REFORMATION DAY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

October 31, 2021 | 9:15 & 11:15 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's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | 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, 9:30am-9:45am | 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 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today at 10:20am to hear the story of The Ark & the Tent (pre-K – Grade 2), or The Ark & the Tent + Samuel (Grades 3-5). Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact Dafne del Risco-Nolla (nolla@sprchicago.org).

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.

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, or scan this code to give via PayPal. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

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.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us today for youth formation (grade 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We've pondered questions like "Is God male?"; "Did God write the Bible?"; and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?"

Youth Group: Today, the youth Group will have a pumpkincarving party from 5pm-7pm. Come prepared with creative, spooky designs for a fun, sugar-filled evening!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Heut singt die liebe Christenheit" from Great Organ Book, Volume 3 Setting: Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

Entrance Hymn



The Hymnal 1982 – #699 "Jesus, Lover of my soul"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt.

Music: Aberystwyth, 77. 77. D, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Welcome

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise



Rejoice in the Lord: A Hymn Companion to the Scriptures - #510 "When the morning stars together"

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Music: Weisse Flaggen, 8.7.8.7 D, Cologne, 1741

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church.

Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it.

Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Ruth.

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there

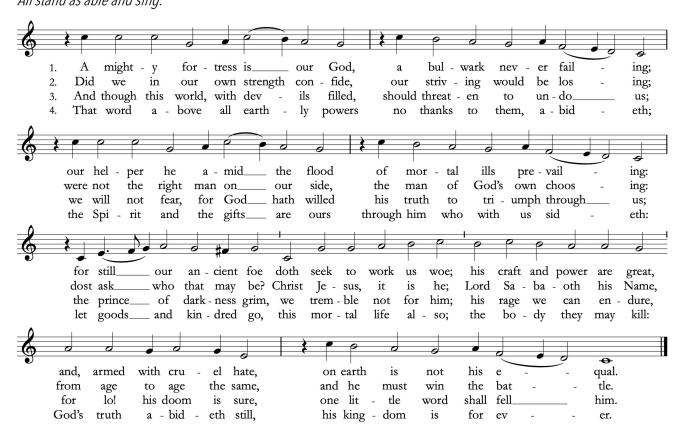
will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

All stand as able and sing.



Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46 Music: *Ein feste Burg*, 87. 87. 66. 66. 7, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), alt.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chant at the Gospel Procession



"Allunde, allunde"

Words: Traditional

Music: East African Chant, arr. Geoff Weaver (b. 1943) and Michael O'Connor

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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 Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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 Dafne del Risco-Nolla and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Roger Ferlo (Priest Associate)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

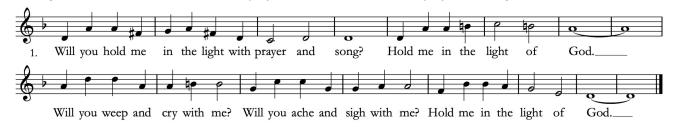
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All sing the first stanza as an invocation to prayer. At the conclusion of the prayers, all sing the final stanza.



Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We give thanks for reformers and visionaries in every generation. Bless your church in its diversity, and restore its unity.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace and security for the people of Haiti, and for St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, our partner parish.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **Daniel** Jesuthasan (11/2), **Hollis** Walker (11/3), **CeCe** Agina (11/4), and **Alana** LaCroix-Birdthistle (11/6).

Lord, in your mercy,

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 Al Baker, Ron Gatton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Jacquelynne Corey Hain, Tim Sehr, Shannon Cate and her family, Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Josef Michael Carr, Jr. and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

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 **Richard** Bator (10/27/2021, uncle of Bob Bator), **Sylvia** Clark (10/24/2021, former parishioner), **Bill** Wiggins (10/31/2010, father of Ellen Wiggins), **Welton** Taylor (11/1/2012, former parishioner), and **Fred** Clark (11/6/2013, father of Allison Clark). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.



"Will you hold me in the light"

Words: Adam M. L. Tice (b. 1979). Music: Assembly, 11. 7. 7. 7, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952)

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Prayer list: Al Baker, Ron Gatton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Joseph Burgio, Josef Michael Carr, Jr., Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All are invited to bow or kneel.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. 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 the choir.

v. Chorale

Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär And if the world full of devils were

Und wollten uns verschlingen,
So fürchten wir uns nicht so sehr,
Es soll uns doch gelingen.

