential and Ruotolo Associates will directly receive all responses. We ask that you please complete ONE survey per household.

surveyMonkey.com/r/SPSASStudy

Come and Find the Quiet Center

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead. Find the
2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace. God it
3. In the Spirit, let us travel, open to each other's pain. Let our
room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed. Clear the
is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making
loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain. There's a
chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
peace with - in our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising
place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care. In the
things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.
courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
Spirit's lively scheming, there is always room to spare.

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

Southern Folk Tune

Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of pray'r! sweet hour of pray'r! that calls me from a world of care, and



bids me at my Mak-er's throne make all my cares and wish-es known. In



sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has oft - en found re - lief, and



oft es - caped the temp - ter's snare by thy re - turn_ sweet hour of pray'r!

William Walford, 1845, *alt.*

William Bradbury, 1851

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve God. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil,

but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up!

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. ...And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Celebrant and People: Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. ...And so in the words Jesus taught us to pray:

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Great Thanksgiving is adapted from Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching Our Worship*, The Episcopal Church. The Sanctus within the prayer is taken from *enfleshed: spiritual nourishment for collective liberation*

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Words: Rufus McDaniel, 1914

Music: Charles Gabriel, 1914



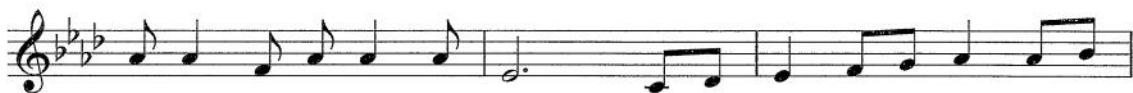
1. What a won-der-ful change in my life has been wrought since Je-sus came in-to my
3. I'm possessed of a hope that is stead-fast and sure, since Je-sus came in-to my



heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since
heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my path-way ob-scure, since



Je-sus came in-to my heart!— Since Je-sus came in-to my heart, since
Je-sus came in-to my heart!—



Je-sus came in-to my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul, like the



sea bil-lows, roll, since Je-sus came in-to my heart!

5. I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know, since Jesus came into my heart,
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart!
*Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul, like the sea billows, roll, since Jesus came into my heart!*

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

For the commitment and energy of those supporting our Migrant Mondays

Health & Healing

Shirley S, for healing from surgery this week

MarySue, for healing of her body, heart and spirit

Charles F, for answered health questions and peace of mind

Tiana, for healing after her second hip procedure

Donna H, undergoing chemotherapy for cervical cancer

Smooth recovery for Chris G. following hip replacement surgery

Wanda, suffering from asthma

Carla's friend Tony, for healing of his eyes and his spirit

Murray, with a broken leg sustained in a motorcycle accident

Jen, for discernment around health issues

Work & Life

Andy, for some respite and time without struggle

Tammy and her family, that they may find appropriate help for her children

Kyong-jin and Aviyah at this time of transition

For all parents, teachers and students as the new school year approaches

Comfort

Cheryl M and family mourning her nephew, Donny, who died suddenly last week.

Cheryl M, and her niece Brenda, on the death last week of her Brenda's brother-in-law; for all family in mourning

Margery and David and all those mourning the death of Joseph Barudt, a giant in the church and the anti-racist movement for nearly 60 years.

For all who are experiencing loss, loneliness, and depression - may they be comforted by God's loving presence

