

The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib (1684).

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH HOLY BAPTISM

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER AUGUST 20, 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



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Adagio in A-minor from "Twelve Adagios for Organ" Op. 57 Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846).





The Hymnal 1982 #8 "Morning has broken"

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881 - 1965), alt.

Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

Welcome

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Maker of all.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.**Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life:
Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have

seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum! Sung by the choir*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there has God ordained a blessing: life for evermore.

Words: Psalm 133, St. Helena Psalter. Music: Richard Farrant (1525-1580).

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

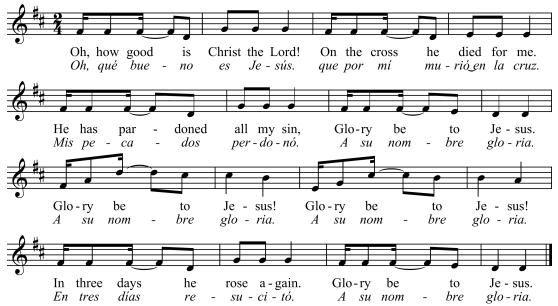
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able and sing the English verse.



My Heart Sings Out #103 "Oh, how good is Christ the Lord"
Words and Music: Puerto Rican Folk Hymn; harm. Dale Grotenhuis.

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 15: 21-28

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Director of Children's Formation, 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. KJ Oh



Lift Every Voice and Sing II #143 "Wade in the water"
Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949).

Presentation and Examination of Candidate for Holy Baptism

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Natalia Pilar Rendón to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you away from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Natalia in her life in Christ? **We will.**

Let us join with Natalia, who is being committed to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand as able.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate & the People

Let us now pray for Natalia, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **Becky** Foster (8/20), **Antonia** Kelleher (8/21), **D. Maria** Neighbors (8/21), and **Gabriel** Lear (8/24), and for the anniversaries of **Toni** Daniels & **Tim** Murray (8/21), **Allison** Bartlett & **Shawn** Hannan (8/24), and **Hans** Detlefsen & **Emily** Bradley (8/25). Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for **Ruth** Woll, **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Penny** Piantedosi (sister of Valerie Tonsgard), **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Amelia** Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), **Alphonso** Guerrero (cousin of Cecilia Mowatt), as well as their caregivers, and all those on our prayer list. and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for **Shohreh** Tavaf Rashti (8/6/2023, friend of Cecilia Mowatt), **Ronald** Larrieu Sr. (father of Donna Larrieu, 8/16/2023), **Gwendolyn** DuBose Rogers (8/22/2021, parishioner), **Grace** Osborne (8/22/2021, mother of James Osborne), **John** Thurman (8/25/2012, partner of David Fleer), and **Klara** Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery, 8/26/2022).

Lord, 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."

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Natalia is baptized and receives the oil of chrism and the light of Christ.

Natalia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Natalia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Receive the light of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The 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 staff singer Ariana Strahl.

Open your mouth for the mute, for the desolate, for the voiceless, for the vulnerable;

Be strong, have courage, and do the work.

Open your mouth,
defend the poor,
defend the needy,
plead the case of the poor,
plead the case of the needy;
Be strong, have courage, and do the work.

"Open your mouth"

Words: adapted from Proverbs 31:8-9 and I Chronicles 28:20. Music: Ashi Day (b. 1982).

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.

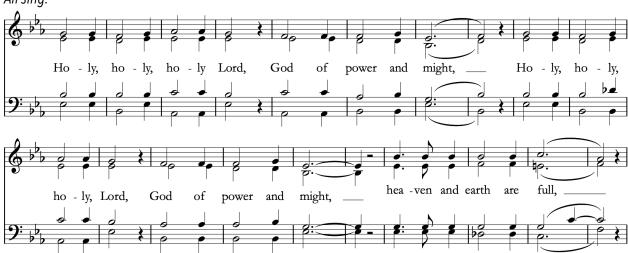
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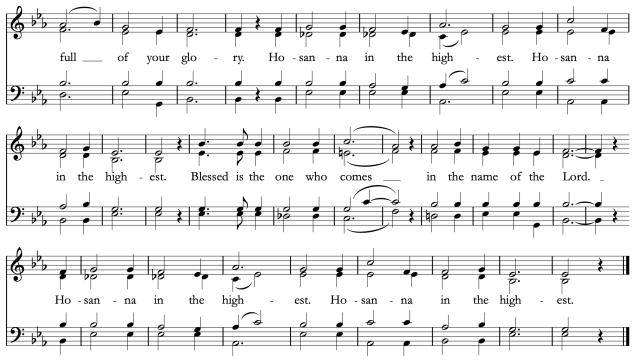
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

All sing.