And wished us to devour,
So worry we yet not so much,
Things should for us yet succeed.

Der Fürst dieser Welt, The prince of this world,

Wie saur er sich stellt, how sour [stern, fierce] he acts;
Tut er uns doch nicht, Yet he does nothing to us,

Das macht, er ist gericht', that adds up to [means] he's been judged [i.e., tried and convicted]

Ein Wörtlein kann ihn fällen. A little word can fell him.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

music: from Cantata 80, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott", BWV 80, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

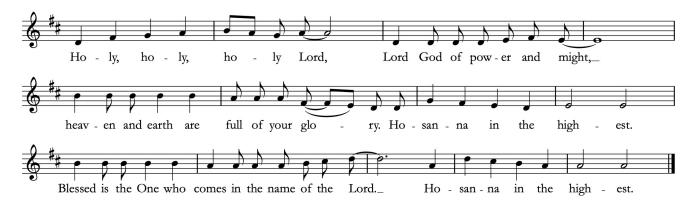
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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.

The celebrant adds a 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:



Music: from *Liturgy of Joy*, James Capers (b. 1948)
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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.**

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.

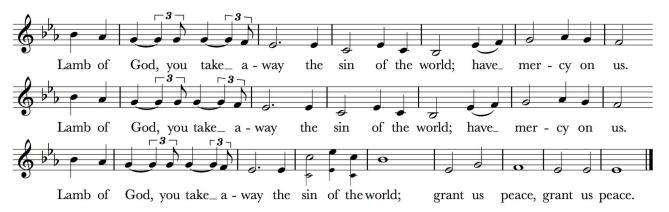
Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem



"Lamb of God"

Music: from Liturgy of Joy, James Capers (b. 1948)

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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 communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Sung by the choir:

viii. Chorale

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn

Und kein' Dank dazu haben.

Er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan

Mit seinem Geist und Gaben.

Nehmen sie uns den Leib,

Gut, Ehr, Kind und Weib,

Laß fahredahin,

Sie habens kein' Gewinn;

Das Reich muß uns doch bleiben.

The Word they shall allow to stand

and no thanks for it have (being forced to allow the Word to stand).

He is with us well on the plain [battlefield]

with his Spirit and gifts.

Take they from us the body [life],

Goods, [good] name [reputation or honor], child, and wife,

Let [If] all [these] depart

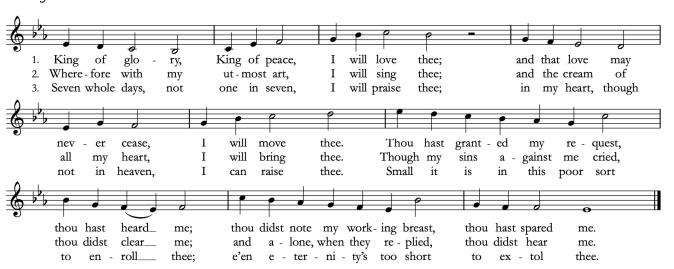
They have [still] no winnings;

the Kingdom must to [for] us yet remain.

Words: Martin Luther

music: from Cantata 80, "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott", BWV 80, Johann Sebastian Bach

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 - #382 "King of glory, King of peace"

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *General Seminary*, 74. 74. D, David Charles Walker (1938-2018), Copyright © 1976 David Charles Walker. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

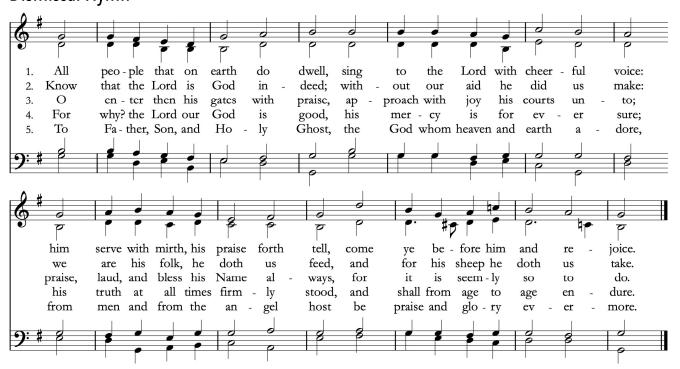
Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage

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**.

