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CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 10:00 AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

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

Let's Get Connected

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



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Children & Youth at SPR

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

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 1–4 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

From September through May, we welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM. See the back of the bulletin for more information about today's offerings.

- 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

Très calme

Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B (1893-1979).

Entrance Hymn



Hymnal 1982 #492 "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness" Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Music: Finnian, Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930).

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Grant us the fullness of your grace,
that we, running to obtain your promises,
may become partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

Song of Praise

Sung by the St. Nicholas Choir & the Choristers. Megan Cather, guitar.

Refrain

All God's critters got a place in the choir.

Some sing low, some sing higher,
some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
and some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

Listen to the bass; it's the one on the bottom, where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to-do, and the old cow just goes MOO!

Well, the dogs and the cats, they take up the middle; the honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle. The donkey brays and the pony neighs, and the old coyote howls. (refrain)

Listen to the top, where the little bird sings the melody with a high voice ringing; the hoot-owl hollers over everything, and the jaybird disagrees.

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day, the little duck quacks and he's on his way.

The 'possum don't have much to say, and the porcupine talks to herself. (refrain)

Everybody here is a part of the plan; we all get to play in the great critter band. From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea, it's one great symphony. (refrain)

The Lessons

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to

the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4;12-16 Attendite, popule

Choir sings verses 1, congregation joins where indicated.



- 1 Choir Hear my teaching, I O my I people; * incline your I ears to the I words of my I mouth.
- 2 All I will open my mouth in a parable; *

 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 Choir That which we have heard and known, and what our I forebears have I told us, * we will not I hide I from their I children.
- 4 All We will recount to generations to come your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O | God, * and the wonderful | works | you have | done.
- 12 Choir You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 All You split open the sea and | let them pass | through; * you made the | waters stand | up like | walls.
- 14 Choir You led them with a I cloud by I day, *

 And all the night I through with a I glow of I fire.
- 15 All You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 Choir You brought streams I out of the I cliff, *
 and the I waters gushed I out like I rivers.

| = corresponds to bar line * = indicates half-way point

> = 2 notes for 1 syllable = 2 syllables for 1 note

Words: Psalm 78:1-4;12-16, *St. Helena Psalter*. Music: C. Hylton Stewart

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of deatheven death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able and sing.



"Jesus calls us (Come follow me)"

Words and Music: James E. Clemens and David Wright.

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 21:23-32

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of

God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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 music assistant Megan Cather. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy, Rector

All sing.

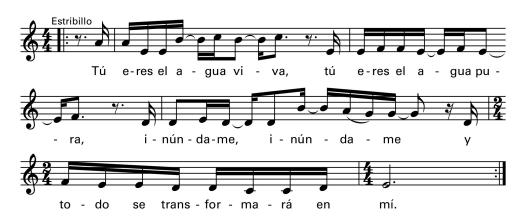
Cantor sings the verse and first chorus (estribillo); congregation joins in the repetitions of the chorus.

Manifiesta tu Santidad en mí, Manifest your Holiness in me,

tómame de entre lo que me dispersé, bring me back from the places where I have been scattered,

recógeme de donde me perdí Recover me from where I was lost

y llévame de nuevo al corazón. and make my heart anew.



Estribillo: Chorus:

Tú eres el agua viva, You are the living water, tú eres el agua pura, you are the pure water, inúndame, inúndame flood me, flood me

y todo se transformará en mí. and everything will transform within me.

"Tú eres el agua viva"

Words and Music: Glenda Hernández.

Presentation and Examination of Candidate for Holy Baptism

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Oreoluwa Arogundade 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 Oreoluwa in his life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with Oreoluwa, 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 of the People

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

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.`

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who seek healing of body, mind, or spirit, especially **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Peter** Pereira, **Becky** Kruse, **D. Maria** Neighbors, **John** Mulholland, **Hilton** Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for **Clare** Canapary Healy (10/1), **Sophia** Guillory (10/2), **Delilah** Guillory (10/2), **Rebecca** Luttrell (10/4), **Julia** McMillan (10/4), **Carolyn** Pereira (10/4), and **Julia** Rademacher-Wedd (10/4) as they begin another year, and for **Megan & Jason** Cather (10/2), **Brianna & Kenji** Kuramitsu (10/5) as they celebrate their anniversaries.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially **Jessie** Woods (parishioner, 10/2/2004), **Harley** Follmer, Sr. (father of David Follmer, 10/3), **Ruth** Cokiegee (mother of D. Maria Neighbors, 10/3/1962), **Nathaniel** Williams (father of Gail Williams, 10/5/1998), and **Oswald** Mowatt (father of Cecilia, Victor, Cyril, Raoul, Enrico and Mario Mowatt, 10/5).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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

Oreoluwa, 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

Oreoluwa, 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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir and the Choristers.

Open my heart. Alleluia.

See ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you.

Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.

Seek, and ye shall find.

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Alleluia.

Words and Music: Karen Lafferty, employing a chant by Ana Hernández, arr. Dent Davidson (b. 1993).

