

Jacob's Vision, Thomas Stothard (1755-1834); William Skelton (1763-1848). From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JULY 23, 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

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 is on a summer break and will resume in September.

From September through May, 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



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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About the Cover Artwork

"The Macklin Bible is an enormous physical specimen of book art, comprising seven volumes two feet in height and over 130 pounds in weight. It is the apogee of the art of British copper-plate engraving, involving both painters and engravers. These renowned artists often selected scripture texts that featured women, who were the nurturers of religious education for the family in late 18th century England." From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Moderato (Preludium)

Mieczyslaw Surzyński (1866-1924).

Entrance Hymn



The Hymnal 1982 #372 "Praise to the living God!"

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926).

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 Inclina, Domine

All sing, alternating verses as indicated.



Words: Psalm 86:11-17, A New Metrical Psalter, Christopher L. Webber.

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), SM, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

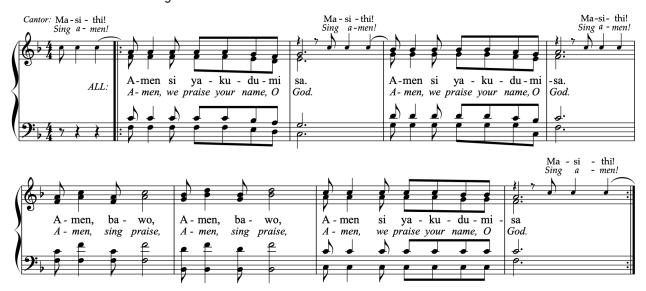
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30,36-43

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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 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: Rev. Roger Ferlo, Priest Associate

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 **Dennis** Kalup (7/23), **Melissa** McNeill (7/24), **Sharla** Paul (7/24), **Chris** Nippert-Eng (7/25), **Jack** Benson (7/27), **Belle** Rosier (7/27), **Mary** Naftzger (7/28), and **Andy** Spotts (7/28) as they begin another year, and **John** Omoworare **& John** Adewoye (7/25), **Jang Mi & Vincent** Johnson (7/25), **Andrew & Alicia** Chipman (7/28), and **Donna & Grayson** Kachingwe (7/28), as they celebrate their anniversaries.

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), **Naomi** Haynes, **Mel** Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), **Brenden** Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially **Laura** Woll (grandmother of H. Roz Woll, 7/24) and **Shelby** Dezia Collins (granddaughter of Cheryl Vanorsby, 7/28/13).

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: Fred Bridges (friend of Robert and Sheila Bator), Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), 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 summer pick-up choir.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know God.

"Be still"

Words: Psalm 46:10.

Music: Rick Sowash (b. 1950).

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.

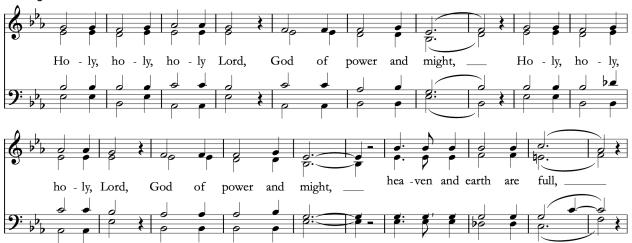
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

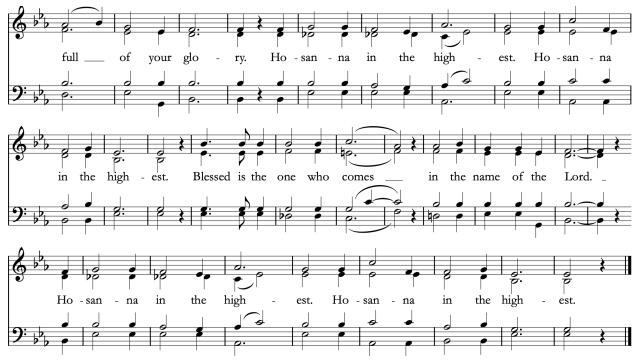
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

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.

