



JESUS MAFA. Jesus welcomes the children

Nineteenth Sunday after PENTECOST

**Proper 21B
Sept 30, 2018 | 9:15**

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

Our Vision

We seek to become a community that mirrors the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus. We do that in five important ways: We praise God, invite all, connect lives, nurture faith, and serve neighbor.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



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Children Formation

Godly Play (3 years old - 4th grade) | 10:20a-11:05a

The basis for Godly Play is that children are spiritual and have an incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning together out of the biblical stories they hear.

Topic: Creation (Pre-K to Grade 2), The Story of Abraham (Grade 3-4).

Place: Lower Level Godly Play Rooms

Pathfinders (5th graders) | 10:20a-11:05a

Pathfinders has a focus on Christian Education informed by Scripture and tradition.

Topic: Isaac is born and God tests Abraham

Place: Pathfinders Room, Lower Level

Looking for a room? Find a map on the Welcome Table at the south entrance of the church.

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive Communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive Communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The Nursery is down the southwest stairs. And finally, changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the Nursery.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

How do I find my way around?

There's a map at the Welcome Table near the west entrance to the church. Also feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the First floor, Lower level and Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service as they need.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, 10:20a-11:05a

Today we're joining the Intergenerational Formation this morning on Thurgood Marshall. Sit together with the youth group for the lecture and then head back to the youth room to discuss what you learned.

Youth Group

Sunday, September 30th - The Great Youth Group Baking Show, 5-7p

Have you seen the Great British Baking Show? Well this will probably be nothing like that...come tonight to compete in a technical baking competition to see who is...SPR's best amateur baker! (No skills or materials required. You will work in teams; Amazon gift cards to the winners!) Dinner provided.

Coming up: Saturday, Oct 6 - Sunday, Oct 7, 5p-8a - SPR Youth Lock-in!!!

Stay tuned for info on the following small groups throughout the year:

- **High School Small Group** | (Open to all high school youth, grades 9-12; advanced sign-up required)
- **SPR Youth Girls Group** | (Open to all young woman-identified young people, grades 6-12; RSVP to events required.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Prelude

Theme and Variations I, II and IV from *Twelve Variations on a Theme from Handel's Oratorio "Judas Maccabeus"* (1796), Wo O 45

Roger Ferlo, *violoncello*

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
2. (There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you
3. (If you) say He saved you from your sin, Now you're
know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex -
know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the one to
weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can make it
pres - sions on each face, And I know they feel the pres - ence of the
pro - fit when you say, "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the
right if you will yield; You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we
Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,
way."
feel.
Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.
And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; With - out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when
we shall leave this place. 2. There are
3. If you place.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #120 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Words & Music: Doris Akers (1922-1995)

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+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Esther.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

St. Nicholas Choir sings:

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come 'round where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, 'twill be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

What a gift to be gathered, to be joined all as one,
What a gift to share in all that God has done,
What a gift to be celebrating goodness and grace,
What a gift to rejoice in this holy place.

Here where the love of God is found,
and peace rules our hearts grace and mercy abound,
may all join in one grateful song,
let our words be true and hearts be strong.

Music: Simple Gifts, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822)

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A reading from the letter of James.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Please stand as able and sing.

Al - lun-dé, Al-lun-dé_____ Al - lun-dé Al-lu-ya,_____ Al-

(echo, tacet first time)

Al - lun - dé, Al - lun - dé_____ Al - lun - dé Al - lu - ya,_____

Fine

lun - dé, Al - lun - dé,_____ Al - lun - dé Al - lu - ya._____

Al - lun - dé, Al - lun - dé,_____

Verse

1. Salt of the earth, light of the world: cho-sen and called,_____

3. Spi - rit of truth, pow - er and love: fire in our hearts_____

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3. Spi - rit of truth, pow - er and love: fire in our

1. — heav-en's child-ren, Al - lun - dé,_____ cho - sen and called,_____

3. — and our voi - ces, Al - lun - dé,_____ fire in our hearts_____

1. called,_____ Al - lun - dé,_____ cho - sen and

3. hearts,_____ Al - lun - dé,_____ fire in our

D.C. al Fine

1. — heav - en's child - ren, Al - lun - dé._____

3. — and our voi - ces, Al - lun - dé._____

1. called,_____ Al - lun - dé._____

3. hearts,_____ Al - lun - dé._____

"Allunde, allunde"

Words: Traditional. Music: East African Chant, arr. Geoff Weaver (b. 1943) and Michael O'Connor

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev'd KJ Oh, *Assistant Priest.*

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery. We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery.

Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

All stand.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Giver of every good gift, your lively imagination fashioned this world that delights us, and your own yearning for partnership has entrusted us to one another. Hear us as we open our hearts to our neighbors and our minds to your intention for the planet we share.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your Church and for all communities of faith, that we might reflect your love and justice in our worship, our teaching, our decision-making, and our life together. We pray especially for all bishops, priests, pastors, and deacons, as the challenge and brokenness of leadership is so evident in these days. May we discern our leaders wisely, and tend to them with intention, honesty and care.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who teach and all who learn, at the beginning of this new school year--that we might sharpen our minds and strengthen our hearts not only for our own benefit, but for the enrichment of all creation. May we humble ourselves in the service of greater understanding, that we might see ourselves rightly, and treasure the complexity of the world around us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those persons whose lives have been devastated by nature's power--by winds, fires or floods--and for those whose futures are constrained by human acts of power. We pray especially for refugees, immigrants, and undocumented persons, that they might dwell in security and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Presence and Peace, bless the careful work of our parish's search committee as this church seeks to honor your will in the calling of our next rector. May our emotions and prayers join with your whole church's in this knotted time of parsing, pausing, and transition.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who mourn, that they might know the comfort of community and your healing presence. We pray especially for **Laura** Pereira (daughter of Carolyn Pereira), **Jerry** DeMuth, **Dot** Baker, **Rosemary** Gooden, **Stacey** Gray (niece of Ron & Leslie Gatton), **Patsy** Steimer (friend of Carolyn Pereira), **Sean** Knight (son of Shirley Knight), **Sue** Fenn, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (friends and family of Tonsgards), **Alberta** Addison, **Lee** Allen and **Rebecca** (friends of Jane Stuart), **Sterling** Evans (husband of Hyacinth Evans), **Amanda** Wilson (niece of Curtis Myers), **Bronwen** O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Jennifer** Penn, **Kenneth** Larsen (father of David Larsen), and **George & Olive** Whitley, as well as for strength and support for those caring for them.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our beloved dead who are now in your presence. We pray specially for **Jessie** Woods (10/2/2004, former parishioner), **Harley** Follmer, Sr. (10/3, father of David Follmer), **Ruth** Cokiegee (10/3/1962, mother of D. Maria Neighbors), **Nathaniel** Williams (10/5/1998, father of Gail Williams), and **Richard** Wolcott (10/6/1980, father of Sally Wolcott).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We praise you for all the good which you have lavishly bestowed upon us, especially those celebrating birthdays, including, **Thomas** Christensen (9/30), **Fred** Donner (9/30), **Rebecca** Luttrell (10/4), **Julia** McMillan (10/4), **Carolyn** Pereira (10/4), **Julia** Rademacher-Wedd (10/4), **Jacob** de Jong (10/6), **Liam** de Jong (10/6), and **Taylor** Dugas (10/6); and those celebrating anniversaries, including, **Megan & Jason** Cather (10/2), and the **Rev'd Canon D. Maria Neighbors** celebrating the 30th anniversary of her ordination.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Gracious God, you have charged us with the binding and loosing of our brothers and sisters. Give us the grace to see you in the faces of our neighbors, and the courage to serve you in daily acts of kindness and reconciliation.

Amen.

Prayers written by Cynthia Lindner

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats.

Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary.

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

Truly did suffer, sacrificed upon the cross for mankind.

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine.

From whose pierced side blood and water flowed.

Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Be unto us a foretaste at the time of trial in death.

Words: 14th cent.; attr. Pope Innocent VI

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the Altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing.

