

# 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  
Andrea Steinkamp  
Pastors

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024  
11:00 a.m.



Learning about stained glass

# Sunday, March 10, 2024 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Lent

♦ Please rise in body or spirit

## Prelude

**Frank Glass**

**Come, Ye Disconsolate**

Thomas Moore (1815) & Samuel Webbe, Sr. (1792); arr. Frank Glass (2020)

## Introit

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** (pg. 4, v. 1)

## Call To Worship ♦

*with inspiration from  
Psalm 107 &  
Genesis 16*

**Jim Melchiorre**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**Many: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Almighty God, Spirit of gentleness,

**Many: our sister Hagar names you *The One Who Sees Me*.**

One: We know that you see us, God. We know that you know us.

**Many: Teach us to attend to one another with that same love.**

One: So call us to worship,

**Many: Call us to witness,**

One: Abide with us, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn (700) ♦

**Abide With Me** (pg. 5, v. 1, 3)

## Opening Prayer

**Jim Melchiorre**

## Prayer Song

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** (pg. 4, v. 2-3)

## Message for All Ages

**Ekama Eni**

*Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the scripture, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Youth Room (3rd Fl).*

## Hymn (375)

**There Is a Balm In Gilead** (pg. 6, v. 1)

## Scripture

**Lea Matthews**

**Numbers 21: 4-9** (pg. 5)

## Scripture Song

**There Is a Balm In Gilead** (pg. 6, v. 3)

## Sermon

**Pearl Vercruysse**

**"Look at it!"**

## Morning Prayer

**Aurora Celestin**

<b>The Lord's Prayer</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>Prayer Song</b>	<b>Abide With Me</b> (pg. 5, v. 4)
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Passing the Peace</b>	<i>Please greet those right around you with 'Peace be with you'.</i>
<b>Peace Song</b> ♦	<b>Peace Is Flowing Like a River</b> Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free
<b>Love in Action</b>	<b>Andrea Steinkamp</b> (pg. 12) <i>Of tithes, gifts, and prayers</i> (pg. 8-9)
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Beside the Gospel Pool</b> John Newton (1774) & Frank Glass (2022)
<b>Prayer of Gratitude</b>	<b>A.J. Bosco</b>
<b>Sending Song</b> ♦	<b>Come and Find the Quiet Center</b> (pg. 7)
<b>Benediction</b> ♦	<b>Pearl Vercruysse</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</b> Charles Wesley (1747) & William Rowlands (1905)
<b>Livestream</b>	<b>Brent Ness</b> (director), <b>Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound</b> (video)
<b>Audio</b>	<b>Hector Pagan</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Cynthia Round</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Erna Daniels, Shirley Struchen</b>
<b>Childcare</b>	Childcare (ages 1-3) with <b>AI-Naima Finch</b> is available <i>Check in with AI at the reception desk at W86th Entrance.</i>



## Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we'd love to keep in touch, and invite you to fill out a Connect Card at the Welcome Table, or scan this QR code to complete a Connect Card. Thank you for joining us today!

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

WORDS and MUSIC: James Manley, 1978

## REFRAIN



Spi - rit, Spi-rit of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free..



— Spi - rit, Spi-rit of rest-less ness, stir me from pla - cid-ness, Wind,



Wind on the sea. \_\_\_\_\_ 1.You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
2.You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the



deep, \_\_\_\_\_ then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val-leys of sleep. \_\_\_\_\_ And  
sand, \_\_\_\_\_ and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land. \_\_\_\_\_ And



ov - er the e - ons, you \_\_\_\_\_ called to each thing: \_\_\_\_\_ "Wake from your  
when they were blind - ed with their i - dols and lies, \_\_\_\_\_ then you spoke through your



slum - bers, \_\_\_\_\_ and rise on your wings." \_\_\_\_\_  
proph - ets \_\_\_\_\_ to o - pen their eyes. \_\_\_\_\_

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
Then you whispered in silence, when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again,  
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

# Abide with Me



1. A - bide with me, fast falls the ev-en - tide. The dark-ness deep - ens;  
3. I need thy pres - ence ev-'ry pass ing hour. What but thy grace can  
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless. Ills have no weight, and



Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers fail and com-fort  
foil the temp-ter's pow'r? Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can  
tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to -



flees, help of the help-less, O a - bide with me.  
be? Through cloud and sun-shine, O a - bide with me.  
ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

William Henry Monk, 1861

## Scripture Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*The Word of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God.***

