



Second Sunday after the Epiphany
The Feast of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 19, 2020 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer 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. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, 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.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



Children's Formation

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

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

Godly Play 10:20a-11:05a | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play **today, Sunday, January 19, at 10:20am to hear the story of the Parable of the Good Shepherd**. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn more about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the first floor, lower level, and parish hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service, as needed.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

SPR Choirs

All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday rehearsal 6-6:30pm.

Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20a-11:05a | Join us **today, Sunday, January 19**, for youth formation as we talk about **Love your Enemies**. How do we process a text like this, in a world so deeply divided? We will gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7p | Youth are invited to youth group **today, Sunday, January 19 from 5-7p** for *The Amazing (g)Race: SPR Edition*. Get Ready for an adventure through SPR of puzzles, games, and unexpected surprises! Youth Group is a weekly fellowship gathering (including dinner) on Sundays. Check out our info board outside of the youth room, subscribe to the SPR parish's weekly email blast, or follow us at [@SPRYouth](https://twitter.com/SPRYouth) for more info.

THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Prelude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Music: George N. Allen, arr. Mark Hayes

Entrance Hymn

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

Introduction



1. Lift ev' - ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod, Felt in the days when hope un -
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far

lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning skies,
born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y feet
on the way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
Come to the place for which our fa - thers died? We have come o - ver a
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fa - cing the ris - ing sun
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past,
 wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand,

Of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 May we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #1 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
 Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)
 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)
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Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

@11:15 only.

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat. All sing the verses, repeating the refrain where indicated.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his glo - ry is up - on you.

Arise, shine, for your / **light has come**,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned up/**on you**.
For behold, darkness / **covers the land**;
deep gloom enshrouds the / **peoples**. *Refrain*

But over you the / **Lord shall rise**,
and his glory will appear up/**on you**.
Nations will stream to your / **light**,
and kings to the brightness of your / **dawning**. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be / **open**;
by day or night they will / **never be shut**.
They will call you the / **City of the Lord**,
the Zion of the Holy One of / **Israel**. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be / **heard in your land**,
ruin or destruction within your / **borders**.
You will call your walls, Sal/**vation**,
and all your portals, / **Praise**.

† The sun will no more be your / **light by day**;
by night you will not need the / **brightness of the moon**. *Refrain*

Words: Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah: *Surge, illuminare*
Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles and Chants*
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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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and sing.

3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Je - sus, the
4. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

light of the world. Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; Je - sus, the light of the
Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

world. We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light. Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine
bright. Ob, - shine all a - round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

"Jesus, the light of the world" (stanzas 3 & 4 only)

Words: George D. Elderkin; verses by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *We'll Walk in the Light*, 7 7 7 7 with Refrain, George D. Elderkin; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Currenton (b. 1953)
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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over 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 *(@ 9:15 only)*

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the chapel. They will return at the peace.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Jaime Briceño, *Deacon Associate*

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

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

The Prayers of the People

Dear God, among the most wondrous of your deeds are the lives of your saints; help us to follow them out of ingratitude and wickedness, and into the light of love and justice. Today we praise you in particular for the life of your beloved Martin Luther King, Jr.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who would form us in the image of your Son, teach those of us in your church struggling to serve your world that love is perfected in mercy, that to love our enemies and do good is its own reward.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who prophesies against the powers because you established them in the first place, restrain our leaders and all those in places of privilege from conspiring to kill or otherwise debase those who dream of a world whose justice threatens our status quo.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God whose light blinds only in order to grant new vision, when we put on your whole armor, in preparation to battle those who subvert your ways with raised voices and scandal upon scandal, remind us of those who are often forgotten in the heat of our self-righteousness, those slowly fading into the darkness of their physical and material oppression.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of solace, remain with those suffer in body, mind and spirit, including **Nancy** Harlan (mother of Anne Harlan), **Anna** Braucher, **Mary** Johnson (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Willie** C. Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), **Sally** Wolcott and her family, **Eli** Taylor (brother-in-law of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Rock** Sehr, **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Cheryl** Vanorsby, A. **Henry** Randall, Jr. (grandfather of Evan Randall), **Sophie** Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), **Naomi** Haynes, **George** Whitley, **Sean** Knight (son of Shirley Knight), **Tim** Sehr, **William** Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **Leatrice** Mowatt, **Katherine** Beetle Broadway (family of Tongards), **Bronwen** O'Wrill (sister of Persis Berlekamp), **Chris** Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), and **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of remembrance, extend our loving concern to those we have lost, including **Shirley** Waldron (1/21/1988, mother of Shirley Knight), **Sybil** Watts Smith (1/21/2010, mother of Levi Smith), and **Alice** Mobley (1/24/1998, mother of Alyce Mobley Morris).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of rejoicing, extend your joy to our own celebrations, for the birthdays of **Alberta** Addison (1/19), **Mike** Agina (1/20), **Connie** Bonbrest (1/20), **Vinita** Wright (1/21), **Ryan** de Jong (1/23), **Sophia** Rademacher (1/23), and **Tirzah** Scott (1/25).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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