Translation: Holy, holy, holy, my heart adores you. My heart knows that you are holy, Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te_a - do - ra.
In God's Name is com - ing the One whom we call bless - ed.



Mi cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to_e - res Se - ñor.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

"Santo, santo, santo"

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also + that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever.

AMEN.

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), Eucharistic Prayer A

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever.
 Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Cantor introduces the Antiphon, which all then sing together. The Cantor sings each verse. All respond to each verse, singing the Antiphon.

Refrain



The dis - ci - ples — knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing — of the bread.

- 1 The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Antiphon**
- 2 One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Antiphon**

The Hymnal 1982 #S-167 "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"
 Music: Mode 6 melody, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive Communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of Communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher.

The ushers will help each section up to the altar. But don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (SE corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

Andante Cantabile

Commissioned for Roger Ferlo on his sixtieth birthday by his wife Anne Harlan
 Roger Ferlo, violoncello
 Music: William Bradley Roberts

All Sing.

♩ = 80
 introduction



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,

7

I have heard my peo-ple cry.	All who dwell in deep - est sin	My hand will save.
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.	I have wept for love of them,	They turn a - way.
I will tend the poor and lame.	I will set a feast for them,	My hand will save.



13



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a-lone.
Fi-nest bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

18



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

23



Here I am, Lord._____ Is it I, Lord?_____ I have heard you cal-ling in the

30



night._____ I will go, Lord,_____ if you lead me,_____ I will hold your

37



1.2. keyboard 3.
peo-ple in my heart._____ heart._____

"I, the Lord of sea and sky" ("Here I am, Lord")
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Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Loving God,

**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All Sing.

1. Gra - cious Spi - rit, give - your ser - vants joy to set — sin's cap - tives free,
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come — our great high priest,
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the no - thing - ness of space,
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing, un - be - gun,

1. Hope to heal the bro - ken - heart ed, peace to share — love's lib - er - ty.
2. tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture to re - deem — the last — and least:
3. kind - ling life where all — was emp ty, turn - ing cha - os in - to grace:
4. bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice, right - eous and — for - giv - ing One:

1. Through us bring your balm — of glad - ness to the wound ed and op - pressed;
2. let your cou - rage and — com - pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries;
3. when we feel con - fused — and fruit less, dawn up - on — our rest - less night;
4. so en - fold us in — your mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite;

1. help us claim and show God's fa - vor as — a peo - ple called and blessed.
2. as — our Sa - vior and — our Shep - herd, lead - us to — the truth that frees.
3. give - us faith's im - ag - in - a - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
4. through us may the world be - hold you, find - your love, your truth, your light.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #782 "Gracious Spirit, give your servants"

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, 87. 87. D, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991); Final verse harmonization by Noel Rawsthorne; adapted and enhanced by Christian M. Clough; descant CMC

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations X and XII from *Twelve Variations on a Theme from Handel's Oratorio "Judas Maccabeus"* (1796), Wo O 45

Roger Ferlo, *violinello*

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

COMING UP

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE - FINAL PHASE APPROACHING

The Search Committee is excited to share that we are moving closer to the final stage of our discernment. In mid-August we received 23 names from the diocese. Of those, 17 received three essay questions that delved deeper into who we are as a parish. From those 17, there were five candidates that the committee unanimously felt emerged as truly understanding of the charisms of SPR. We have just completed video interviews with all five of those outstanding individuals. Our next step is to determine two or three finalists. In October and early November those finalists will make site visits to SPR. During that visit they will also travel downtown to meet with the Bishop and diocesan staff. In turn, we will visit them in their current settings. *The parish will not meet the candidates in this phase.* This is primarily to protect the individuals' confidentiality and to assure consistency in the search process. We will update you again when this final phase begins. Any questions, please approach any of the committee members or email us at search@sprchicago.org. The committee is grateful for your continued patience as we move thoughtfully through this process.

