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CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:00 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.

Children & Youth at SPR

All children's and youth ministries will resume on Sunday, January 8.

Nursery, 9:00am-12:00pm

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, during sermon

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, Sundays, after church

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year.

Youth Group, Sundays, after church

Join us for youth group (grades 6–12). We gather every Sunday for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts, games, and discussion, and meet once or twice a month for field trips and special events.

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!

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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Reflections

Ruth Norman (1927-2007).

Entrance Hymn

All sing.





LEVAS #1 "Lift Every Voice"

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938). Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954).

Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last:

Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love,

and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 37:17b-20

Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

Sung by the Choristers.

When I lift my voice, let it be in song, A defiant note in the face of wrong. I won't stand alone; we'll stand side by side, 'Cause we know that love is always justified. When I lift my voice, let it be for good; Let me care as much as I know I should. I won't stand alone; we'll stand side by side, 'Cause we know that love is always justified. Refrain:

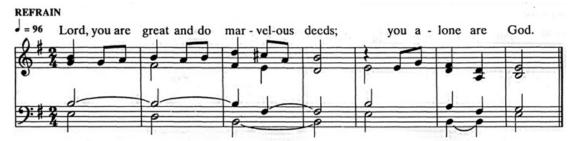
When they try to divide us, It will only unite us.
I lift my voice.

Music and Words: Andrea Ramsey (b. 1977).

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Psalm 40:1-11

Choir intones the refrain, congregation joins on repeat and all remaining refrains. Choir sings verses.



I waited patiently for the Lord, who now at last has heard my cry.
The Lord pulled me out of the muddy pit and set me firmly on a rock.
On my lips God put a new song:
Praise to our God! **Refrain.**

Many will see and be in awe, and will trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who trust in the Lord, not turning with rebels to false gods.
Great are the things you have done for us, O Lord, our God! **Refrain.**

Great are your wonders and your plans for us; none can compare with you! Oh that I could proclaim them abroad, but they are more than can be numbered. **Refrain.** You do not require sacrifice or offering;
You have given me an open ear.
You do not ask for burnt or sin offerings,
and I have said, "Here am I."
In your book it is written that I love to do your will.
Your law is my delight, O my God!
I hold it deep in my heart. **Refrain.**

I have told of your justice in the great assembly. My lifts I do not restrain; You know it, O God. **Refrain.**

The glad news of your salvation
I do not hide in my heart.
I speak of your faithfulness to the congregation and do not conceal your steadfast love.
Do not withhold mercy from me, O God;
Let your love and truth forever guard me. Refrain.

The Psalter: Psalms & Canticles for Singing: Psalm 40:1-11.

Words: Psalm 40, adapt. Helen L. Wright; © 1985.

Music: melody Columba Kelly, O.S.B.; harm. Samuel Weber, O.S.B.; © St. Meinrad Archabbey.

[&]quot;I Lift My Voice" from *Justice Choir Songbook Vol. 1.*

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

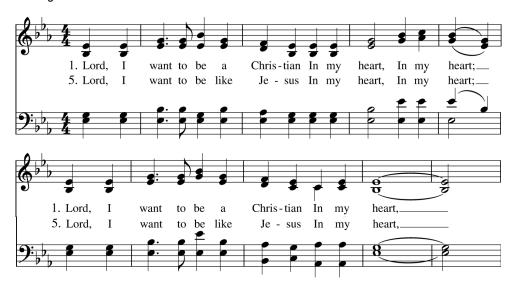
Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

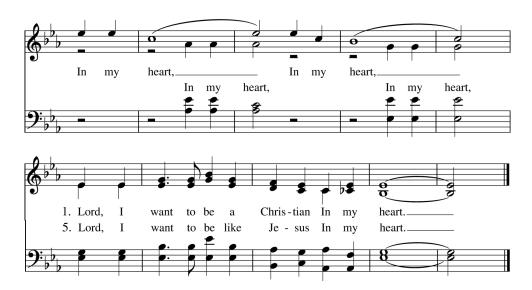
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.







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 6:27-36

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur, Associate Rector

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as able.

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,

Prayers of the People

+ the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Almighty God, our strength and our spring in desolate valleys, we thank you for bringing us safely through the past year. We ask that you guide and bless us in this new year, withholding no good thing from your people. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Life, give us courage to live into the vows of our baptism. Help your Christian children to walk in integrity and respond faithfully to the call to confront bigotry and hatred in every form. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Holy One, give your Church grace and glory. May her bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people always find resplendent joy in your courts and radiate that same joy into the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Just One, refine the hearts of our temporal leaders so that they may govern in wisdom and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We humbly ask that you bless **Bryce** Barney (1/16), **Theodore** Byrn (1/16), **Maggie** Guillory (1/17), **David** Wellbery (1/17), **Janet** Underwood (1/18), **Alberta** Addison (1/19), **Mike** Agina (1/20), **Connie** Bonbrest (1/20), **Prarthana** Markose (1/20), and **Micah** Hewlett (1/21), who are celebrating birthdays this week. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, and for those experiencing troubles or losses. Continue to support and comfort them, Lord, especially **Deborah** Caldwell-Stone, **Susan** McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeil), **Joe** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Jo Ann** Roberts, **Teresa** Massie Peterson, **Patrick** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **Marian** Elliott, **Pauline & Bill** Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), **Jake** Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We celebrate and offer thanksgiving for the lives of our ancestors and all of our beloved dead. We ask that you hold them safe in your eternal care, especially **Kenneth** McNeill (father of Melissa McNeill, 1/9/2023), **Roger** Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers, 12/24/2022), **Emile** Karafiol (father of P.J. Karafiol, 1/16/2019), **Vivian** Betty (grandmother of Richelle Stackert, 1/17/2019), **Shirley** Waldron (mother of Shirley Knight, 1/21/1988), and **Sybil** Watts Smith (mother of Levi Smith, 1/21/2010). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Susan McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeil), Joe Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Jo Ann Roberts, Teresa Massie Peterson, Patrick Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Bob Bator, David Farris, Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), 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), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Written by Twila Jones. Collect at the Prayers: Book of Common Prayer.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

I believe this is Jesus;

Come and see, oh, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face,

He offers all his pard'ning grace;

Come and see, oh, come and see.