Prayers written by Joshua Daniel.
Requests for prayers can be sent to Barnabas Pusnur at pusnur@sprchicago.org.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able.

**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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats. Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the St. Nicholas Choir, SPR Choristers, and Luther Lewis III. Please join us in singing the final verse.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.

**When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me on.**

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Music: *Precious Lord, Irr.*, George N. Allen (1812-1877), arr. Thomas A. Dorsey

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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

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

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

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

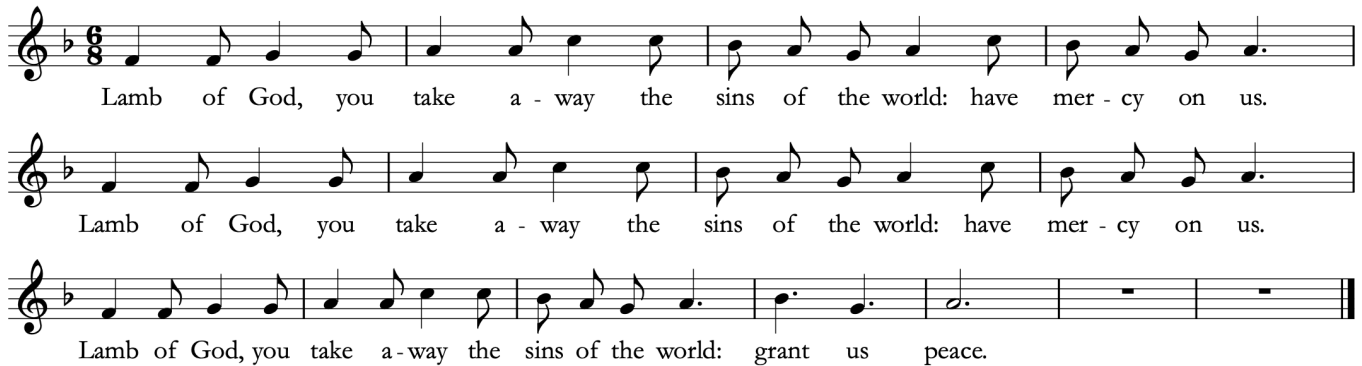
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All sing.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #271. See notes on music inside the back cover.

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994)

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher. The ushers will help each section up to the altar. Don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (in the southeast corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

All sing.

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Hymnal 1982 #671 "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound"

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus
Music: *New Britain*, CM, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010)

All sing.

1. We shall o - ver come. — We shall o - ver come. — We shall o - ver -
2. We'll walk hand in hand. — We'll walk hand in hand. — We'll walk hand in
3. We shall live in peace. — We shall live in peace. — We shall live in
4. We are not a - fraid. — We are not a - fraid. — We are not a -
5. God will see us through. God will see us through. God will see us

come some - day. _____
hand some - day. _____
peace some - day. _____ Oh, — deep in my heart _____
fraid to - day. _____
through to - day. _____

I do be - lieve. _____ We shall o - ver - come some - day.

African American Heritage Hymnal #542 "We shall overcome"
Words: Traditional; adapt. by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan, and Pete Seeger
Music: *We Shall Overcome*, 5 5 7 9 7, Negro spiritual; adapt. by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan, and Pete Seeger

Sending Forth

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Book of Occasional Services, Epiphany blessing, p. 24.

All 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 the sun and the moon in her hand...

3. God's got the wind and the rain in God's hand...

4. He's got the pretty little baby in his hand...

5. He's got you and me sister in his hand.
She's got you and me brother in her hand.
God's got everybody here in God's hand.

Words: Traditional, alt.