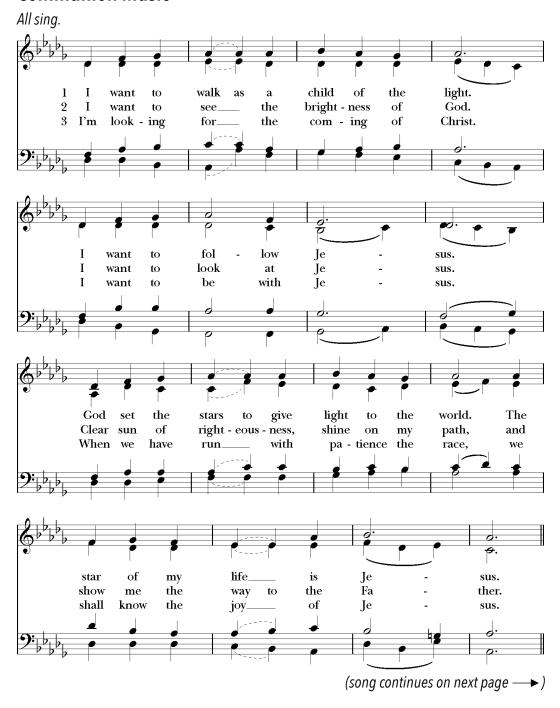


Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

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



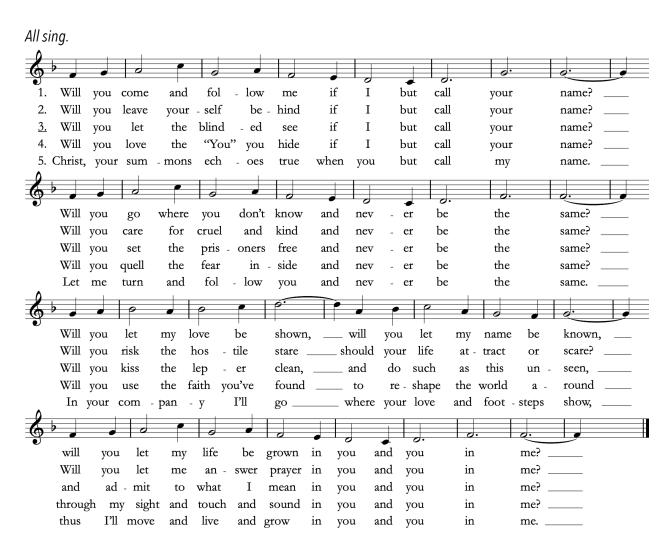


The Hymnal 1982 #490 "I want to walk as a child of the Light"

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934).

Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934).

Communion Music continues on next page



Wonder, Love, and Priase #757 "Will yo come and follow me (The Summons)" Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949), and Graham Maule (1958-2019). Music: Kelvingrove, Scottish trad.

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.**



Voices Found #133 "Take my life and let it be" Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hendon, Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude Maestoso, from "Twelve Postludes" Charles Vincent (1852 –1934).



Kitchen Clean-Out: August 19-20 & 26

Help us get the kitchen ready for a professional deepclean! On **Sunday, August 20 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM**, we will clear out cabinets and sort the kitchen inventory. On **Saturday, August 26, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, we'll put everything back! You're welcome to bring your lunch to eat on-site; we'll provide the drinks. For details, contact Fran Spaltro: pambasilea@gmail.com.

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. Register online at sprchicago.org/womens-retreat.

POSTPONED: Worship at the Point

Due to permit issues, our planned outdoor worship service at Promontory Point is postponed. We'll see you indoors at church on August 27!

Volunteers Needed:

Feeding Migrants in our Midst

Help prepare and/or deliver meals for our recently arrived migrant neighbors at CPD District 2 (51st & Wentworth or District 3 (71st & Cottage Grove). To get involved, contact Mary Naftzger: maryandbob.n@sbcglobal.net

Volunteer with the Food Pantry

The SPR food pantry seeks a few additional volunteers to help with setup and distribution of food on Wednesdays. We supplement the pantries of over fifty households each week. If you like meeting new people, getting a bit of a workout, and giving and receiving cooking advice, this volunteer work is for you! To learn more or sign up, contact Barnabas Pusnur: pusnur@sprchicago.org.