Yes, yes, yes, Lord!

Oh, I believe this is Jesus;

Come and see, come and see.

Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989). Text: Traditional.

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.

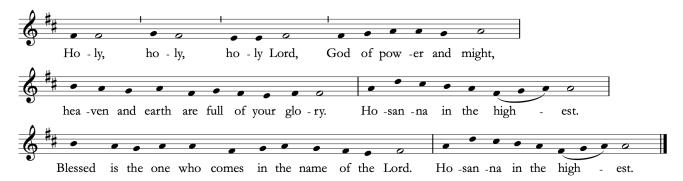
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A proper preface is sung or said.

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:



Music: A New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950).

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**.

Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

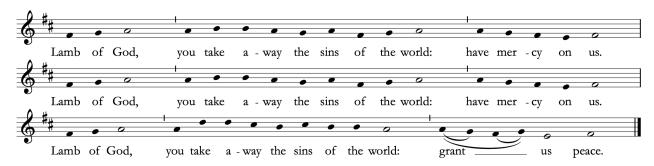
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.



Music: A New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950).

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

All sing.



LEVAS~ #106~ "Precious Lord, take~ my~ hand"

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993).

Music: Precious Lord; George N. Allen (1812-1877), adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey.

All sing refrain; choir sings verse.



Verse: (sung by the choir)

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall always be on my lips.

My soul shall glory in the Lord, for he's been good to me.

Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. ${\bf Refrain.}$

Lead Me, Guide Me #512 "Taste and see"
Words: Psalm 34; Kenneth W. Louis, (1956-2022).
Music: Kenneth W. Louis.

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

+ Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**



The African-American Heritage Hymnal #549 "This little light of mine" Words: Negro Spiritual.

Music: Light of Mine; Negro spiritual; arr. Nolan Williams, Jr., b. 1969.

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....

5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations on *Nettleton* Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989).

Coming Up at SPR

New Worship Schedule Through June 11

Thank you to all those who completed our recent survey about worship times! Over 80% of respondents were open to trying out a combined service, and 95% were excited about hearing a combined choir. Beginning January 8 and continuing through June 11, we will try out the following worship schedule:

8:00 AM: Worship (Rite I, spoken)

9:00 AM: Free time with child care provided; open space for small groups and committee meetings

10:00 AM: Worship (Rite II, with music) **11:05 AM:** Formation for all ages

To ask questions or share feedback, please contact the Rev. Catherine Healy at healy@sprchicago.org.

Love in a Dish

Please consider making a "Love in a Dish" meal for the Swift family as they transition into life with new baby Chloe (mealtrain.com/g6nq93), or for Patti Lanfair as she rebuilds her home after the recent Hyde Park condo fire (mealtrain.com/r2z81L).

New COVID-19 Protocols

After discussion with the vestry and staff, we are altering our masking policy to be responsive to the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels for Cook County from week to week:

Low: Masks optional in all parts of building **Medium:** Masks required in sanctuary, optional

elsewhere in building

High: Masks required in all parts of building

Our current community level is Medium.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the parish, with budget review and election of new vestry members, will be held **Sunday, January 29, at 11:00 AM**.

January Adult Formation

In January 2023, SPR's Faith in Action Team will host a 3-part series called "Putting Faith into Action: Housing Justice in Chicago." Join us in the parish hall at 11:05 AM on the remaining dates:

- January 15: Rev. Catherine Healy and Jonathan Foiles talk about the history of Martin Luther King Jr.'s work on housing justice in Chicago.
- January 22: Hear from other organizations about their housing justice work and how to get involved, with Janice Miller from Sunshine Gospel Ministries and their Housing Equity Initiative.

About This Week's Music

The **prelude** this week is written by Ruth Norman. A native of Omaha, NE, she trained as a pianist at the Eastman School of Music and toured extensively as a soloist who specialized in the music of Black composers. The **Song of Praise** is taken from the *Justice Choir* Songbook. Andrea Ramsey writes: "I was inspired by the line 'With glad defiance in my throat, I pierce the darkness with a note' from James Weldon Johnson's poem 'The Gift to Sing,' and I created this tune in hopes of acknowledging the power of music and the importance of community in pursuing justice and unity." The **anthem** and **postlude** are by Undine Smith Moore, dubbed the "Dean of Black Women Composers" (in response to the moniker given to William Grant Still: "Dean of Black Composers"). She was the first student from an HBCU (Fisk) to receive a scholarship from the Juilliard School, and continued her training in New York City during the Harlem Renaissance. She had an extensive career teaching piano, composition, and music theory at Virginia State University, Carleton College (MN), and Virginia Union University. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Indiana University in 1976. Her catalogue includes over one hundred works, of which only twenty-five were published in her lifetime.





Serving Today

January 15, 2023: 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Baiju Markose, Joshua Daniel

Intercessor: Jason Cather Prayer Writer: Twila Jones

Chalice Ministers: Jonathan Foiles, Meryl Prochaska

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Ushers: Connie Bonbrest, Megg Hoover

Vestry Greeter: Meryl Prochaska Livestream: Aksel Danforth

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, Rector

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector The Rev. Jack Seymour, Deacon (on sabbatical

through March 2023)

Mark Bilyeu, Director of Music

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Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

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Partners in Ministry

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.

