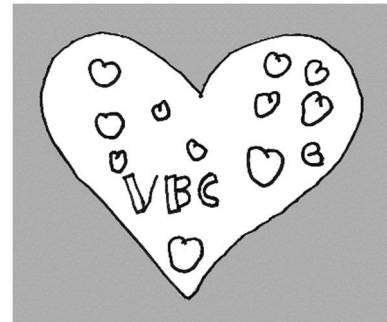
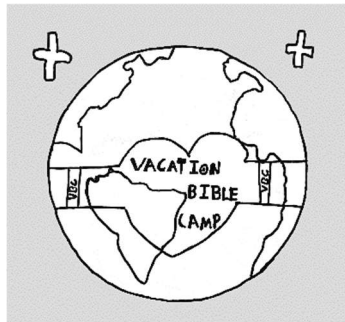
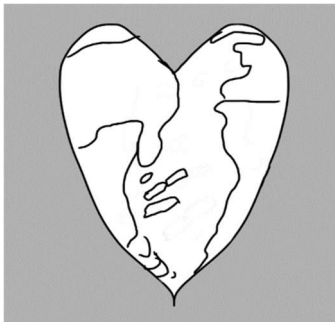


Changing the World with LOVE



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VACATION BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

AUGUST 7, 2022 | 10:00 AM



You are welcome here.

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.

Children & Youth at SPR

Nursery, 9:45-11:30am

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service 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, 10:15-10:30am

During the sermon at the 10:00am 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 (September to May, 10:20-11:05am)

Godly Play (Montessori-inspired Christian formation for children in grades PK-5) is on a break for the summer and will resume in September. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact interim director of children's formation Padma Vundi (vundi@sprchicago.org).

Youth Formation (September to May, 10:20-11:05am)

Youth formation (for grades 6-12) is on a break for the summer and will resume in September.

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.

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.

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!

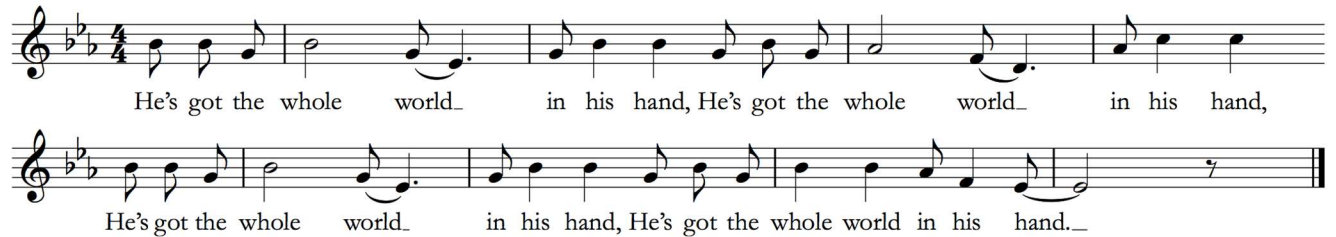
Join the SPR Choirs

The summer choir sings simple music, with a weekly rehearsal at 9:15am on Sundays. Singers of all ages, abilities, and experience levels are welcome. The new choir season for all choirs (St. Nicholas Choir for grades PK-3; Choristers for grades 3-8; and 9:15 & 11:15 choirs for teens and adults) will begin in early September.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

Please stand as able and sing.



He's got the whole world_ in his hand, He's got the whole world_ in his hand,
He's got the whole world_ in his hand, He's got the whole world in his hand._

2. She's got you and me, sister, in her hand.
3. He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
4. She's got the pretty little baby in her hand.
5. He's got everybody here in his hand.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #217 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

Megan Cather, *guitar*

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro spiritual, arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958). Arr. © 1990 Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

Welcome

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray,
the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,
that we, who cannot exist without you,
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
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

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 45:4-15

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 now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 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.

VBC campers & counselors sing.

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine!

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine!

Megan Cather, *guitar*
Words and music: Traditional Spiritual

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.

The musical score is written for a Cantor and an All. It is in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the Cantor and All, and the second system is for the All. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The score includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 4/4. The Cantor part is marked with a 7-measure rest at the beginning. The All part is marked with an 8-measure rest at the beginning. The score includes a key signature change to one flat (B-flat) and a time signature change to 4/4. The lyrics are: Ma - si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. Ma - si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. Ma - si - thi: A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, Ba - wo, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. Ma - si - thi: (not sung final time)

Jason Cather, *djembe*

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Gospel Reading

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 12:32-40

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand as able.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, Liturgical Affirmation of Faith. Used with permission.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

O God, from whom all good things come, give us grace to live in you; give us respect for each other and for all your creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Help us to share in your great love for the world. Give your blessing to all the campers, counselors, and adult leaders who were part of Vacation Bible Camp this week.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We remember in prayer all those who live in areas of violence or conflict. We pray for an end to gun violence, for security for the people of Ukraine, and for wisdom for all the nations.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their generosity and care, and for St. Patrick's Church & School in Haiti, our partner parish. We ask your blessing on **Toya** Moseley (8/6), **Stefi** Baiju (8/7), **Tommy** Stewart (8/7), **Derek** de Jong (8/10), **Tamara** Laville (8/11), **Randall** McAuley (8/11), **Matthew** Braun (8/11) **Loretta** Daniels (8/13), and **Elena** Foiles (8/13) as they begin another year.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We ask you to guide and strengthen all who are fearful, sick, or in pain, and those who care for them. We remember especially **Jennifer** Penn, **Hyacinth** Evans, **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Tim** Sehr, **William** Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), **Klara** Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), **Manohar** Kamat, and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who are precious in your sight and pray for your saints who have departed this life.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

God of all, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you, may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Sarojini Vundi (mother of Padma Vundi), Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Manohar Kamat (friend of Ravin & Maureen Jesuthasan), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Stacey Morris, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year (Year C)*, Proper 11.
Collect at the Prayers: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, Liturgies of the Eucharist: Thanksgiving for Creation & Redemption.

