

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

**Second Sunday
of Easter**
Communion

April 7, 2024
at 11 am



On Easter Sunday, Chester D. Church Mouse returned
to help celebrate the resurrection of Christ

Sunday, April 7, 2024 ♦ 2nd Sunday of Easter

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

Come Down, O Love Divine Richard of Siena (5th C. AD) & Ralph Vaughan Williams (1909) ; arr. Frank Glass (2022)

Introit

We Walk By Faith (pg. 4, v. 1-2)

Call to Worship♦

The Call to Worship,
Opening Prayer, & Great
Thanksgiving adapted
from Pat Bennett, Wild
Goose Resource Group

Rachel Black

One: Watching at the cross we see the powerful reality of a life directed by love ...

All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you in imagination, standing in the graveyard, may fear be thrown off, our lives energized, and our feet follow yours in the service of justice.

One: Waiting by the tomb we glimpse the challenging potential of a life constrained by love ...

All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you in the world, incarnated in others, may selfishness be defied, our hearts expanded, and our hands join with yours in the service of liberation.

One: Walking in the garden and huddled behind locked doors we encounter the vibrant possibilities of a life reborn through love ...

All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you beyond time, present in bread and wine, may what is wounded be healed through Love and what is mortal be transformed by Life in the service of your Kin-dom.

Opening Hymn 407♦

Close To Thee (pg. 5)

Opening Prayer

Nora Matthews

Prayer Song 623

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face (pg. 5, v. 1-2)

Reading

Donna Matthews

When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou (pg. 6)

Message for All Ages

Lea Matthews

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

We Walk By Faith (pg. 5, v. 3 & 1)

Gospel Reading ♦

Ekama Eni

John 20: 19-31 (pg. 6-7)

Gospel Hymn ♦

Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 7, v. 1-2)

Homily	Andrea Steinkamp “Unlock Your Doors!”
Sung Response	Easter People, Raise Your Voices (pg. 7, v. 3)
Welcome	K Karpen
Passing the Peace ♦	The Congregation Please greet those around you with a word of peace
Peace Song ♦	<i>Allelu, allelu-allelu; Allelu, allelu, allelu (2x)</i> <i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! (2x)</i>
Love in Action	Julia Tulloch (pg. 12)
Offering	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 11)
Offertory	Choir The Unknown Traveler Charles Wesley (1742) & Lucius Chapin (1815); arr. Frank Glass (2024)
The Great Thanksgiving (pg. 8)	K Karpen, Pearl Vercruyse
Sharing of the Bread & Cup	The Congregation
Prayer After Receiving	Aurora Celestin
Sending Hymn 310	He Lives! (pg. 8)
Benediction ♦	Andrea Steinkamp
Postlude	Frank Glass Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus Eliza Hewitt & Emily Wilson (1898)
Livestream Audio	Brent Ness (director), Chaz Pittman/Red Gate Sound (video)
Counters	Hector Pagan
Greeters	Linda Bloom, Connie Coddington
Childcare	Erna Daniel, Carla Mikell
	Childcare (ages 1-3) with Al-Naima Finch is available Check in with AI at the reception desk at W86th Entrance.

We Walk by Faith



1. We walk by faith and not by sight: No gra-cious words we
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he
3. Help, then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and may our faith a -
1. We walk by faith and not by sight: No gra-cious words we



hear of him who spoke as
trod; yet in his prom - ise
bound to call on you when
hear of him who spoke as



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord, my God."
you are near, and seek where you are found.
none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.

