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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JUNE 25, 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.



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Children & Youth at SPR

KidZone (Nursery), Sundays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 0–4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

Children's Chapel, Sundays during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Christian Formation, in on a summer break and will resume in September.

We welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM:

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
- Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
- Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
- Adult Formation: Teens and adults
 High-school youth are welcome to attend either youth group or adult formation.

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



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

"For Stephen Sondheim (born March 22, 1930)" from *Anniversaries* Leonard Bernstein* (1918-1990).





The Hymnal 1982 #427 "When morning gilds the skies"

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

Welcome

+ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Inclina, Domine

Choir intones the antiphon; congregation repeats the antiphon. Choir sings verses, congregation joins to sing antiphons.



Bow down your ear, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery. Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;

save your servant, for I put my trust in you. Ant.

Be merciful to me, O God, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O God, I lift up my soul.
For you, O God, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all
who call upon you. Ant.

Give ear, O God, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me. **Ant.** Among the gods there is none like you, O God, nor anything like your works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O God, and glorify your Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God. **Ant.**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, O God, have helped me and comforted me. **Ant.**

From Lead Me, Guide Me.

Words: Psalm 86, The St. Helena Psalter; Refrain, Lectionary for Mass.

Music: refrain, Kenneth W. Louis; verses, Rawn Harbor.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able and sing.



Words and Music: Masithi, South African hymn.

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 Matthew.

Matthew 10:24-39

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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 ministry staff Lindsey Strieter & Megan Cather. 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

Nicene Creed

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

We pray for all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing on this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for **Michael** Curry, our Presiding Bishop; **Paula** Clark, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers who serve God in the church.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks with rejoicing for **Heather** Canapary (6/25), **Zoe** Harris (6/27), **Naomi** Haynes (6/27), **William** Jackson (6/27), **Alexander** Johnson (6/27), **Riley** Pruitt (6/27), **Kevin** Baldwin (6/28), **Jordan** Lanfair (6/28), **Doug** Hoffman (6/29), **Oliver** Bagrowski (6/30), and **Margot** Jividen (7/1), as they begin another year, and **McKinley** Sherrod & **David** Litvak (6/27), and **Ellen** Wiggins & **Kathy** Powers (6/27), as they celebrate their anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are facing illness, danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, remembering especially **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Penny** Piantedosi (sister of Valerie Tonsgard), **Eric** Scharf (friend of John Adewoye), **Pa** Yusuf (granduncle of John Omoworare), **Pamela** Anderson, **Ann** Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Rosalyn** Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, remembering **Alan** Bilyeu (father of Mark Bilyeu, 6/25/2008), **Eric** Fagan (brother of Sara Bigger, 6/30/2006), **Darrell** Paul (father of Sharla Paul, 6/30/2007), **Simon** Ajayi-Famoyegun (father of Zack Ajayi, 7/1),that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Gracious and loving God, in your compassion uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life; to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1979), Prayers of the People: Form VI, p. 392-393.

Prayer List: Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Pa Yusuf (grand-uncle of John Omoworare), Eric Scharf (friend of John Adewoye), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Myra Garcia (friend of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Mel Hodder (brother-inlaw of Mary Naftzger), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), and William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

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.

You are invited to greet those around you with the words "Peace be with you," accompanied by a wave, peace sign, or handshake. 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

Sung by the Luther Lewis.

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home; When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

Refrain

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise;
when songs give place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
Refrain

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

"His eye is on the sparrow."

Words: Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948).

Music: Tune: Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Jacqueline B. Hairston (b. 1932).

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider adds a proper 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:

All sing.



Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert*.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham, we go out in faith, trusting your promise. With Miriam and Moses, we celebrate our deliverance from bondage. With Naomi and Ruth, we bind ourselves together in covenant love. With Jonathan and David, we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship. With Mary and Elizabeth, we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One. With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of

family. With disciples and followers, we marvel at the reign of God come near. With saints through the ages, we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O spirit of unity.