New Moms' Group Begins in September

SPR invites all new moms (with children aged 0-3) to gather on **Sunday**, **September 17 at 9:00 AM** in the counseling office (outside the columbarium in the southeast corner of the sanctuary) to share the joys and challenges of new motherhood. We hope to gather monthly thereafter to support each other in this unique period of life. Child care will be available in the nursery for children ages 1 and up; infants are invited to join their moms. Questions? Contact Romonda McKinney romonda.mckinney@gmail.com.

Charcuterie Sunday

After 10:00 worship on **Sunday, August 27**, you are invited to a delicious charcuterie coffee hour in the parish hall. Thank you to David Batdorf, Patrick Jonker, and Mel Parks for hosting!

Run for Office in the Diocese of Chicago

The Diocese of Chicago is now accepting nominations for positions to be elected by the 2023 Diocesan Convention, including Standing Committee, Bishop & Trustees, and Cathedral Chapter. **Nominations are due September 30**; to indicate interest in running for one of these offices, contact Catherine Healy by **Friday, September 15**.

Godly Play Training in Lake Forest From Friday, August 25 through Sunday, August

27, Church of the Holy Spirit (400 E. Westminster, Lake Forest) will host a Godly Play core training, encouraged for Godly Play leaders and all others who would like to learn more about our Montessori-based children's curriculum. For details, contact Catherine Healy.

Love in a Dish for the Stanovich-Jividen Family

All chefs are invited to prepare meals for Jennifer Stanovich, Michael Jividen, and big sister Margot (near 56th & Kimbark) as they welcome baby Louise, born July 25. www.mealtrain.com/trains/41wog8



Jazzing Up Coffee Hour This Fall

Are you ready for coffee hour after the 10:00 service to be just a bit more delicious? **Starting September 10,** all church members are invited to sign up to bring one item or help with setup or cleanup. If every household contributes twice a year, our coffee hour will be a delicious feast. Food expenses can be reimbursed, as needed. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10 to bring an item or to help with setup. Questions? Contact Cynthia Bagrowski: cbagrowski@gmail.com.

Apply to Be a Convention Delegate

The 186th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be held Friday and Saturday, November 17 & 18, at the Westin Chicago Lombard. Learn more here. To apply to serve as a lay delegate or alternate from SPR, complete this form by **Friday, September 15**.



Calling all cellists of SPR

If you play the cello, we want you to participate in a cello ensemble for our 10AM Haiti Sunday service on **September 24**. Our offertory music will be "Souvenirs" for cello ensemble by Haitian composer Christopher Ducasse. If you (or your child) would like to join, contact Mark Bilyeu: bilyeu@sprchicago.org.

Choir Season Begins

The start of our program year is just around the corner, and with it, the return of our choirs!