Henry Alford, 1844

Samuel McFarlane, c. 1815
Harmonized by Richard Proulx, 1986

Close to Thee



1.Thou my ev - er - last-ing por-tion, more than friend or life to me, all a -
 2.Not for ease - or world-ly plea-sure, nor for fame my pray'r shall be. Glad-ly
 3.Lead me through the vale of sha-dows, bear me o'er life's fit - ful sea, then the



long my pil-grim jour-ney, Sav-ior, let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee, close to
 will I toil and suf-fer, on-ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee, close to
 gate of life e - ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee. Close to thee, close to thee, close to



thee, close to thee! All a-long my pil-grim jour-ney, Sav-ior, let me walk with thee.
 thee, close to thee! Glad-ly will I toil and suf-fer, on-ly let me walk with thee.
 thee, close to thee! Then the gate of life e - ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

Fanny Crosby, 1874

Silas Vail, 1874

Here, O My Lord



1.Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face. Here would I touch and
 2.This is the hour of ban-quet and of song. This is the heav'n - ly



han - dle things un - seen; here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal
 ta - ble spread for me. Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro -



grace, and all my wear - i - ness up - on thee lean.
 long the hal-lowed hour of fel - low - ship with thee.

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1857

MUSIC: Edward Dearle, 1874

When Great Trees Fall

Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.

Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.

Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance,
fall away.

We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold
caves.

And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

Gospel Reading from John 20: 19-31 THE INCLUSIVE BIBLE

In the evening of that same day, the first of the week, the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, “Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I’m sending you.”

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus or Twin—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, “We’ve seen Jesus!”

Thomas’s answer was, “I’ll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound.”

Easter People Raise Your Voices



1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voi - ces! Sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing here be - low.
3. Ev - 'ry day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song.



Christ has brought us hea - ven's choi - ces. Heav'n - ly mu - sic, — let it ring!
For our Lord em - pow - ered us to tri - umph ov - er — ev - 'ry foe.
When in trou - ble, move the fas - ter to our God, who rights the wrong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - t'ry now we go!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the pow'r of heav'n - ly throngs.

William James, 1979

Henry Smart, 1867

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you."

Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!"

Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!"

Jesus said then, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who

have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus's Name.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

[...]So we, too,
recalling that moment,
and honoring that life,
take and break this bread
and pour out this wine
as a confirmation and sign
that we are part of its ongoing story.
And remembering with wonder and joy
that Love – though broken on a cross –
was not defeated,
and – though swallowed by death –
was not silenced,
but lives unvanquished
and speaks still, and to all,

words of welcome, healing and hope,
we join our voices with that of Creation
and with all those who bear witness
across the world
and throughout the ages
to the transforming power of God's love and life:

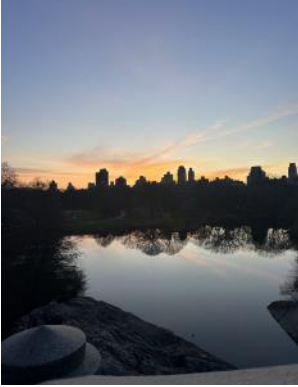
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

He Lives!

Alfred Ackley, 1933

1. I serve a ris-en Sav-ior, who's in the world to-day. — I know that he is
3. Re-joyce, re-joyce, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing — e-ter-nal hal-le-
liv-ing, what-ev-er foes may say. — I see his hand of mer-cy, I hear his voice of
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who
cheer. And just the time I need him, he's al-ways near. — He lives, — he lives, — Christ
find. — No oth-er is so lov-ing, — so good and kind. —
Je-sus lives to-day! — He walks with me and talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. — He
lives, — he lives — sal - va - tion to im - part. — You
ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart! —

Easter Sunrise Service



Easter Worship



Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

A full Holy Week

Two glorious Easter services

The return of Chester and Shirley Bananas

Health & Healing

Cheryl M, for healing after knee surgery this week

Esther R, for healing post-surgery

Cheryl's nephew, Randy, who is having seizures

Alicia's friend, Cheryl, in the ICU

Jane D, who broke her ankle hiking and requires surgery

Amy's sister Jennifer

Amy

Continued prayers for Keyona W, and her continued treatment for colon cancer

Continued prayers for Meg B, recovering from her strokes; prayers of comfort for her family

