

# 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.

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Lea Matthews  
Andrea Steinkamp  
Pastors

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024  
at 11 am



Pearl blesses the communion elements at Columbia U

# Sunday, April 28, 2024 ♦ 5th Sunday of Easter

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

## Prelude

**Frank Glass**

### **A Meditation on 'Blaenwern'**

Penfro Rowlands (1905); arr. by Frank Glass (2024)

## Introit

**There's a Spirit of Love In This Place** (pg. 4, v. 1)

## Call to Worship♦

from Psalm 22

**Martha Morton**

One: Let us praise our God from this great congregation

**All: May we who gather here eat and be satisfied**

One: As we continue together let us never forget your place within our hearts

**All: From every corner of this earth, we proclaim that we will never stop worshipping God**

One: Even after our time here has passed, the Word of the Lord will remain forever and ever

**All: We serve a God whose wonders are without the boundaries of time. How wonderful indeed!**

## Opening Hymn♦

**All Who Hunger** (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

## Opening Prayer

**Martha Morton**

## Prayer Song

**There's a Spirit of Love In This Place** (pg. 4, v. 2)

## Message for All Ages

**Andrea Steinkamp**

*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

**All Who Hunger** (pg. 5, v. 3)

## Scripture Reading

**Kate Eni**

**Acts 8: 26-40** (pg. 4-5)

## Sermon

**Ekama Eni**

**"On the Road Again"**

## Sermon Song ♦

**They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love** (pg. 6, v. 1)

## Morning Prayer

**Pearl Vercruysse**

<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>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love</b> (pg. 6, v. 2)
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Reese Overstreet</b>
<b>Passing the Peace</b> ♦	<b>The Congregation</b> Please share a word of peace with those around you
<b>Peace Song</b> ♦	<b>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</b> (pg. 6-7)
<b>Love in Action</b>	<b>Nancy Meyers</b> (pg. 12)
<b>Offering</b>	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 11)
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Kimilee Bryant &amp; Frank Glass</b> <b>Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Love</b> John Fawcett (1782) & Frank Glass (2021)
<b>Prayer of Gratitude</b>	<b>Ken Guest</b>
<b>Sending Hymn</b> ♦	<b>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</b> (pg. 7)
<b>Benediction</b> ♦	<b>Ekama Eni</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Rescue the Perishing</b> Fanny Crosby & William Doane (1869)
<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>Connie Coddington, Gina Leonetti</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Shirley Struchen</b>
<b>Childcare</b>	Childcare (ages 1-3) with <b>Al-Naima Finch</b> is available <i>Check in with Al at the reception desk at W86th Entrance.</i>

# 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.

## Scripture Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.”<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”<sup>31</sup> He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*The word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, ga - ther glad - ly. Ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers. Seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er. Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been led.



You who yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We who once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in gra - ti - tude.



*Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.*

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1991

MUSIC: William Moore in *The Columbian Harmony*, 1829

# They'll Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spi rit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the  
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each



Spi-rit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all un - i - ty may  
oth-er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that



one day be re- stored. And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our  
God is in this land. And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love. They will know... we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_  
love. They will know... we are Chris-tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

Words and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966, altered

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low! Al-le-



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spi - rit, Ho - ly

Spi - rit! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1674), adapted by Gilbert Vieira (1979)

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge* (1623), harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spi - rit in - to ev' - ry trou - bled breast.  
 3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Let us all in thee, in - her - it, let us find that per - fect rest.  
 sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.

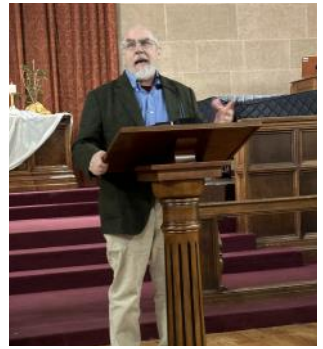
Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure un - boun - ded love thou art!  
 Thee would we be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

Vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart!  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747

Music: William Rowlands, 1905

# Sunday Worship & Cooperative Parish Meeting



Friends from Peru give Pastor K a stole



Eower Manhattan Cooperative Parish



# Youth Group on Zoom



# Columbia University Divestment Encampment



Union Theological seminary students organized and led a service of worship and communion inside the encampment on Monday at Columbia University.

# Miracle Monday



# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

For great conversations and good food stories  
Thanksgiving that Ukraine is going to have support for their people's immediate needs, and that they are not going to be abandoned  
Gillian, 10 days without smoking! And support to keep it up  
Karen E's son-in-law's successful presentation  
Margery, shares gratitude for our children who have surrounded us with support and love as we continue elder transitions  
Community gardens and all their volunteers  
The month of April in glorious bloom  
Joy that Arden is home from the hospital and doing well  
Congratulations to Reese's mother, Stacey, who passed a big certification test this week