Music: *Whole World, Irr.*, Negro spiritual

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"In Christ there is no East or west"

Music: *McKee*, Negro Spiritual, arr. Michael Hassell

VESTRY CANDIDATES FOR 2020

Twila Jones (for a 2-year term as warden)

Twila Jones is a native of Chicago's South Side. She came to SPR in 2012, was confirmed in December of 2013, and has enjoyed being a fully alive and fully engaged member of this wonderful parish ever since. She has served as clerk of the vestry since 2016, done several turns as a lay delegate to diocesan convention, and counts it a privilege to participate in a number of SPR ministries, including the Anti-Racism Working Group, Vacation Bible Camp, Advent Bake Sale, prayer writing, altar guild, and food garden.



Outside of church, Twila is an elementary special education teacher, artsy/craftsy person, mildly obsessive gardener, and woodland nymph. She's the proud aunt of two charming young nieces, whom you may have seen around the place. Eden, 17, is a sophomore at Northwestern University, but can still be occasionally lured to church with the promise of food. Ever, 4, is a kindergartner who happily attends church with her aunt and loves working in the food garden and participating in the children's ministries with her friends.

O. Michael Agina (for a 3-year term to vestry)

Mike has been a member of St. Paul and the Redeemer since 1994 and lived in Hyde Park until 2011, when he relocated to the far Southwest Side of Chicago (Scottsdale) with his lovely wife, Chinyere, and their two wonderful children. Throughout his time at SPR, he has felt what it truly means to be part of a family of worshipers. In the past, he has attended the 8:00 and 9:15 services; since moving southwest, he now attends 11:15 worship. He has seen SPR and its community grow in various ways, such as size, inclusiveness, modernization, and, above all, hospitality. He has also been involved in retreats, workshops on spirituality, Bible study, gardening, and (some years ago) assembling SPR's new organ. He presently serves as an usher and lector at 11:15 worship. With a background in mathematics and computer science, he currently teaches mathematics at Daley College in Chicago. Besides teaching, he loves reading, computing, cooking, and spending time with his family. He is honored and thankful for the opportunity to serve God and the SPR community and feels valued and privileged to have been asked to join the vestry at this time. He looks forward to the many opportunities it will bring with it, especially in helping him and his family to draw closer to God.



Traci Beck (for a 3-year term to vestry)

Traci was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and baptized and confirmed at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where she served as an acolyte for several years. She spent her youthful summers as an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Traci joined St. Paul and the Redeemer in 2017 and was married to Kelly Suzanne Saulsberry at SPR in 2018. Traci has enjoyed volunteering in the garden and recently participated in this fall's small group series, anti-racism training seminar, and the women's retreat. She is glad to have found a vibrant church home and engaged faith community at SPR. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her dogs, Bella and Ozzie.



Jonathan Foiles (for a 1-year term to vestry)

Jon and his wife Esther have attended the 9:15 service since 2015 and have since been joined by their daughter Elena and their son Edmond. Jon has served as a chalice minister and a prayer writer and reader. Raised in the evangelical tradition, Jon long felt drawn to the rhythms of the liturgy and the possibility of a socially engaged, progressive faith, which drew him to the Episcopal Church. He was confirmed in June 2017, completing a journey that had first begun when he was enrolled in seminary. Outside of church, he is a psychotherapist at the Claret Center, a writer, and a part-time lecturer at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.



Meryl Prochaska (for a 3-year term to vestry)

Meryl moved to Hyde Park in 2004 to attend college at the University of Chicago. She has attended the 9:15 service at SPR for the last four years and serves as a chalice minister. She values SPR's mission "to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus" and looks forward to the preaching and music each Sunday. Meryl is an attorney and is currently a judicial law clerk for an appellate court justice in the Illinois Appellate Court, First District. Meryl enjoys running and spending time with her friends and family, especially her niece Layla and nephews Mattias and Marek, who also attend SPR and live close to her.



COMING UP

Annual Meeting on January 26: Services at 8 & 10 AM

Everyone is invited to the SPR annual meeting on **Sunday, January 26, at 11 AM** (immediately following the 10 AM service). Join us as we vote for new vestry members, review the annual budget, celebrate the past year, and plan for the future. **Please note that there will be two Sunday services on this date (8 & 10 AM only).**

Shoemith Pen Pal Project

Sign up in the narthex to be a pen pal with one or two first graders at Shoemith Elementary School. Exchange 3 to 4 short letters this year. Guidelines and a timeline will be sent by Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com).