Dismissal Hymn



Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: Old 100th, LM, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Toccata & Fugue in d minor, *BWV 565* Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

COVID-19 Worship Precautions

As we re-gather in person for worship, our guiding principle is Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." In this spirit, we ask everyone present to collaborate in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Masks are required indoors for everyone over age 3, regardless of vaccination status.

Social distancing is encouraged. Please remain 6 feet from other households when possible.

Singing has returned! Please keep your mask on while you sing. Choirs are open only to vaccinated persons, where applicable.

Hand sanitizer will be distributed before communion.

Communion will be distributed in one kind (bread only) and will be brought to each worshiper.

Symptoms: If you have cold or flu symptoms, please exit the worship space. You may join the service virtually at youtube.com/sprchicago.



Reformation Sunday Coffee Hour

Make sure to join us for a hearty German meal **today** at coffee hour after the service. There is no adult formation today.

Youth Group | Pumpkin-Carving Party
Today, October 31, from 5-7pm, youth in grades 612 are invited to a pumpkin-carving party. Dinner
will be served; no need to bring anything other
than creativity! Come prepared for Halloween fun
and festivities. Questions? Contact director of youth
formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

Purgatorio Reading Group

Beginning today, October 31 and continuing for six weeks (and maybe a bit longer, if demand arises), join priest associate Roger Ferlo in the Byllesby Room after the 11:15 service to read Dante's Purgatorio in its near-entirety. No knowledge of Italian expected or assumed. You can purchase the bilingual edition from Amazon (tinyurl.com/purgatorio-book) or contact Barnabas Pusnur (pusnur@sprchicago.org). Interested? Contact Roger Ferlo (roger.ferlo@gmail.com).

Consecration of New Piano

Before the pandemic began, SPR received two generous donations, a bequest and a memorial gift, toward the enrichment of our musical life. With these gifts, in August of this year, we purchased the wonderful Yamaha grand piano that began enhancing our music-making over the summer. On Sunday, November 14, at 9:15 & 11:15 worship, we will formally consecrate our new piano for use with prayers, memorial dedications, and celebratory performances featuring several musical members of our community.

All Saints' Sunday Celebration & Pancake Breakfast On All Saints' Sunday, November 7, join us to celebrate all the living and departed saints of God and enjoy a pancake breakfast served by the youth of SPR! There is no Godly Play, youth formation or adult formation on this date; all are invited to join the feast. If you have a youth member who is available to help cook or serve breakfast, or if you would like to assist the youth with cooking and serving, please contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

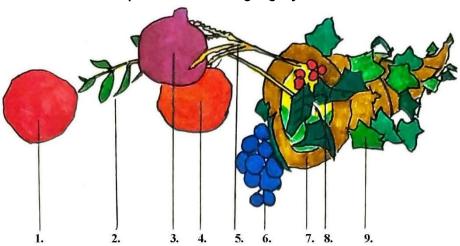
Day of the Dead Exhibition at the National Museum of Mexican Art

Join SPR members for a visit to the Day of the Dead Exhibition at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Pilsen on Saturday, November 13. Visit tinyurl.com/exhibition-visit for details of this year's exhibition which will include a commemoration of those who died of COVID. Some SPR members will be leaving by car from the church parking lot at 10am on 11/13. If you need a ride or can take some passengers in your car, contact Bob Bator (rbator@aol.com). Or you can meet us at the museum at 10:30am on that date.

Food Pantry Donations

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of **cereal**, Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, oatmeal, and grits. You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning, or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

Cornucopia Church Hanging by Levi Smith



- 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.
- 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 man 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 and similarly 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 has often been used as 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 man 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 man's need to work with his knowledge 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 communion. The Holly and the lvy 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 31, 2021

Presiders: The Rev. KJ Oh (8:00), The Rev. Catherine Healy

(9:15, 11:15)

Preacher: The Rev. Roger Ferlo Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Dafne del Risco-Nolla,

Gretchen Eng

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan (9:15)

Lectors: Joshua Daniel, Gabriel Lear, Steve Heyman (9:15); Twila Jones, Doug Hoffman, John Mulholland (11:15) Ushers: George Chlipala, Vincent Johnson (9:15), Joe Dunn

(11:15)

Vestry Greeters: Meryl Prochaska (9:15)

Linen Washer: Pat Swanson

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Ross Fogg, *Director of Youth Formation*

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Kerstin Wellbery

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.

