

In celebration of Black History Month, our bulletin cover art during the month of February will honor African-American Episcopal saints. Today's image features Anna Julia Hayward Cooper (1858-1964). Anna was a civil rights activist, writer, and educator who championed equal educational opportunities for women as a means of uplifting the entire Black race. In 1925, at the age of 67, she became the 4th African American woman to earn a PhD. Her feast day, February 28th, is shared with fellow educator Elizabeth Evelyn Wright.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER February 20, 2022 | 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.

Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a Let's Get Connected form.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact interim director of children's formation Padma Vundi (vundi@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

Join the SPR Choirs

The children's choirs, St. Nicholas Choir (SNC) for children in grades 2 and below, and the SPR Choristers for children and young people from grade 3 up rehearse on Thursdays at 6pm. SNC finishes at 6:30; and the Choristers will finish at 7pm, inclusive of snack time. Please contact Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org) to learn more about SNC, and Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org) for the Choristers. The adult choirs for the 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies rehearse together beginning at 7pm. Contact Christian for more information. Visitors are welcome!

Youth Ministries

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us for youth formation (grades 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7pm | The youth are invited to the Seven Ten Social in Hyde Park for bowling. For logistical ease, we will have the youth meet and be picked up at the bowling alley, which is located at 1055 E 55th Street (between Ellis and Greenwood). For more information contact Director of Youth Formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

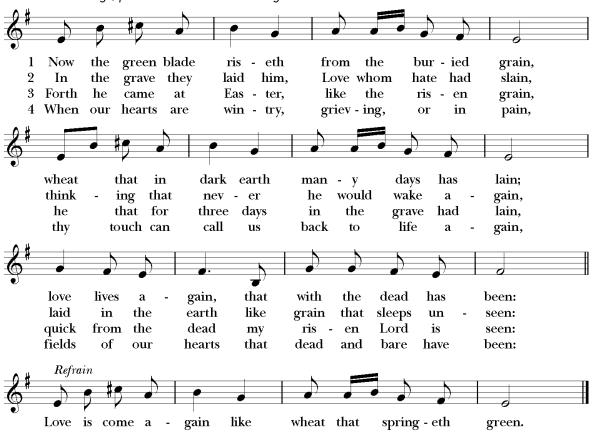
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Elegy for organ

Music: Willian Grant Still (1895-1978)

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



The Hymnal 1982 #204 "Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain"

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt. Music: *Noël nouvelet*, 11 10. 10 11, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971); adapt. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935); alternative accompaniment George Mims (b. 1938)

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Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord,

you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The choir introduces the Refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the Refrain where indicated.



Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in God and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in God, who shall give you your heart's desire. **Refrain**

Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, who will bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. **Refrain**

Be still before God; for God wait patiently.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon God shall possess the land. **Refrain**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from God who is their stronghold in time of trouble.

God will help them and rescue them; the Holy One will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in God. **Refrain**

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from

heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and sing.



[&]quot;Jesus calls us. Come follow me"

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

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

Luke 6:27-38

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel (9:15 only)

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Padma Vundi and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Lydia Gajdel (Priest Associate)

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

Please stand as able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

During the silence after each bidding, you are invited to offer your own prayers silently.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishop-elect, Paula; for our assisting bishop, Chilton; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Shawn** Hannan (2/20), **Marek** Prochaska (2/20), **Lashawn** Davis (2/21), **Susan** Hohl (2/21), **Peter** Lane (2/21), **Teagan** Bigger (2/22), **P.J.** Karafiol (2/22), **Nat** Peterscross (2/22), **Emily** Hines (2/23), **Cathy** Pilkington (2/23), and **Tina** Dugas (2/24). *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for **Dan** Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), **Bob** Naftzger, **Deanna** Mills (aunt of Julia McMillan), **Manohar** Kamat, **Hank** Underwood, **Jenny** Jeck, **Naomi** Haynes, **Tim** Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Chloe** Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), and all those on our prayer list. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. We pray especially for **Charles** Tolbert (2/17/2022, brother of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Michael** Iwanagua (2/21, former parishioner), **Paul** Spaltro (2/23/2016, brother of Fran Spaltro), Elizabeth [**Betty**] Espy Owens (2/23/1985, mother of Mary Naftzger), and **Olive** Whitley (2/24/2019, former parishioner).

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Prayer list: Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Bob Naftzger, Deanna Mills (aunt of Julia McMillan), Manohar Kamat, Al Baker, Ron Gatton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All are invited to bow or kneel.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory



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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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant adds a preface.

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:



Words: ICET

Music: Carl MaultsBy, from The Saint Mary Mass

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



"Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)

Words: ICET

Music: Carl MaultsBy, from The Saint Mary Mass

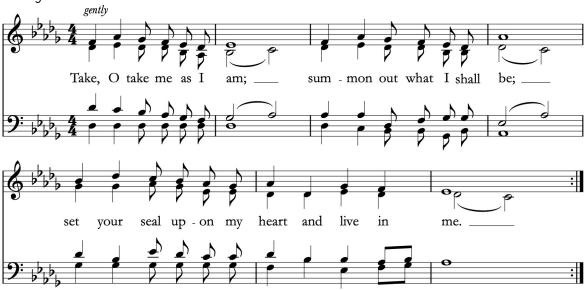
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

All sing.