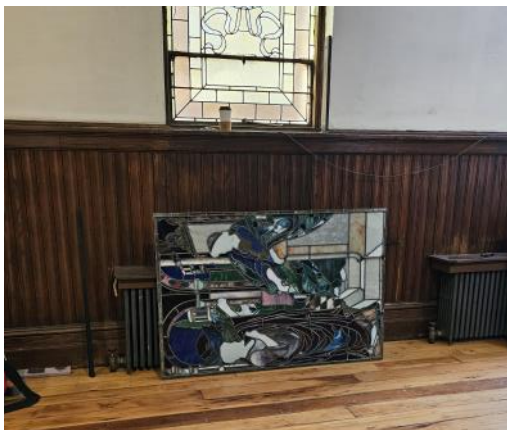
# There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.— There is a  
balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. 1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and  
you can't preach like Pet - er, if  
think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain. —  
you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Je - sus and say he died for all. —  
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole. —  
There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. 3. If - soul.

African American Spiritual

African American Spiritual  
Adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

## Paul Before Agrippa Window Installation



# Come and Find the Quiet Center

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowd-ed 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 Spi-rit, let us trav-el, o-pen to each oth-er's pain. Let our

room for hope to en-ter, find the frame where we are freed. Clear the  
is who speaks and names us, knows our be-ing, touch-es base, mak-ing  
loves and fears un-rav-el, cel-e-brate the space we gain. There's a

cha-os and the clut-ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
peace with-in our think-ing, lift-ing shades to show the sun, rais-ing  
place for deep-est dream-ing, there's a time for heart to care. In the

things that real-ly mat-ter, be at peace and sim-ply be.  
cour-age when we're shrink-ing, find-ing scope for faith be-gun.  
Spi-rit's live-ly schem-ing, there is al-ways room to spare.

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

Southern Folk Tune

## WSCAH 180th Street Warehouse Family Day



# Miracle Monday



## Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/give), scan the QR code, or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be placed in the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Please consider a special birthday gift to the church by selecting "3. Happy Birthday, SPSA" from the dropdown menu.



## Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. 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.



# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

Frank G, healing and back in church  
Kate B, having all her sons at home for a family celebration  
Peggy's trip to Florida  
The McMurterys spreading the joy of music at Jon's concert  
Celebration and relief that Austin and Courteney C both got into NYU graduate school programs  
Celebration also for Aurora's grandmother Mommy Yole's 80th birthday on March 1st and the surprise party her dad pulled off with the family in Florida this past weekend  
Margery & David, offer congratulations to their son Noah on a major grant award after a long "dry" work period

## Health & Healing

Marianne's husband, David  
Continued prayer for Morris G's spirit  
Julia T.  
Kate B's cousin, Larry  
MC for healing from knee surgery after a fall  
Jan H, having surgery this week  
Kathryn's friend Jolene who is dealing with Parkinson's  
Kathryn's friend Betty who is being treated for terminal cancer  
For Kathryn's hearing and sight health and that she find medical providers that will listen to her concerns and needs  
Continued prayers of healing as Aurora recovers from the lingering effects of the flu  
Continued prayers for Gina's dear friend Matt B in the hospital

getting fluid from his lungs drained and beginning chemo  
Cheryl M's nephew Ronnie Matherly, who has serious illnesses  
Cheryl P in a nursing home who needs compassionate care so she doesn't feel deserted.  
Andrea's Aunt Pat and Uncle Rick, both undergoing cancer treatment, and for their children, Jamie and Steven

## Comfort

Continued prayers for Mary Beth Murphy & her family on the death of her father  
Continued prayers for Niurka M, co-founder of our Migrant Monday partner VIA (Venezuelan and Immigrants Aid), whose father passed away  
Continued prayers for Shirley B, in hospice care  
Karen E, rest in peace for her ex-husband, Eduardo Marin, and comfort for family and those who loved him

## Work & Life

Travel Mercies for Billy, Amy's husband  
Kendrea's impending 10-mile run!  
For the blessing of progress from struggling to walk long distance in November to now building from a 5-mile to a 10-mile race.  
Continued prayers for Gillian's job search journey and that the job she has had interviews for hires her; that full-time work comes soon  
Reese, to find peace from frustrations with 2 students who are violent and difficult

Jon Mikel's black tie event; that a long day goes off without a hitch and that he be surrounded by plenty of beauty  
Hannah R, who will preach on March 10 in female led worship service centered around International Women's Day  
Hope that SPSA may create monthly testimony opportunities during service, and also create small-group prayer circles that can deepen and enliven member connections