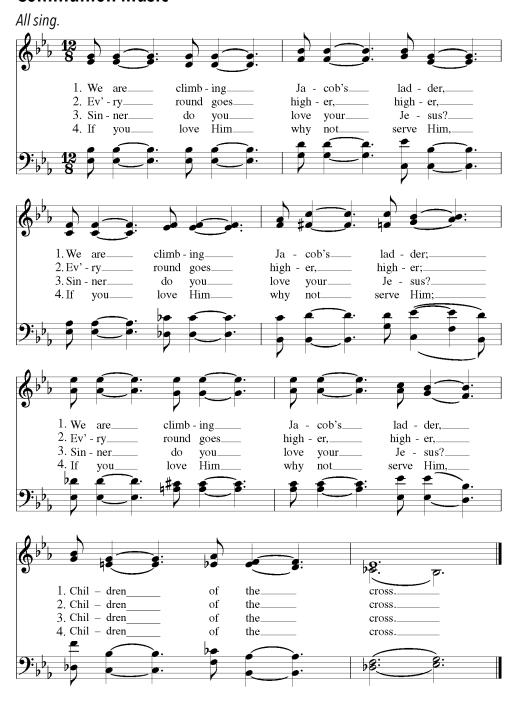


Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

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



LEVAS II #220 "We are climbing Jacob's ladder"

Words: Traditional; alt. M. Bilyeu.

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935).



The Hymnal 1982 #483 "Lord of all hopefulness"

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953).

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Harmony, 1927.

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.**



The Hymnal 1982 #665 "All my hope on God is founded"

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Postludium in F, Op. 10 Wilhelm Dyckerhoff (1810 – 1881).



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).

Arts Committee Photos for Purchase

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.