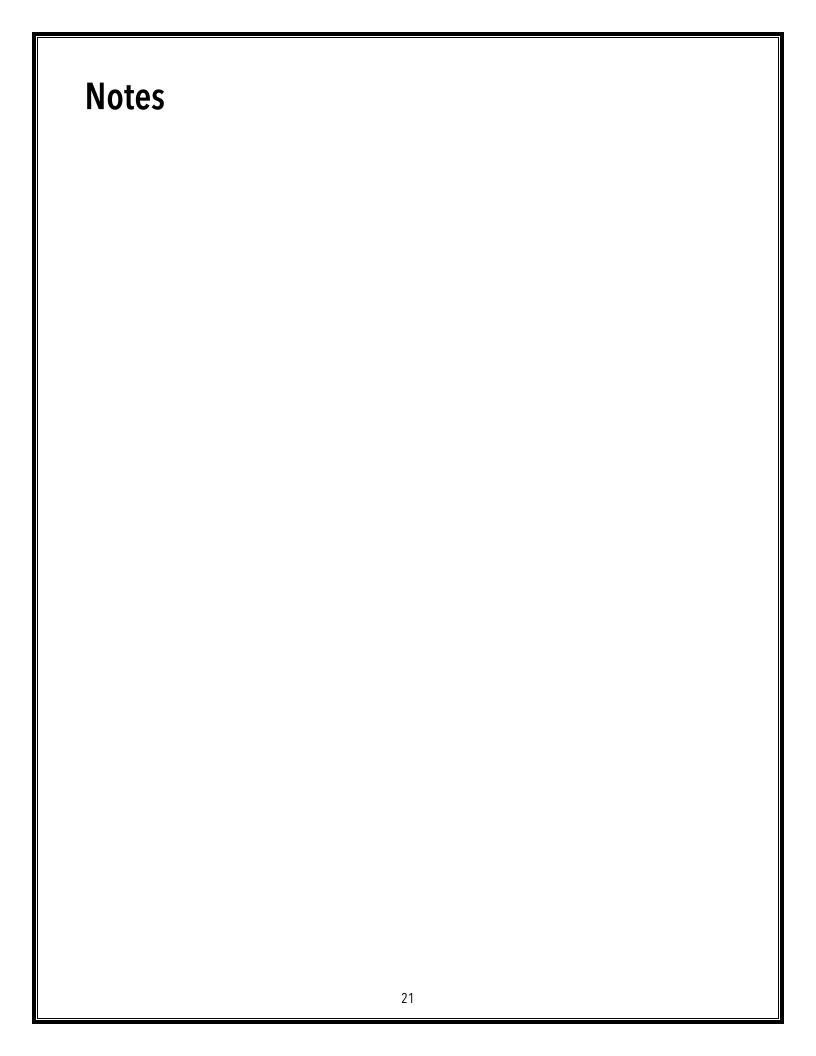
Our Choristers (grades 3-8) and Adult Choir (post-grade 8) begin on **Thursday, September 7.**Choristers meet 6-7:30PM and Adults meet 7:00-8:40PM. All are welcome! Contact Mark Bilyeu bilyeu@sprchicago.org.

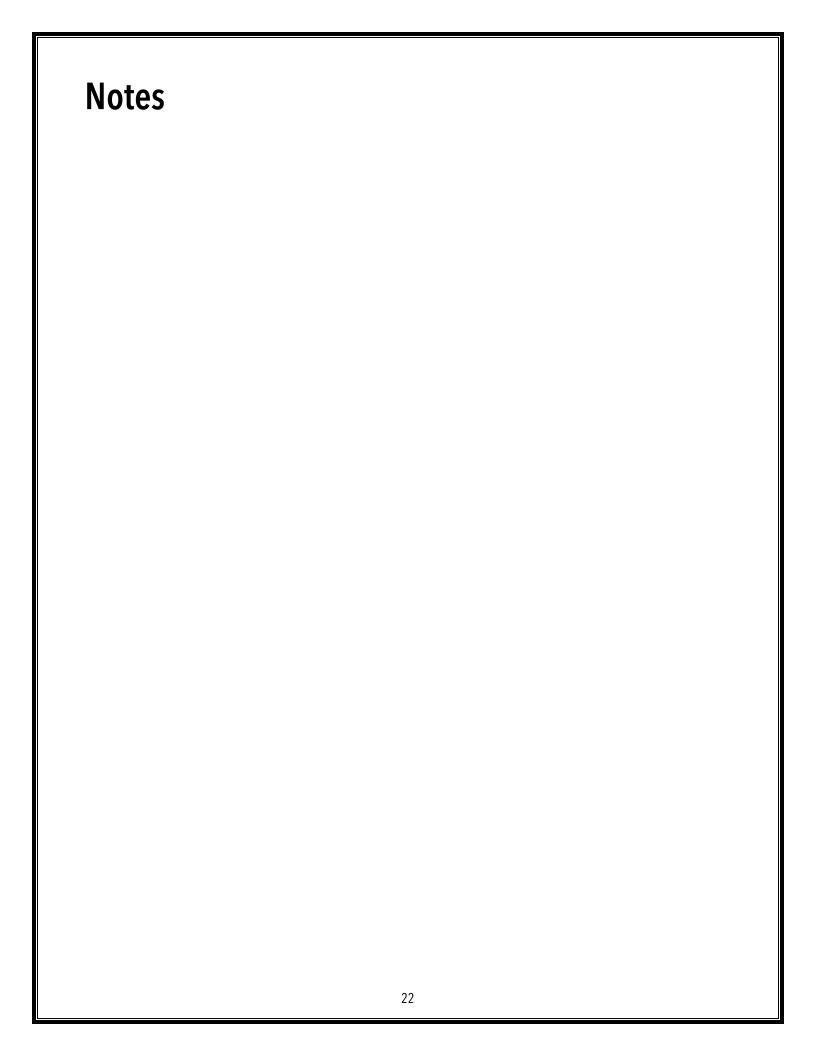
Saint Nicholas Choir (kindergarten – 2nd grade) will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 14 from 6-6:30PM.** All are welcome! Contact Megan Cather cather@sprchicago.org.

