

Laura James, Sermon on the Mount

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
JANUARY 29, 2023 | 10:00 AM

You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.

Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a Let's Get Connected form.

Children & Youth at SPR

Nursery, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Children's & Youth Formation, Sundays after church

We welcome all children and youth 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 Artwork

Laura James has been working as a professional artist and illustrator for over twenty-five years. In addition to painting sacred images from various religions, she portrays women, families, and scenes of everyday life; blending intricate patterns, text, vibrant colors and sometimes surreal imagery into what she calls "art for the people."

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Jesus, meine Zuversicht BWV 728 (Jesus Christ, my sure defense)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn



The Hymnal 1982 #438 "Tell out, my soul"

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song of Mary @1926.

Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.

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 and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,

with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Micah 6:1-8

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

Choir intones the antiphon; congregation joins on repeat and all remaining antiphons. Choir sings verses.



Lord, who may dwell within your house, or on your holy hill? Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still. **Antiphon.**

Who have no guile upon their tongues, nor harm their neighbor's life, But honor those who fear the Lord and turn away from strife. **Antiphon.**

Who do no wrong, but keep your word, and seek no bribe or gain; All those who do such things shall live, and safe from harm remain. **Antiphon.**

Words: Psalm 15, *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber. Music: Antiphon: Rawn Harbor, alt. Verses: Dent Davidson.

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

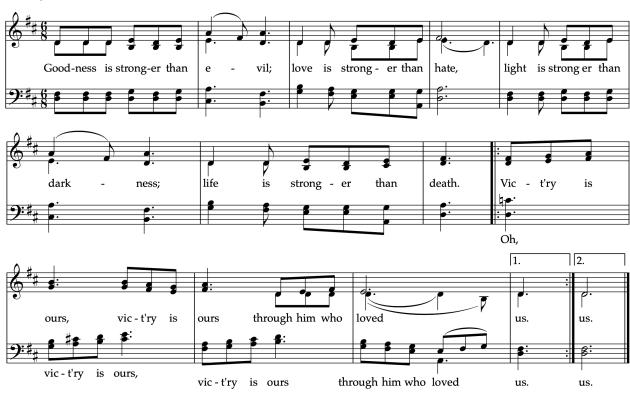
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.



Lead Me, Guide Me #313 "Goodness is stronger than evil" Words: Desmond Tutu (1931-2021), ©; adapt. John L. Bell (b. 1949).

Music: Goodness is stronger, John L. Bell, © 1996, Iona Community.

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 5:1-12

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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. Catherine Healy, 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

On the third day he rose again.

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 your servants **Jason** Evans (1/29), **Jonathan** Foiles (1/30), **Vivienne** Kennedy Chlipala (1/30), **James** Morin (2/1), **Alexandra** Golder Tonsgard (2/2), and **Sarah** Welch-Larson (2/2), as they begin another year, and on **Sem** Sutter **& John** Easton (1/29) and **Kerstin & David** Wellbery (2/3) as they celebrate their anniversary.

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 **Becky** Kruse, **Carolyn** Strong (sister of Twila Jones), **Deborah** Caldwell Stane **Susan** McNeill (stangether of Melicsa McNeill). **Jon** Forla (brother of Pager Forla)

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, **Susan** McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), **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), **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Roger** Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers), 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 Piotr "Pete" Liwski (grandfather of Sarah Welch-Larson, 1/20/2023), David Farris (parishioner, 1/23/2023), and George Whitley (parishioner, 2/2/2022). 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: Becky Kruse, Carolyn Strong (sister of Twila Jones), Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Susan McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), 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), 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring? To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Then do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high? Let Christ endue our will with grace.

Music: "What does the Lord require?" Eric Nelson (b. 1959). Text: Micah 6:6-8.

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.

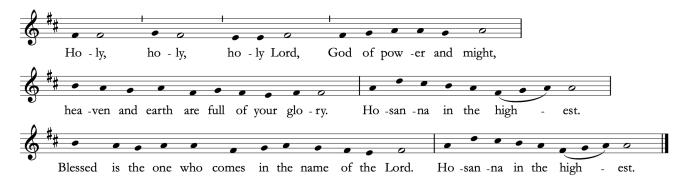
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

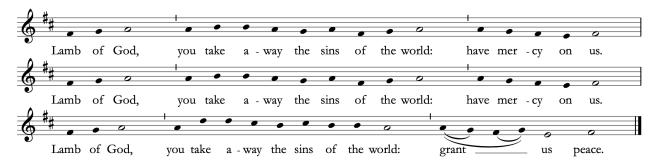
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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. 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.



Hymnal 1982 #593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226),

Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979).



Wonder, Love, and Praise #803 "These three are the treasures" Words: Colin Hodgetts.

Music: Song of Lau Tsu, Colin Hodgetts.

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 Hymnal 1982 #594 "God of grace an God of glory" Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: Cum Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



Annual Meeting

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

Rebuilding for Patti Lanfair

Thank you so much to all who have expressed a desire to help SPR member Patti Lanfair rebuild after her home was destroyed in Hyde Park's recent condo fire. At the church's request, Patti has made an Amazon wish list for donations: www.tinyURL.com/pattilanfair.

Carnival Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, February 19** to celebrate Carnival Sunday, the final Sunday before Lent! We'll celebrate with festive music and a catered meal after the 10:00 service. There will be no scheduled formation for children, youth, or adults on Carnival Sunday.

Ash Wednesday

On **Wednesday, February 22**, join us in worship as we begin the season of Lent. Our service schedule includes:

- 12:00 PM: Contemplative spoken Eucharist
- 5:30 PM: Children's service exploring the symbols of Lent, followed by a soup supper
- 7:30 PM: Choral Eucharist

Diocesan Evensong at St. James Cathedral

All are invited to attend a Choral Evensong on **Sunday**, **February 19 at 4:00 PM** hosted by St. James Cathedral, and sung by a Diocesan Festival Choir, including members of the SPR choir.

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).

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. Our current community level is **Medium**.

- 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

Ordination of Addie Domske

Our former youth leader, Addie Domske, will be ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Tuesday, February 14, at 5:00 PM (CST) at the First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish, Washington, where she will serve as the associate pastor. The ordination will be streamed at www.facebook.com/SnoPres

About This Week's Music

The **prelude**, considered by many to be one of Bach's most beautiful chorale melodies, sets an anonymous German text which begins "Jesus, meine Zuversicht Und mein Heiland, ist im Leben! ("Jesus Christ, my sure Defense, and my Saviour, ever liveth!"). The **anthem** is a 2018 commission by Eric Nelson, the Artistic Director of the Atlanta Master Chorale, and the brief Tocatta in E Minor heard during the **postlude** shows that Johann Pachelbel wrote much more than his (in)famous Canon in D.

Serving Today

January 29, 2023: 10:00 AM

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

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu Lectors: Kari Martin, Eva Nielsen Intercessor: Steven Heyman Prayer Writer: Twila Jones

Chalice Ministers: Peggy Johnson, Gail Williams,

Meryl Prochaska, Fran Spaltro Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Ushers: Vincent Johnson, Alicia Chipman

Vestry Greeter: Celia Paris Livestream: Nisse 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

Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Lindsey Strieter, Director of Children's Formation

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate* The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton* Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, WardenO. Michael AginaFrances Spaltro, WardenTayo Adegoke, Treasurer

Traci Beck Nicholas Bellomy

Jonathan Foiles Vicky Legge Meryl Prochaska Jason Evans Rebecca Luttrell Celia Paris

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.