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

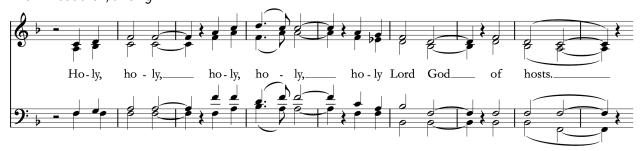
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

The Presider adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

After introduction, all sing.



[&]quot;Seek ye first"



Lift Every Voice and Sing II #255 "Holy, holy, holy"

Music: Mass for a Soulful People, Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948).

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Source: Adapted from All Creation Sings: Thanksgiving at the Table, Form A.

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

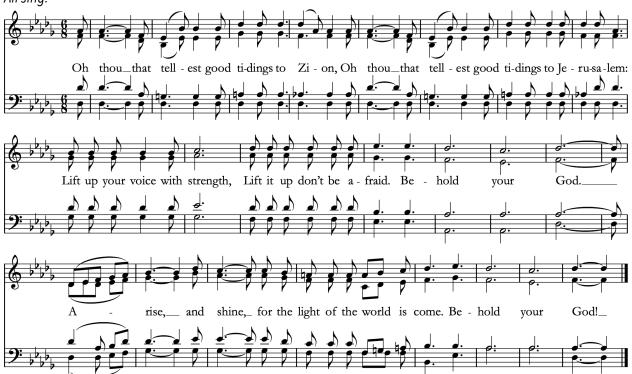
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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.



LEVAS #2 "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion (Behold Your God)" Words and Music: Kenneth W. Louis (b. 1956).

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.

No matter whether or how you choose to receive the Eucharist, may this time in the service be one of contemplation and prayer, enabling you to draw nearer to the quiet presence of God.

Communion Music





Hymnal 1982 #339 "Deck thyself, my soul with gladness"

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.



Hymnal 1982 #685 "Rock of ages"

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

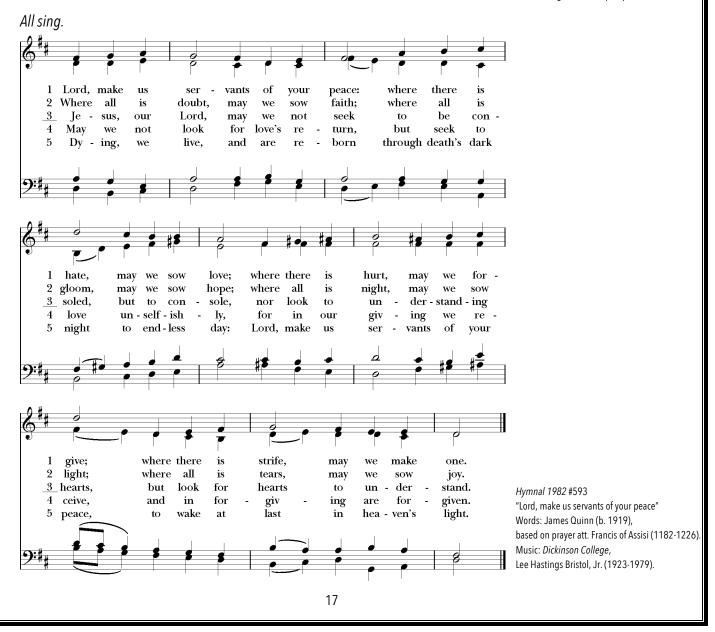
Let us pray.

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 the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Source: Celtic traditional, Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 71.



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

In Nomine Domini, Op. 62 No. 8 Edward MacDowell (1860 - 1908), arr. C. Charlton Palmer.



Migrant Housing Ministry Update

Our newly settled migrant neighbors from Venezuela are getting to know Hyde Park and are grateful for our church's sponsorship. To donate in support of their living expenses, use the QR code here or visit tinyurl.com/SPR-Migrant-Program. To volunteer by visiting or otherwise assisting our neighbors as they learn English and pursue employment, contact Sheila Bator: sbator@aol.com.





Adult Formation: Tell Me the Truth About Racism Today, Sunday, October 1, at 11:10 AM, the Rev. Will Bouvel will introduce us to *Tell Me the Truth About Racism*, a Godly Play-inspired story series that invites people of all ages into powerful wondering about the legacy of racism in our lives through the lens of our faith. Learn more at tellmethetruthaboutracism.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us today, **Sunday, October 1**, at 2:00 PM in the SPR garden for a blessing of the animals, in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Creatures of every species and people of all ages are welcome to come to this brief service for a blessing!

Children's & Youth Ministries This Sunday

- Godly Play (grades PK-2): Movie Day
- Junior Youth Group (grades 3-5): Movie Day
- Youth Group (grades 6-12): Tell Me the Truth About Racism (beginning in the parish hall at adult formation, then transitioning to the youth room for a discussion led by Jen Jackson)

KidZone (Nursery) Movie Day

Children ages 1-4 are invited to a special viewing of *The Lion King* in the KidZone on **Sunday, October 1**. Contact: Patti Lanfair (planfair@nm.org).