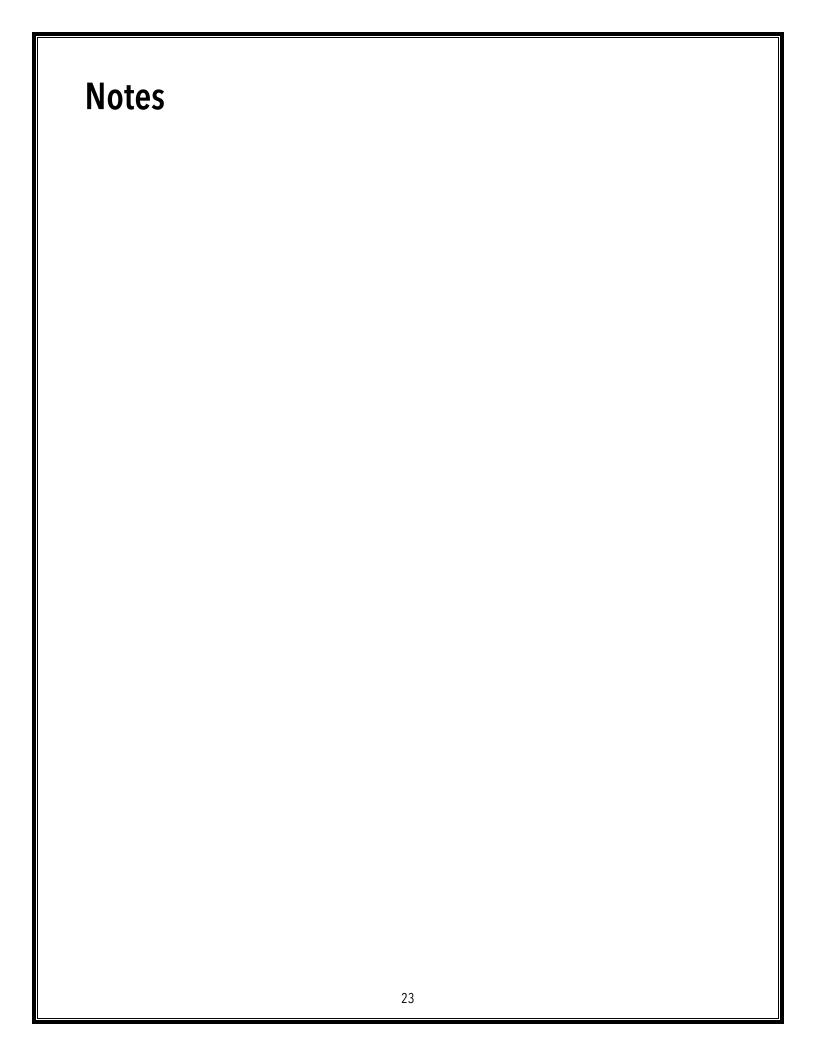
Save the Date: Justice Choir Chicago @ SPR
On Saturday, September 23 from 1PM-3PM, SPR
will be hosting a community sing in conjunction with
Justice Choir. Led by several Chicago-based directors
and community activists, join you voice in singing for
positive change within our communities. For more
information on the Justice Choir movement, visit
www.justicechoir.org or speak to Mark Bilyeu.

About This Week's Music

Today's **offertory anthem** written by Ashi Day sets Proverbs 31:8-9, calling out the similarities in the language of social justice work and the Bible. The piece won calls for scores for Juventas New Music Ensemble's "Freedom of Speech" and Calliope's Call's "Songs of Unity" concerts.







Serving Today

August 20, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy,

The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Preacher: The Rev. KJ Oh Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter Lectors: Kenji Kuramitsu, Tom Irving

Prayer Reader: Mary Naftzger

Chalice Ministers: Esther Foiles, Tayo Adegoke,

Maureen Jesuthasan, Bekcy Kruse Ushers: Joe Dunn, Melissa McNeill Communion Bread Baker: Jason Cather

Linen Washer: Jack Seymour

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, Rector

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon* Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Lindsey Strieter, Director of Children's Formation

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, 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, *Warden*Baiju Markose, *Clerk*Frances Spaltro, *Warden*Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy Joshua Daniel
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.