Bless us, O Lord, and these are your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart.

At this table, make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Source: All Creation Sings: Thanksgiving at the Table, Form F.

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.

All sing.



Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert* (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

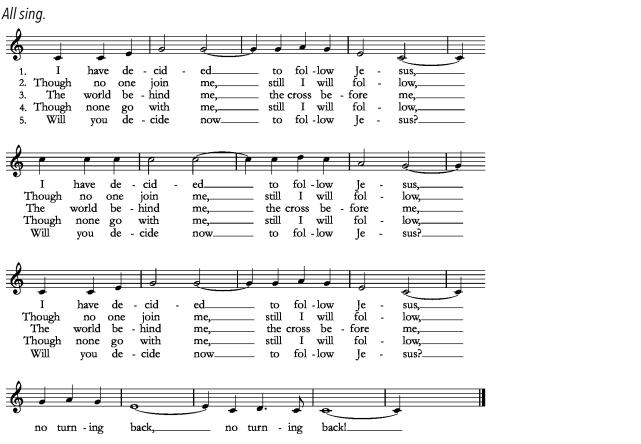
The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 follows on next page



LEVAS II #77 "Jesus is all the world to me" Words and Music: Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909).



LEVAS II #136 "I have decided to follow Jesus"
Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung is Garo, Assam.
Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson.

Sending Forth

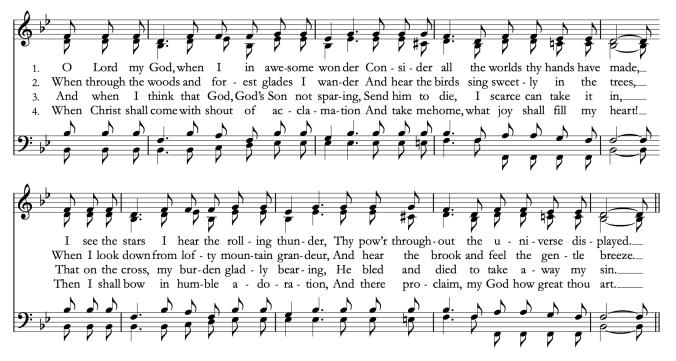
Please stand as able. Let us pray.

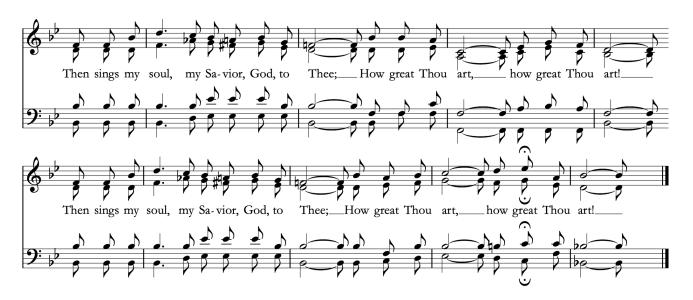
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us her children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of her blessing. And the blessing of God, + who watches over us, walks beside us, and dwells within us, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All sing.





LEVAS II #60 "How great Thou art"
Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989).
Music: Swedish Folk melody, arr. Stuart K. Hine.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

"Birthday Joy" from *Birthday Parodies for Organ* Dan Miller (b. 1954).



Happy 100th Birthday, Naomi Haynes!

Naomi Haynes cordially invites everyone at SPR to attend her 100th birthday celebration today, **June 25, after the 10:00 service** with a festive coffee hour in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. Happy birthday, Naomi!

Save the Date: Fall Women's Retreat

Save the date for the 2023 SPR women's retreat from **October 7-8** at the Loyola University Retreat & Ecology Center in Woodstock, Illinois. Details coming soon!

Church Directories Available

New SPR directories are here! You can now pick one up in the back of church. If there is an error in your contact information, or an update needs to be made, please reach out to Barnabas Pusnur (pusnur@sprchicago.org).