Rite of Celebration

The presider invites Gretchen Eng to come forward.

We have been blessed with the children's music ministry of printer Gretchen Eng. God calls her to take her leave and engage in new ministries, that the witness she has so generously offered here may be spread elsewhere. We give thanks for your time among us, for your gifts and for your accomplishments. If there has been hurt, let it be forgiven. Where there has been growth and joy, let us be thankful. Let us pray.

Dear God,

be with those who leave and with those who stay;

and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you,

may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints.

All this we ask in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

VBC campers and counselors sing.

Michael, row the boat ashore! Hallelujah!

Sister, help to trim the sail!

Brother, lend a helping hand!

Megan Cather, *guitar*

Words: Traditional, with additions by Pete Seeger

Music: Traditional Spiritual

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 our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All sing.

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.

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

Megan Cather, *guitar*

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

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 Music

VBC campers and counselors sing.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,

We shall overcome, someday!

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

That we shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, someday.

We shall live in peace, someday.

We are not afraid, today.

Words: Traditional, with additions by Pete Seeger

Music: Traditional Spiritual

We are all chil-dren of the Lord, young and old, big and lit-tle. We are all chil-dren of the Lord,
 let us live in har-mo - ny! Man - y names, man - y fa - ces, man - y lands, man - y pla - ces,
 but through time and through spa-ces we are one hu-man - i - ty. We are all chil-dren of the Lord,
 one by one, all to - geth - er. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, just like one big fam - i - ly.

"We are all children of the Lord"

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992), adapt. from the anthem "Children of the Lord"

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Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be with you always. **Amen.**

Enriching Our Worship 1, Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing of St. Clare

Sung by VBC campers and counselors.

Now go in peace, now go in love,
from the Father above!
Jesus Christ the son
stay with you 'til the day is done.
Holy Spirit encircle you,
in all you think and do!
Once again, God's blessing be with you!
Amen.

Words: Michael Mair (b. 1942)

Music: *Junkanoo*, lrr., Caribbean folk tune

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

 **Notes**



Coming Up at SPR

VBC Thanks

Thank you to all the wonderful campers and counselors for a great week of Vacation Bible Camp. It was a joy to see the children learn and have fun together. A sincere thanks to all the amazing VBC teachers, adult volunteers, and SPR staff for making VBC a meaningful and safe week for all the children.

Ticket Lottery for Bishop's Consecration

SPR has 8 tickets available for the consecration of Paula Clark, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, on **Saturday, September 17** in Lombard. To enter the ticket lottery, submit your name (online, by phone, or on the clipboard in the narthex) by **Sunday, August 14**.

Position Opening: Children's Music Assistant

SPR seeks a children's music assistant, 3-4 hours per week, beginning in fall 2022. A full job description is available at sprchicago.org/employment. To apply, send a resume to Catherine (healy@sprchicago.org) with the subject "Children's Music Assistant" by **Friday, August 5**.

Retirement Celebration for the Rev. KJ Oh

On **Sunday, August 14**, after the 8:00 & 10:00 services, we will host a retirement celebration for the Rev. KJ Oh, our outgoing assistant priest. Please attend to share your gratitude for KJ's years of ministry among us.

Memorial Service for Nancy Harlan

A memorial service for the late Nancy Harlan, mother of parishioner Anne Harlan, will take place on **Saturday, August 20 at 2:00 PM at the First Unitarian Church of Chicago** (5650 S. Woodlawn), where Nancy was a lifelong member. All are invited to attend.

Summer Choir Rehearsals

Everyone is invited to join the summer choir! Meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 to learn the music for the 10:00 service. All ages, abilities, and levels of experience are welcome.

Women's Retreat Registration

The SPR Women's Retreat will be **October 8-9** at the Loyola University Retreat & Ecology Campus in Woodstock, IL, featuring the Rev. Brenda Kilpatrick as the weekend's speaker. Scholarships and transportation are available. Learn more and register at sprchicago.org/womens-retreat.

Music Director Search Update

The music director search committee has been hard at work on a nationwide search for our next director of music and has narrowed our pool of 22 applicants to 3 finalists, who will audition in person in August. We look forward to having our new music director join us by October.

Food Pantry Donations

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of shopping bags, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, and all canned goods. You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer Opportunity: Food Pantry Leadership

Please contact the Rev. Catherine Healy (healy@sprchicago.org) if you are interested in joining our food pantry leadership team in any of the following roles:

- **Food pantry volunteer:** Welcome guests and help organize food distribution, Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM (we ask volunteers to commit to one Wednesday per month; more is always welcome!).
- **Volunteer coordinator:** Recruit and schedule Wednesday afternoon volunteers (regular presence at food pantry is desirable but not required).
- **Tuesday delivery coordinator:** Be present at church to receive and organize food on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 AM to noon

Serving Today

August 7, 2022

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Music Leaders: Gretchen Eng, Megan Cather,
Jason Cather

Lectors: Joshua Daniel, Maureen Jesuthasan

Intercessor: John Adewoye

Usher: Megg Hoover

Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans

Linen Washer: Janet Underwood

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Padma Vundi, *Director of Children's Formation*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Gretchen R. Eng, *Children's Music Assistant*

Ariana Strahl & Ian Murrell, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,
Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

O. Michael Agina

Traci Beck

Jonathan Foiles

Meryl Prochaska

Rebecca Luttrell

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy

Vicky Legge

Jason Evans

Celia Paris

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith 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.