## Health & Healing

Rebecca A's mother, Diane, awaiting a biopsy report and the whole family is navigating anticipatory worry  
Continued prayers for Cheryl M, recovering from knee surgery  
Continued prayers for Esther R, for healing  
Continued prayers for Keyona W for strength and healing as she continues through her treatment  
Mary McM's father Stacy E, recovering from cellulitis in both legs  
Continued prayers for Matt B, struggling with health complications that have been preventing him from getting his full doses of chemotherapy  
Gina's cousin Courtney C, whose tongue cancer has spread; also prayers for her cousin's wife Tina C, going through cancer treatment  
For Gina's sister-in-law Kathan, suffering with dementia, her brother David, taking care of her  
Continued prayers for Kathryn's eye and her vision  
Continued prayers for Andrea's Aunt Pat and Uncle Rick, undergoing chemotherapy  
Misty, with lung cancer  
Steve, who has brain surgery as the result of an infection caused by less his than effective

treatment for skin cancer; optimal treatment having been denied due to insurance coverage issues

Continued prayers for Andrea's Aunt Pat and Uncle Rick, both undergoing chemotherapy  
Prayers for Andrea's sister-in-law, Davina, who will have brain surgery in June  
Continued prayers for Bill & Julie's friends, Christina and Kevin, after Christina's fall and serious head injury

## Comfort

Julie J., Marianne's friend  
Continued prayers for Kathryn's friend, Joleen with Parkinsons  
Kathryn's friend, Betty with terminal cancer and her husband Charles who is like a brother to Kathryn  
Continued prayers for Shirley B, in hospice care  
Prayers for Morris G, in hospice care

## Work & Life

Gillian, to find a job, and as she cares for her mother with Alzheimer's; prayers of support as she forges ahead and makes positive life changes for herself  
Prayers of support for all those going to General Conference this week—you got this, and God's got you!!  
Karen E, prayers of support as she hosts two teenage god- daughters this week  
Traveling mercies for Margery, her 16-year-old grandson Isaiah and his father Peter as they go to Santa Fe this week  
Ping's friend, William, going through a tough custody battle  
Prayers of support for protesters on both sides of the 'fence'  
For climate action and serious change to occur post-Earth Day observances; for greater understanding that our natural resources are not infinite; for many parts of the world, like Bogota, experiencing water rationing now

## **Peace & Justice**

Support for Mary Ellen K. and our pastors at  
General Conference

Guidance and wisdom for the administration of  
Columbia University and comfort for the  
students

For a peaceful time over Passover

The people and the land of Haiti

For Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, and  
that truth prevails and our own inner voices are  
not overshadowed by hateful voices

Support for Mehdi Hasan and voices that are  
being suppressed

Prayers for peace builders in all conflicts

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  
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 the world's leaders, that they might have the  
wellbeing of human life and the natural world  
in mind.

Prayers of peace for Gaza, and hope for a  
permanent ceasefire



## **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, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.



## **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.

# Who's Who

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen\*  
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## Director of Operations

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## Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni\*

## Seminary Interns

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Jennifer Serrano\*

## Security / Custodians

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


## Hospitality Coordinator

Al-Naima Finch\*

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# Putting Love in Action

**Whereabouts** Pastors K and Lea, Aurora Celestin, and Mary Ellen Kris are attending General Conference (the session for the highest legislative body of the United Methodist Church) in Charlotte.

**Jazzmobile** Enjoy a free Sunday matinee concert of jazz in the Sanctuary with Paul West & the Bethune Big Band, sponsored by Councilmember Gale Brewer, *Apr 28 at 4pm*

**Dorian Wind Quintet** one of chamber music's preeminent and longest continuously-active ensembles performs a free concert in our Sanctuary, *Tue, Apr 30 at 7pm*

**New Members Class** Our new member class is a chance for you to get to know St. Paul & St. Andrew and for us to get to know you better. Bring your questions, curiosities, and wonderings. Our next class will take place on May 5 after worship, with new members being received on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Email Pastor Lea\* to RSVP.

**Church Council Meeting** on Monday, May 6 at 6pm, including a recap from this year's General Conference in Charlotte.  
Zoom: 868 3756 0831

**WSCAH Rocks the Block** The 3rd annual spring block party – a fun filled day where you can make an impact. Last year, more than 1,000 attendees packed enough food for 20,000 meals. Register at [tinyurl.com/wscahrftb](https://tinyurl.com/wscahrftb) *Sun, May 19 12-4pm*

## Ongoing Programs

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

**Campus Ministry** meets each Monday, 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian (114th). Midnight pancakes is Apr 29. 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 May 10.

**Youth Group** Email Pastor Ekama\* (see page 12 for email) for details on upcoming gatherings.

**Young Adults** Email Pastor Andrea\* for details on upcoming gatherings and our popular Zoom dialogues.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Assisting Our New Neighbors

Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands ([tinyurl.com/spsamiraclemon](https://tinyurl.com/spsamiraclemon)). Next accepting clothing on Sunday, May 5.

**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 In the West End Theatre [wetnyc.org](http://wetnyc.org)

- Bedlam's *Do More: New Plays* continues tomorrow with a reading of *To the Ends of the Earth* by Renae Simone Jarrett, April 29 at 7pm, Reserve free ticket at [bedlam.org/do-more-new-plays](http://bedlam.org/do-more-new-plays)