Gail Williams and Ellen Wiggins, Co-chairs;

Committee members: Kenji Kuramitsu, Eva Nielsen, Bruce Plummer, Alicia Chipman, Jane McCamant, Hank Underwood and Sem Sutter

Adult Formation TODAY | "Thurgood Marshall: Defiant Saint" with historian Rosemary Gooden, PhD

Join us at 10:20am in the Parish Hall for an Adult Formation session by Rosemary Gooden on Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

NEXT :

10/7/2018 "Animal Theology in the Hebrew Scriptures" with Hebrew Scripture scholar Ken Stone PhD (Chicago Theological Seminary)

20s/30s Get-Together | TODAY

Join us immediately following the 11:15 service today for a 20s/30s gathering to celebrate the life of our community amidst the coming of fall. We will share a meal together, talk a bit about our summers, and hear some hopes for the coming year – new and old faces are very welcome! RSVP at sprchicago.org/2030 or email Kenji Kuramitsu: kenjikuramitsu@gmail.com.

50s and Better Pot-luck meal | 10/13 at 6 PM

Join us for another pot-luck meal for all 50s and Better folks in our parish. This will be on Saturday, October 13 at 6pm at the residence of Bob & Sheila Bator at 5830 S Stony Island, Apt 12a. Ample free parking is usually available at night on both sides of Stony Island Avenue. Please let us know by email whether or not you can join us for fellowship, good food and conversation. If you can make it, please indicate what you plan to bring (a serving for 8 people): beverages; bread/rolls; appetizer; main dish; side dish, or dessert. Questions? Need a lift? rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com 773-643-1881

SPR on Tap | 10/2 at 7:30 PM

Please join us for SPR on Tap on Tuesday, October 2, from 7:30-9 in the Byllesby Room. Beer, refreshing non-alcoholic beverages and good conversation will be enjoyed by all! Questions? Contact Romonda McKinney Bumpus at romonda.mckinney@gmail.com

Pet Blessing | 10/6 at 11:00 AM

On Saturday, October 6 Rev. Julianne Buenting will be blessing pets at the church at 11am. Weather permitting we will meet in the SPR Garden (alternatively we will gather in St. Cecilia Room in the Lower Level). You are invited to bring all kinds of animals and pets and/or even stuffed toys you would like to be blessed.

(In)Justice for All Film Festival | 10/7 at 1 PM

On Sunday, October 7, at 1 pm, SPR's Anti-Racism Working Group will host a screening and discussion of the documentary, *The Mayor's Race*, as part of the (In)Justice for All Film Festival. Back for its 5th year, Trinity UCC and The Next Movement's (In)Justice for All Film Festival hosts engaging, life-changing feature films, shorts and music videos. With screenings running from October 4 - 13, this year's films will explore: the Criminal (In)Justice System and the Epidemic of Mass Incarceration; Racism and White Supremacy; and Human Rights. Check their website at <http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>. The Mayor's Race follows Marvin Rees, a 'mixed race' man in his 40's, as he runs for mayor in Bristol, UK in 2012. Watch a trailer and learn more about the film at themayorsracefilm.com. Email antiracism@sprchicago.org with any questions.

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Today's Ministers

Presider

KJ Oh

Preacher

KJ Oh

Deacon

Jack Seymour

Musicians

Roger Ferlo, *'cello*

Christian M. Clough, *Music Leader*

Acolytes

George Stackert, Mathew Erlec, Andrew Rostan

Gospel Subdeacon

11:15: Twila Jones

Lectors

Gabriel Lear, Kimberly Cook

Prayer Reader

Cynthia Lindner

Children's Chapel Leaders

Monte Tugwete, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

Peggy Johnson, Sarah Lincoln, Gail Williams

Healing Prayer Leaders

Michelle Dassinger, Joshua Daniel

Ushers

Richelle Stackert, David Stewart

Vestry Greeter

Thomas Christensen

Altar Guild

Michelle Dassinger

Linen Washer

Janet Underwood

Communion Bread Baker

Michelle Dassinger

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

This week's Commemorations in ***A Great Cloud of Witnesses***

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- Sept 30 Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420
- October 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530
- October 3 John Raleigh Mott, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955
- October 4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
- October 6 William Tyndale, 1536, and Miles Coverdale, 1568, Translators of the Bible

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