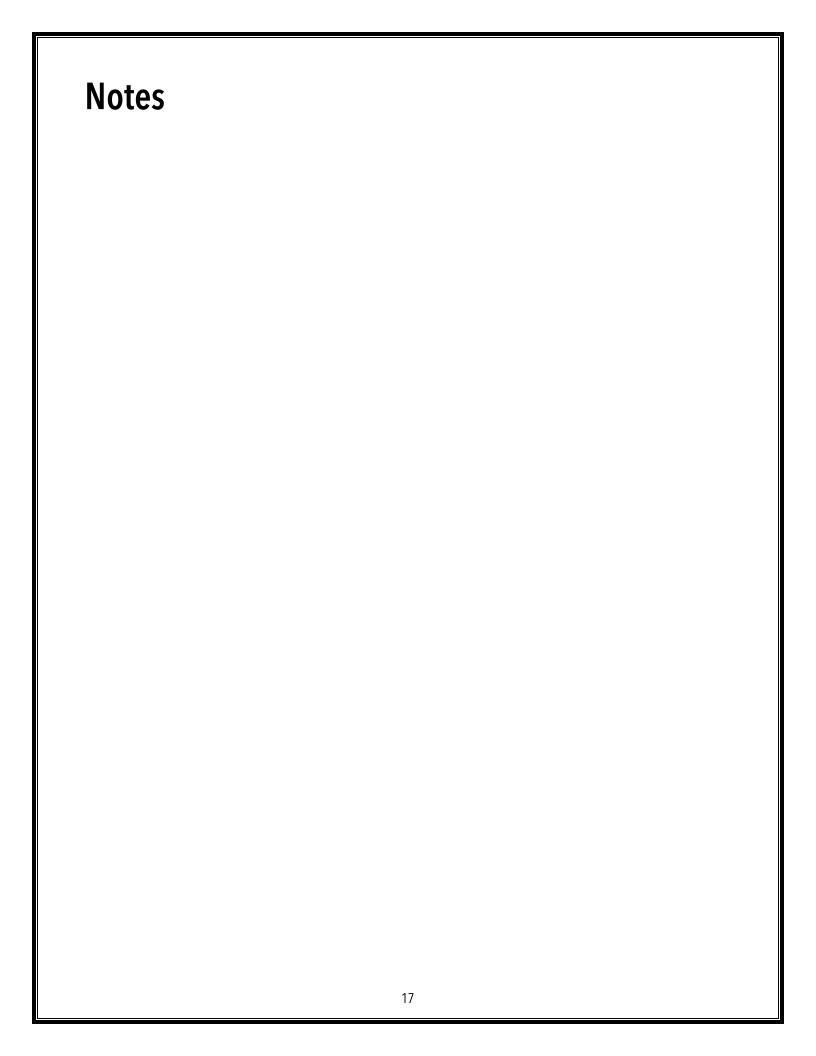
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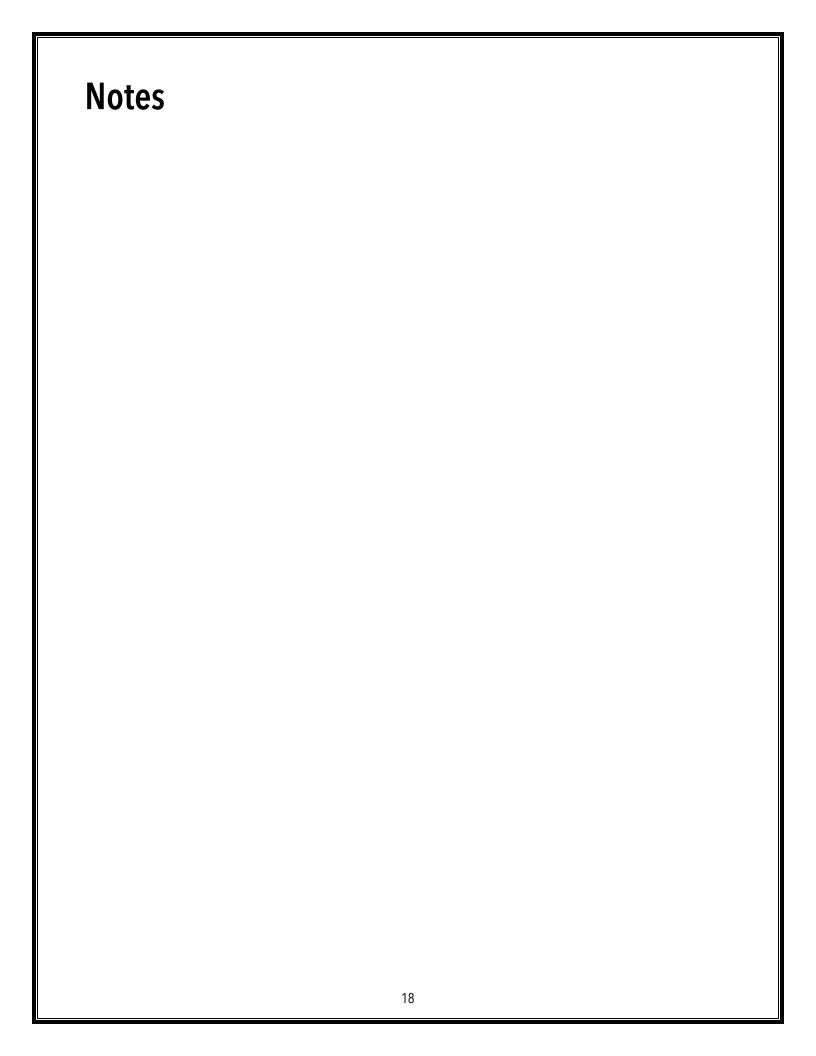
Feeding Migrants in our Midst