## Peace & Justice

For the family, friends and supporters of Alexei Navalny  
That the UN's Palestine relief organization (UNRWA) gets the funding necessary to address the humanitarian needs of the Palestinians in Gaza  
Prayers for all the people of Palestine  
Prayers for refugees here and around the world  
For a humane policy for the migrants in our city  
For an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and in the Middle East  
An end to ethnic cleansing and genocide anywhere it is happening  
The U.N., their shelters, and all of the doctors providing care in Israel and Gaza  
Peace and understanding in the U.S. among people of all faiths.  
Intentional prayers that we may all be able to look through other lens in time of strife and war.  
Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world  
For an end to violence in our city

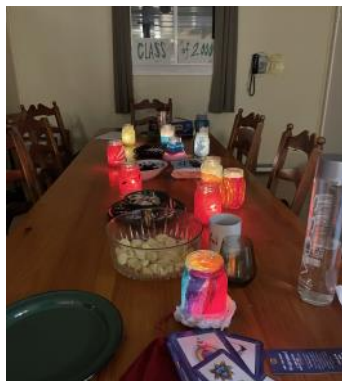
# Sunday Worship & Sunday School



# Happy 189th Birthday & Town Hall Meeting



# Campus Ministry Retreat



# Who's Who

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen\*  
Rev. Lea Matthews\*  
Andrea Steinkamp\*

## Director of Operations

Brent Ness\*

## Facility Manager

Christopher Trombley

## Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass\*

## Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni\*

## Seminary Interns

Aurora Celestin, Pearl Vercruysse

## Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano\*

## Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Revelle Harper,  
Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan,  
Stephen Yee


## Hospitality Coordinator

Al-Naima Finch\*

## Lay Servants


Nancy Meyers, Alicia Pitterson  
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# Putting Love in Action

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### Palm Sunday (March 24)

- 11am: Blessing of Palms & Donkey  
(gather on the West End Ave steps)  
& Palm Sunday Service  
- 12pm: Potluck Brunch at Parsonage

### Holy Thursday (March 28)

- 6pm Service

### Good Friday (March 29)

- 5pm: Crosswalk (E59th & 5th Ave)  
- 7pm: Service

### Easter Sunday (March 31)

- 6:30a: Sunrise at Central Park's  
Belvedere Castle & on Zoom  
Meeting: 876 4661 1392 PW: Easter  
- 11a: Celebration of the Resurrection

**Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch** at the Parsonage following worship on Mar 24. Bring an entrée, salad, dessert, or just bring yourself.

**Devotionals** pick up your very own copy of the Lent Devotional, or sign up for daily emails at [eepurl.com/dkdyqT](http://eepurl.com/dkdyqT)

## 40+ Days of Centering Prayer

This introduction to the contemplative Christian tradition of quieting our minds, letting go, and becoming available to the Divine source will be led by our very own Kate Baum.

*Feb 14-Mar 28 from*

*7-7:15am on Zoom*

Meeting ID: 88507997676

Password: 070774

**Lenten Vespers** using the Devotionals as our guide, join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm in Lent for a service of song, reflection, and prayer.

## Ongoing Programs

**Chancel Choir** meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

**Campus Ministry** meets each Monday, 7pm at Broadway

Presbyterian (114th). Email Ekama\* for additional details.

**Pajama Prayers** our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom 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** a strengthening & stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays, 5:30pm. Email Brent\* for details.

**Kids & Families** Email Pastor Andrea\* for details on upcoming gatherings. Our next Faith & Fun Friday is Apr 10.

**Youth Group** Email Pastor Ekama\* for details on upcoming gatherings.

**Young Adults** will gather in the lower parsonage after the Mar 13 vespers for food and drink. Email Pastor Andrea\* to RSVP or for details on other upcoming gatherings.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Assisting Our New Neighbors** Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands ([tinyurl.com/4et6b662](http://tinyurl.com/4et6b662)). Accepting clothing Feb 25

**Homework Help Tutoring** Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene ([charlenefloyd@aol.com](mailto:charlenefloyd@aol.com))

## Other Good Stuff in the Building

**Mozart for Munchkins** Today at 4pm in the Chapel, featuring Musaquita, the musically talented, high energy, bilingual duo. Tix: \$37 (kids free with paid adult) [mozartformunchkins.com](http://mozartformunchkins.com)

## Bedlam in the West End Theatre

- “The Assassination of Julius Caesar As Told By William Shakespeare & George Bernard Shaw” Previews begin Feb 24. Tix at [bedlam.org](http://bedlam.org) - use code SPSA30 for \$30 tix