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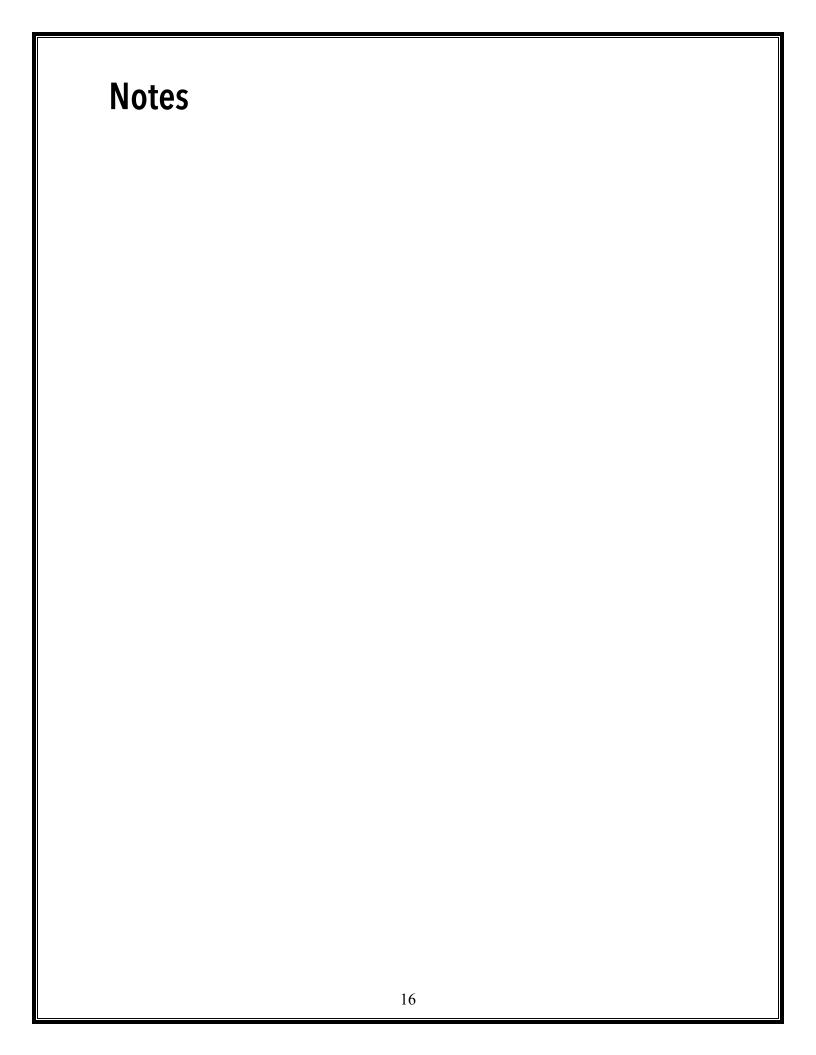
Admire Tom Irving's bird photos in the parish hall and Bob Bator's photo in the chapel? They can be yours for a \$50 contribution to the Haiti fund. Please contact Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com) and make payment at tinyurl.com/SPR-Haiti.