"Take, O take me as I am" (Iona Community)

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All sing.



African American Heritage Hymnal - #501 "Jesus is real to me"

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Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**





The Hymnal 1982 - #657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Hyfrydol, 87. 87. D, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Strenuous Life: A Ragtime Two-Step

Music: Scott Joplin (c. 1868-1917)



Adult Formation: Gordon Parks

In April & May the Art Committee will feature artwork inspired by photojournalist Gordon Parks who used his camera to tell stories. Join us **today at 10:20am** in the parish hall for an adult formation led by Carolyn Pereira to learn more about the life and work of Gordon Parks.

Ash Wednesday Worship

You are invited to attend worship on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, in preparation to observe a solemn and holy Lent

- 12:00pm: Rite I (traditional language) Eucharist in the chapel.
- 5:30pm: Children's service. We will learn how palms are turned into ashes and discover the symbols and stories of Lent. This service is followed by a soup supper. Adults are also welcome.
- 7:30pm: Choral Eucharist. The combined adult choirs will sing.

Carnival Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, February 27** for our first in-person Carnival Sunday (inspired by Mardi Gras) in two years! We'll have festive music and celebrate with a meal after the 9:15 & 11:15 services.

SPR Staff Singers

The role of SPR's valued Staff Singers is changing! Starting this month, they sing at both 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies throughout the year (and will no longer regularly attend midweek rehearsals). Christian is actively recruiting for the Tenor and Bass Staff Singer vacancies. If you know someone who would be interested in either of these positions, please have them contact him right away at clough@sprchicago.org.

LivingWorks Suicide Prevention Training

The Episcopal Church is offering a free suicide prevention training to all members through LivingWorks. The online program takes 60-90 minutes to complete and is appropriate for teens (ages 13+) and adults. to learn more or register visit dfms.formstack.com/forms/start_training.

Food Pantry Donations

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of paper **shopping** bags and

- Canned: sweet peas, green beans, mixed vegetables
- Canned or dry: black-eyed peas, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, black beans
- Cereal: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, oatmeal, grits

You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Please do not leave donations outside the church in freezing temperatures, as we must discard canned goods that have frozen. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS and SPR's new Faith in Action Team

Have you been interested in social justice issues but haven't been sure how to plug in? Join Anti-Racism Working Group members Sara Bigger and Bri Kuramitsu in an introductory meeting via Zoom about starting a Faith in Action Team (FIAT) at SPR on **Monday, February 21**st at **7pm**. A member from Community Renewal Society (CRS) will join us and share details about being a partner organization and how we can get involved. Join us to learn more about what a FIAT is and what being a member would entail. To sign up, email brianna.kuramitsu@gmail.com and you will receive a Zoom link before the event.

Lenten Formation Series: Visual Journey Through Scripture

During Lent 2022, join priest associate Roger Ferlo once again for a six-session Lenten study course. Using online resources from the website *Visual Commentary on Scripture*, we will pair key Scripture passages with visual images drawn from Western artistic traditions. The course will meet on Zoom on six Wednesdays in Lent from **7pm-8:30pm**. Mark your calendars for **Wednesdays**, **March 9**, **16**, **23**, **29**, **and April 6**, **13**. Sign up in the narthex to register, to ensure that you receive each week's advance material, in case you might like to do a little advance preparation.

A Call for Visual Artists-Images Inspired by Gordon Parks

In April & May the Art Committee will feature artwork inspired by photojournalist Gordon Parks who used his camera to tell stories. Images including the title and size should be sent to Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com) by March 25. For display in the chapel, also drop off the artwork in the church office by March 25, framed and ready to hang. The show will be posted on SPR's web page and in the chapel by April 3. There will be a virtual reception on Zoom at 5pm on April 3.

ARWG Black History Month Picks

The Anti-Racism Working Group invites you to celebrate Black History Month by deepening your knowledge of Black history. Visit tinyurl.com/SprBlackHistory to see some of our favorite resources, and email antiracism@sprchicago.org to submit your own. We encourage folks to invite a partner to engage one of these sources and discuss it together during the month of February. This week's top picks are:

- Book: We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
- Music Playlist: Southern Black Women by Hanif Abdurragib (Spotify)
- Netflix Show: High on the Hog

Serving Today

February 20, 2021

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh Preacher: The Rev. Lydia Gajdel

Deacons: The Rev. Jack Seymour, The Rev. Barnabas

Pusnur

Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Padma Vundi, Gretchen Eng

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan (9:15)

Lectors: Kenji Kuramitsu (9:15); Mel Parks, Rahsaan Morris

(11:15)

Ushers: Connie Bonbrest (9:15), Rahsaan Morris (11:15) Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans (9:15), Rebecca Luttrell (11:15)

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Beulah Shoesmith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.