Healing and recovery for MC, following knee surgery

Jan H, for ongoing healing

Charles' grandson Quince's best friend Autumn, who is battling leukemia

Continued prayers for Matt B. with lung cancer, undergoing chemo, and experiencing some complications

Continued prayers for Gina's cousin Courtney in Sweden, struggling with cancer, whose prognosis is serious at this time; prayers as well as her extended family

Continued prayers for Tina, also with cancer, and seems to be doing well

Kathryn's friend Betty in her cancer treatment and hope for remission; prayers too for her husband

Charles

Kathryn's cousin Joyce's husband, who has cancer

Marianne's friend, Laura

Ann C

Julia T

Continued prayers for Kevin and Christina, friends of Bill and Julie

Jan's friend Jeanette and her neighbor Toby, for healing from injury and loss in Brooklyn house fire

Continued healing for Patty

Emily and Trevor as they prepare for the birth of a baby boy

Hannah's colleague, Angel, for the care that he needs

Sharon struggling with mental health issues

God's healing love for Lennie Jr.

Karen & David's cousin Carolyn for her renewed health & confidence

Healing for Barry, who fractured his back from a fall down the subway stairs

Comfort

Families and the communities of the World Central

Kitchen aid workers who were killed in Gaza

Friends and family of Guin Gregory after her passing, as well as a celebration of her life

Continued prayers for Elizabeth (Gemstain's mother) and her family, after the recent passing of her brother

Continued prayers for Kathryn's friend, Joleen with Parkinsons

For June's friend and neighbor, Carole, and for June

Continued prayers for Shirley B, in hospice care

Prayers for Morris G, in hospice care

Friends and family on the passing of Lora Martens

Friends and family on the passing of Mary Thompson

Andrea's Aunt Pat & Uncle Rick, receiving palliative care for cancer and for their children, Jamie & Steven

For Joyce B's friend, Nadine and her step-daughter on the sudden death of their husband and father; for comfort and strength for them

For those who suffer with bipolar disorder
The people and city of Baltimore

Work & Life

For the success of Mari's off-Broadway show
Graduating seniors as they begin to look for work
Continued prayers for Mary and her husband
John, and UNLV as a whole
Traveling mercies for David & Margery driving
south from March 30 – April 16
Strength & clarity for
Carolyn's daughter Misa as she discerns whether
to return to school

Peace & Justice

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

Easter Lilies (Omitted from last week's bulletin)

Christen Genga, in memory of Meda Luscko



Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit 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*
Rev. Lea Matthews*
Andrea Steinkamp*

Director of Operations

Brent Ness*

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Christopher Trombley

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Ekama Eni*

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Putting Love in Action

Rally To Mark Six Months in Captivity

Today, beginning at noon, more than 140 organizations, schools, and synagogues will rally at the United Nations to bring attention to the 6 months hostages have been held by Hamas. Join the rally after worship.

Brunch for Newcomers For those new or newish to the St. Paul & St. Andrew community, join our pastors for a "Get-to-know-one-another" brunch in the Parsonage after our April 14 service. We'd love the opportunity to get to know you better and answer your questions about the church community!

New Members Class Get to know St. Paul & St. Andrew and 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.

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 12.

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/4et6b662). Next accepting clothing on today & Apr 14

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)

West Side Campaign Against Hunger

emergency food pantry based at the church is looking for volunteers. Sign-up through New York Cares or email volunteer@wscach.org. Contributions can be made at www.wscach.org/donate

TOP Clubhouse supportive programming for adults with a history of mental illness, welcomes volunteers to help its members. Email Monica at mrahman@goddard.org

Other Good Stuff in the Building In the West End Theatre wetnyc.org

- "If We Kiss" A romantic comedy about first kisses and new families. Apr 10 thru 20
- "Puccini" presented by Chelsea Opera, Apr 26 & 27

Jazzmobile Enjoy a free Sunday matinee concert of jazz in the Sanctuary, sponsored by Councilmember Gale Brewer, Apr 28 at 4pm