Submit Names for All Saints' Day Necrology
On All Saints' Sunday, November 5, we will read aloud the names of all church members and their loved ones who have passed away since Nov 6, 2022. If you would like a loved one's name read aloud, please email their name, date of death, and relationship to you (e.g., "John Smith, 1/7/2020, father of Jane Smith") to Mark Bilyeu (bilyeu@sprchicago.org) by Wednesday, Nov 1 at 12p.

20s/30s Board Game Night

All young adults in their 20s/30s are invited to a tabletop game night in the St. Cecilia Room on **Friday, October 27**, from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. No need to bring a game, we'll have plenty! RSVP to Lori Petrie.

Love in a Dish: Deliver a Homemade Meal

Julia McMillan & Brett O'Brien (55th & Hyde Park) are grateful to receive meals as they settle into life with newborn Henry. Sign up: mealtrain.com/trains/0e047z

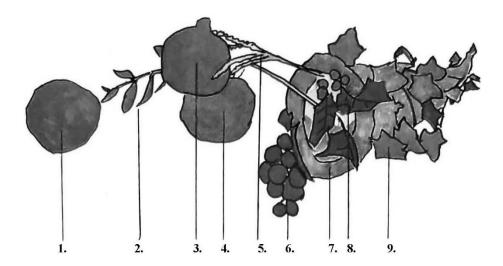
Jazzing Up Coffee Hour This Fall

Are you ready for coffee hour after the 10:00 service to be just a bit more delicious? All church members are invited to sign up to bring one item or help with setup or cleanup. Sign up at **tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10**. Contact: Cynthia Bagrowski (cbagrowski@gmail.com).

About This Week's Music

This week's **prelude** is by Paul Benoit, a French Benedictine monk who served as the organist at the Abbey of Clervaux. The **postlude** is by American Edward MacDowell, most famous for his piano piece "To a Wild Rose." "In Nomine Domini" is part of his larger work *New England Idyls*, first published in 1902, originally for piano. Former SPR Director of Music, Dent Davidson, arranged the **anthem** which melds the well-known tune "Seek Ye First" with a chant by Ana Hernández, author of the book "The Sacred Art of Chant."





- 1. **Apple:** Traditionally, if not biblically, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden. A symbol of the "Fall of Man," and, when held by the infant Jesus, a symbol of his future mission as Redeemer of the world.
- 2. **Olive Branch:** An ancient symbol of peace. In the Old Testament, brought back to the Ark by a dove, a symbol of God making peace with humanity after the Flood.
- 3. **Pomegranate:** An ancient symbol of fertility and prosperity, associated with the Virgin Mary or the infant Christ who hold the fruit, bursting with seeds, and understood as symbolic of Christ's suffering and resurrection.
- 4. **Orange:** Occasionally a substitute for an apple held by the Christ Child; associated with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.
- 5. **Sheaf of Wheat:** Traditionally symbolic of the Eucharistic bread of Communion.
- 6. **Bunch of Grapes:** Symbolic of the Eucharistic wine of Communion.
- 7. **Cornucopia:** (from Latin: *cornu copiae*) "horn of plenty." A horn-shaped basket associated with and symbolic of many virtues, personifications, gods, and goddesses, and seen as symbolic of autumn (and the harvest), of abundance, peace and concord, and of fortune and hospitality. In the United States, it is also a symbol of the secular holiday of Thanksgiving.
- 8. **Holly:** Often associated with winter and understood as particularly hardy because of its evergreen leaves, it has been associated with Christmas since medieval times and more particularly with Christ, specifically with the crown of thorns and the blood it drew, but also, because of its hardiness, with Christ's resurrection.
- 9. **Ivy:** Associated with immortality because of its vitality and evergreen color, it forms a wonderful pair with holly in the traditional Christmas hymn: "The Holly and the Ivy."

The Program: The cornucopia can be read from left to right (front to back) as symbolic of the biblical progress of humanity, from eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, to God's promise, in the wake of the Flood, never again to destroy the world (and, more generally, of humanity's need to work for peace). This is followed by two symbols of the spiritual fertility of Mary and of Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and then by the symbols of the Eucharist. The holly and the ivy are symbolic both of Christ's sacrifice, and of its enduring vitality and fruitfulness. The cornucopia pouring out its riches is a symbol of Christianity and of the world's extraordinary abundance. As we say (in the old liturgy) at the presentation of the offering: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

Levi Smith (Sources: James Hall, *Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art* & Wikipedia)





Serving Today

October 1, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leaders: Mark Bilyeu, Megan Cather Children's Chapel Leader: Megan Cather Lectors: Mary Naftzger, Tom Irving Intercessor: Andrew Chipman

Chalice Ministers: Peggy Johnson, Gail Williams, John

Omoworare, John Adewoye

Ushers: Alicia Chipman, Elder Chipman

Livestream:

Linen Washer: Jack Seymour Vestry Greeter: Celia Paris

Communion Bread Baker: Jim Tonsgard

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

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The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate (on leave, fall 2023)*Savannah Hegyi, Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Celia Paris

Twila Jones, *Warden* Frances Spaltro, *Warden* Baiju Markose, *Clerk* Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy
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Jason Evans
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Vicky Legge
Rebecca Luttrell
Andrew Rostan

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.