SPR Tiny Tots Service

On **Saturday, January 25, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM**, children ages 0-3 and their parents are invited to a "Tiny Tots" worship service/play group in the Byllesby Room. There will be songs, a Bible story, and time for mingling and free play, with coffee for adults and snacks for all. RSVP to Cynthia Bagrowski: bagrowski@sprchicago.org

Hands: Photography Exhibit by Valerie Tonsgard

Please visit the chapel for the latest SPR art exhibit, entitled *Hands*, by parishioner Valerie Tonsgard. Hands have an unspoken language of their own, and with the fifteen photos in the exhibit, Valerie portrays some of this language. Sometimes when there are no words, a touch or gesture can speak volumes.

You are invited to join us for a reception for the exhibit after the 8am service today in the Byllesby Room.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith in Action Assembly

Please join the SPR Anti-Racism Working Group in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We are organizing a group to attend the Community Renewal Society's Faith in Action Assembly, which will include worship and a panel discussion with youth from across the Chicagoland area. The event will take place on **Monday, January 20 from 8am to noon** at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 2151 W. Washington Boulevard. Childcare will be provided during the assembly for ages three and up. Please sign up in the narthex or by emailing antiracism@sprchicago.org, and indicate if you need a ride and/or childcare.

Notes on Today's Music

The composer of the new-to-us setting of "Lamb of God" was Eugene W. Hancock, a distinguished organist, composer, professor of music, and authority on the Organ Music of Black Composers. BM: University of Detroit, MM: University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, DSM: Union Theological Seminary in New York. Hancock was a professor of music at Manhattan Community College and held positions in a number of churches in New York City, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. Phillips. From 1984-1990, Hancock was Director of Music at West End Presbyterian Church.

Faith & Justice: Adult Formation Series

How does our faith challenge us to work for justice? Join us to explore this question from many angles in our winter adult formation series.

January 19: The Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 26: No adult formation (annual meeting, with worship at 8 & 10 AM)

20's/30's Cookie Decorating and Gift Swap

Members in their 20's and 30's are invited to join us on **Sunday, January 26** at 12:15ish (after the annual meeting) in the Byllesby room. We'll do some Christmas cookie decorating and a White Elephant gift swap. For the White Elephant, bring a wrapped fun/goofy gift, around \$5. Contact Julia (mcmillan013@gmail.com) with any questions.

SPR Groups and Programs

Please consider joining one of these groups or programs. New participants are always welcome.

Bible Study: Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Kerstin Wellbery (kara.kerstin@gmail.com).

Open Kitchen: The Sunday before the third Monday of each month, 12:30pm in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail.com).

Fiber Arts: Every second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell (southsideknitter@gmail.com).

Arts Committee: Every second Sunday of the month, 12:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright (jimphotoguy1@gmail.com).

20s & 30s Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Julia McMillan (mcmillan013@gmail.com).

50s & Better Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com).

SPR Choirs: All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday Rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6-7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Today's Ministers

Presider

Catherine Healy, KJ Oh

Preacher

Jaime Briceño

Deacons

8 & 9:15: Jack Seymour

11:15: Jaime Briceño

Music Leader

Christian Clough

St. Nicholar Choir Leader

Gretchen Eng

Acolytes

9:15: James Pruitt, Matthew Erlec, Andrew Rostan

Subdeacon

11:15: Mel Parks

Lectors

9:15: Julia Rademacher-Wedd, John Adewoye

11:15: Mike Agina, Camille Long

Prayer Reader

9:15: Joshua Daniel

11:15: David Farris

Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: Barnabas Pusnur, Peggy Johnson, John Omoworare, John Adewoye

11:15: Jim Wright, William Jackson, Tayo Adegoke, Caroline Oldstone-Jackson

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Joshua Daniel, Padmaragam Vundi

11:15: Toni Daniels, Vinita Wright

Ushers

9:15: Andy Pruitt, Sarah Lincoln

11:15: Chinyere Agina, Mike Agina

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Kate Baldwin

11:15: Kerstin Wellbery

Altar Guild

9:15:

11:15: Stephanie Landers

Linen Washer

Janet Underwood

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Sally Wolcott

Vestry Class of 2021

Robert Nordling
Robin Charleston
Kate Baldwin

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Jeffrey Stackert
Kerstin Wellbery
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