Donatella and family on the death of her husband

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

Miracle Monday



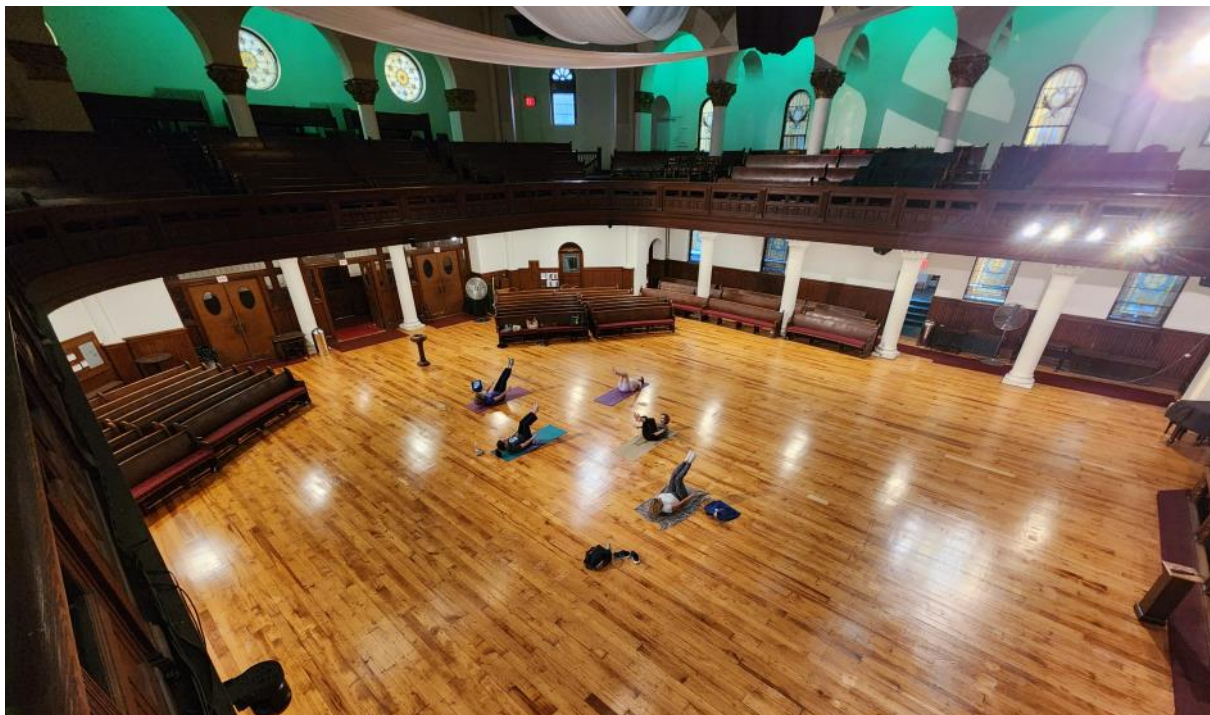
Never a dull Monday morning at St. Paul & St. Andrew...but Miracle Monday takes a break tomorrow for Labor Day. The weekly resource fair will resume on September 11, and will distribute clothing. If you have seasonal items to donate, please bring them to church next Sunday. And if you'd like to sign up to help, use the Lotsa Helping Hands link on page 12.

LaMP Campus Ministry



Left: Student leaders from The Vine (LaMP & PRISM campus ministries) during the back-to-school retreat at Broadway Presbyterian. Center & right: Ekama and The Vine held their final summer outing at the Brooklyn Cyclones game, joined by Sandy the Seagull. LaMP will kickoff the fall with Midnight Pancakes on September 10, also at Broadway Presbyterian. Email Ekama (pg. 12) for details.

Pilates with Nancy



Nancy held a hybrid class in the sanctuary, using the open floors of the re-polyed floors. The class is back on Zoom next week until Nancy returns from her California travels. (see page 12)

Who's Who

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Putting Love in Action

Worship Returns to 11AM Sleep in an extra hour next Sunday, and join us as we welcome Pastor K back from his sabbatical.

New Member Class Joining the church is not a requirement for you to participate here in our worship, service or programming. But if you have discerned a desire to join formally in this Christian community. You can take the first step into membership by attending our New Members Class on 9/13 at 6:30pm. It's a great way for you to get to know the church and for us to get to know you better. New members will be received during our Sunday worship service on 9/24 at 11 am. For a conversation or to RSVP, contact Pastor Lea*.

Faith & Fun Friday What is Faith & Fun Friday? Think mini-Compassion Camp (songs, games, bible stories, crafts, and fellowship) and Free Time on a Friday night for parents and caregivers. Mark your calendars for September 8th from 5:30-7:30pm. Email Andrea* for details.

United Women in Faith meets Sat, Sep. 9 at 11am on Zoom. Meetings are open to all. Meeting ID 838 6501 7579 | Passcode: 692375

Campus Ministry Will kickoff Sep 10 with midnight pancakes at Broadway Presbyterian. Email Ekama* for details.

Youth, Kids & Families Join us for a special back-to-school worship on Sep 10 with a blessing of the backpacks during the Message for All Ages.

Never Forget: 9/11 Memorial Concert On Sunday, September 10 at 5pm, the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus and the Bergen Symphony Orchestra will present a program at SPSA to remember those who died and suffered on and since the attacks on

September 11, 2001.
sinyccchorus.com/events

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 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.

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 the day prior (next: Sep 10).

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.