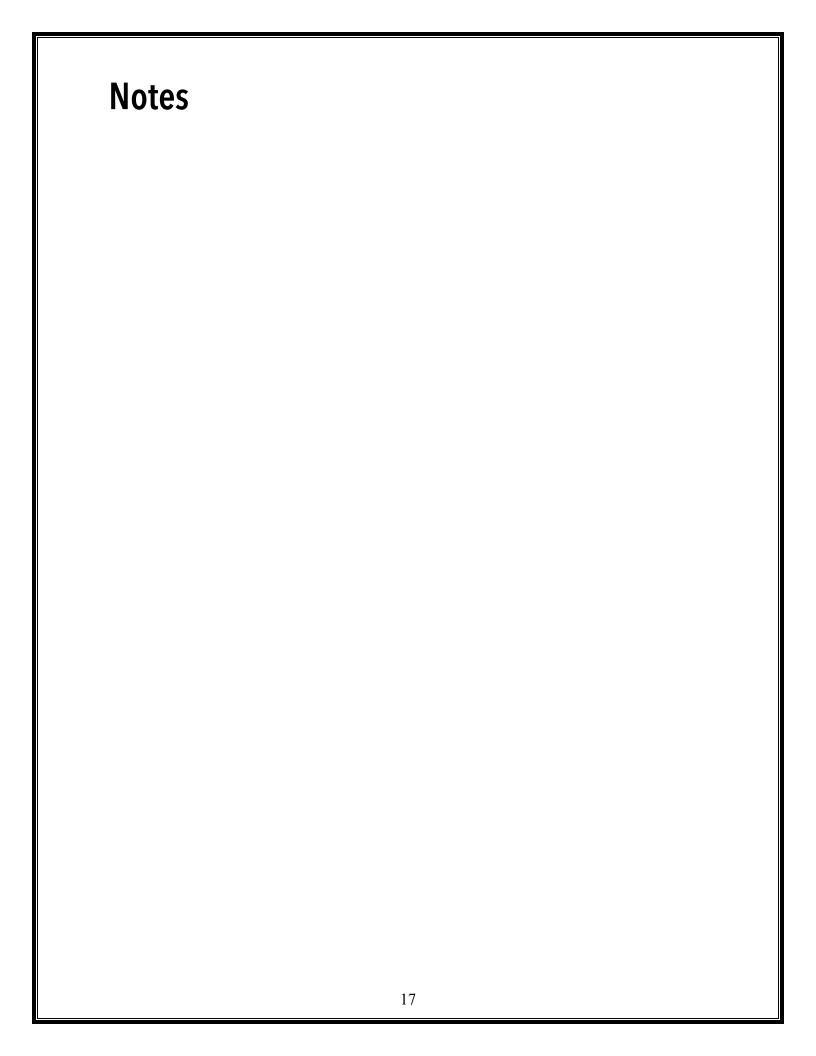
About This Week's Music

The hymns for this morning's worship were selected by parishioner Naomi Haynes, as was the **offertory** anthem. "His eye is on the Sparrow" was penned in 1906 by Civilla D. Martin who wrote several hundred hymns during her lifetime. She wrote that this text was the outcome of an interaction with a Mr. & Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for over twenty years. "Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with [them], my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: 'His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.' The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired [my] imagination...The hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" was the outcome of that experience." This arrangement by Jacqueline Hairston was crafted in 1992 for the soprano Helen Dilworth. Throughout his life, Leonard Bernstein* wrote miniatures as gifts to his friends to commemorate special occasions (mainly birthdays), calling these works *Anniversaries*. Today's **prelude** comes from this series, and was composed two days before Stephen Sondheim's 35th birthday.

Music During Pride Month

SPR seeks to program music which is inclusive, vibrant, and which reflects both our past and present journeys together. June offers a unique time to acknowledge the music of LQBTQIA2+ musicians. During this month, music by members of this community will be denoted with an "*" as a small step to increase the visibility of these artists and the music which contributes to our worship on a weekly basis.





Serving Today

June 25, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leaders: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leaders: Lindsey Strieter,

Megan Cather

Lectors: Becky Kruse, Mike Agina Prayer Reader: Twila Jones Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Chalice Ministers: Peggy Johnson, Gail Williams,

Gabriel Lear

Altar Guild: Camille Long Vestry Greeter: Andrew Rostan Ushers: Chinyere Agina, Mike Agina Communion Bread Baker: Jim Tonsgard

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Partners in Ministry

American Red Cross of Greater Chicago

We partner with the Red Cross to provide emergency shelter for those displaced by disasters.

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 Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, led by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula Clark.

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.

Shoesmith Elementary School

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

Syrian Community Network

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