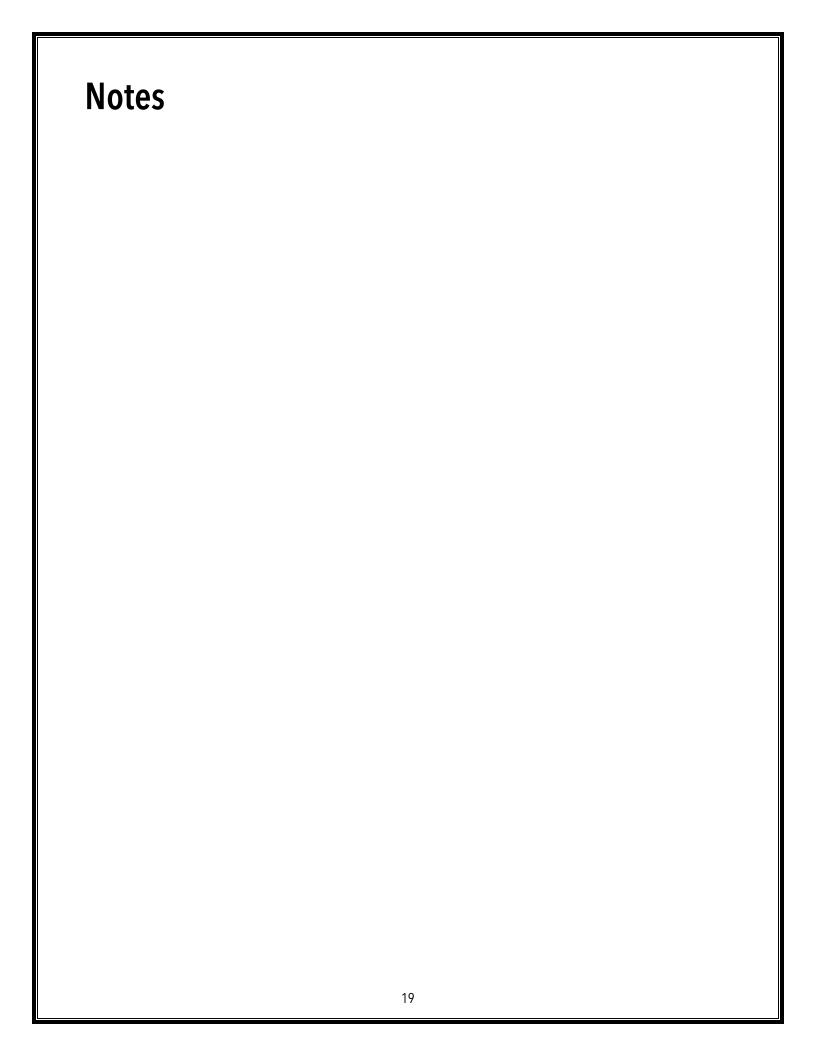
Help is needed by the recently arrived migrants being housed (sleeping in the lobbies) in our two local Police District Stations. Simple breakfast and lunch are needed and to be delivered every day of the week. A volunteer can pick a day, or days that are convenient for them. The volunteer can both prepare or just transport. If just transport, meal pick-up is in a Hyde Park location. Please call or text Tzuming at (773)363-6900 or e-mail her, tzumingl@gmail.com to explore what's possible for your schedule.

About This Week's Music

Rick Sowash composed today's **offertory anthem.**Sowash is an author, composer, publisher, filmmaker and storyteller. In earlier years, he supported his family in a variety of other ways: he has been an elected public official, an arts administrator, a radio broadcaster, an innkeeper and a church musician. A storyteller/speaker all along and today an increasingly recognized composer.







Serving Today

July 23, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy Preacher: The Rev. Roger Ferlo Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Megan Cather Lectors: Steven Heyman, Frances Spaltro

Prayer Reader: Becky Kruse

Acolyte:

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Frances Spaltro Altar Guild:

Vestry Greeter: Anne Harlan

Ushers: Elder Shawn Hannan, George Chlipala Communion Bread Baker: Alicia Chipman

Linen Washer: Pat Swanson

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The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

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Jason Evans Jonathan Foiles
Anne Harlan Vicky Legge
Rebecca Luttrell Andrew Rostan

Celia Paris

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.

