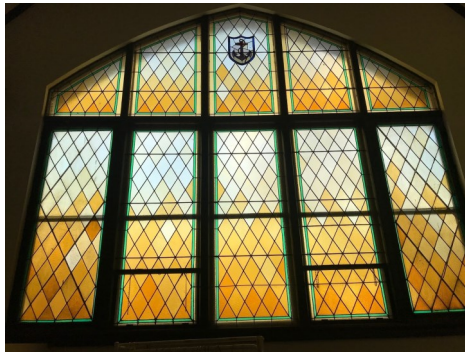


PPUMC is a RECONCILING CONGREGATION

that seeks spiritual growth through reason, experience, scripture, and tradition. We engage in work that demands justice in the community and in the world, use gender neutral language in reference to God, inclusive language for Creation, believe that music inspires us, that sharing binds us together, and that reflection and prayer empower us to act. We welcome seekers of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifications, and creeds.



Please do not hesitate to connect with us!

Rev. Isiah Dennis: Lead Pastor

Rose Craig Tyler: Director of Music Ministry

pastorid@prospectparkchurch.org

rosecraigtyler@prospectparkchurch.org

Anna Rieth: Administrative Assistant

Cassie Davies-Juhnke: Communications Coordinator

office@prospectparkchurch.org

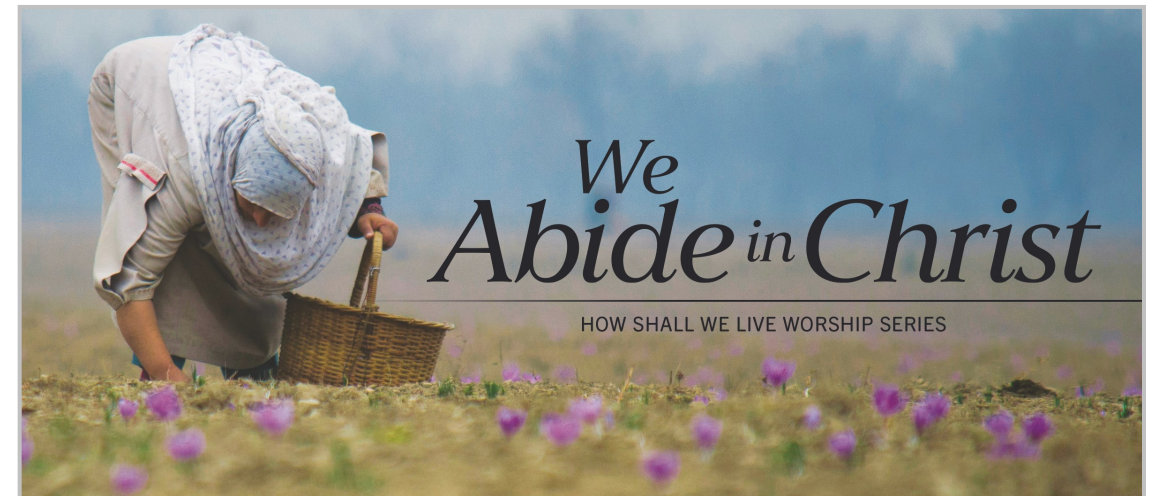
communications@prospectparkchurch.org



**Prospect Park
United Methodist Church**

22 Orlin Avenue SE | Minneapolis, MN 55414
www.prospectparkchurch.org

April 21, 2024



How Shall We Live | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Prospect Park UMC

We are a reconciling congregation that seeks to be an inclusive Christian community that affirms faith in God and spiritual growth with a commitment to justice and stewardship of God's creation. You are safe here. All Are Welcome!

Rev. Isiah C Dennis, Lead Pastor

- † All stand
- * Please be Seated
Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread
Check out todays passage from
“Our Daily Bread” to get centered for Worship



Rose Craig Tyler

Prelude

Welcome

Centering Breath

† CALL TO WORSHIP (From Ministry Matters)

One: Come, walk with the Lord this day.

All: We seek places of peace and rest from the stresses of our lives.

One: The Shepherd will lead you to places where your soul may be restored.

All: We come, sometimes fearful of the hostilities of the world.

One: In the midst of all the turmoil, The Shepherd will provide for your needs abundantly.

All: Surely these wonders will heal and restore our spirits. AMEN.

† Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

† Opening Hymn *“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me ”* FWS 2153

This Week at Prospect Park UMC

Monday April 22nd 6:30pm: Prospect Park Association Meeting (Hybrid)

Tuesday April 23rd 6:30pm: Admin. Council Meeting (Zoom)

7pm: Prospect Park Community Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday April 24th 6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday April 27th 8am: Church Clean-Up Day

Sunday April 28th 9:15am: Musical Gathering Time (Sanctuary)

9:30am: Coffee and Conversation via Zoom

10am: Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)

After Worship: Coffee Hour: Conversation/
Fellowship (Community Hall & Zoom)

Prospect Park UMC Bulletin Board

Church Clean-Up! (Saturday April 27th)



Come out to and help us clean and spruce up PPUMC! You can come for the full time or even for just 1 hour. However much time you are able to give, is appreciated. Please talk to Liz Pierce, Trustee Chair for more information!



Worship Team for Sunday April 21st

Music: Rose Craig Tyler

Nursery Caregiver: Elise

Altar Design: Judy Bratt

WORSHIP TEAM (rotating duties):

Kristi Adams, Vanessa Agudo, Cassie Davies-Juhnke, Ann DeGroot,
Cathy Velasquez Eberhart, Mike Hvidsten, Montana Johnson, Ginia Klamecki,
Steve Ozanne, Anna Rieth

**Want to support the work of
PPUMC? Scan this QR Code
to go to our Giving Page
online!**



**Join our newsletter to know
what's going on within the
PPUMC Community!
Scan QR Code to subscribe!**



Children's Time

Children's Time Song

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong, and the rest can tag along
Yes Jesus loves me Yes Jesus loves you, Yes Jesus love us all
The Bible tells us so

Intercessory Prayer

Share Joys and Concerns

(You are invited to come share your joys and any prayers requests you have that you want the community to be in prayer with you. Use the green prayer cards if you do not want to verbally say your prayer and hand it to the pastor)

Silent Prayer

(Those who desire prayer, light a candle as a symbol of there prayer request or anointing with oil may come up at this time.)

Prayer of Intercession:

Our souls are weary, O God. We hear to easily the loud clamor of the world. We witness the terror and trauma all around us. We long for the "good old days" when life seemed so much safer and simpler; when we felt cherished and protected. In this spirit, we have come to this time of worship, seeking your peace and hope. The Psalmist wrote of green pastures and refreshing springs of water, places of rest. Offerings of quietness and comfort flood our thirsting souls. What we would give for such places in the heart! In the midst of all that is difficult, there is one who leads us to these places where, when we have gathered strength and healing, we are prepared to go forth in confidence to serve again. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows our name and our needs. He listens for our cries and responds in love. We can have great assurance in that. We have offered today the names and situations of illness, mourning, stress, and concern which touch our lives and our souls. We have breathed our heart's desire for their healing and restoration. God's abundant love shall flood over them until they are more than filled. God will be with all these dear ones in their situations and needs. And God will be with us, strengthening us, restoring us, healing us, challenging us, to witness to the Good News of Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ. Open our hearts this day, O Lord, and enter into our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with You **(All: and also with you)**
Let us pass the peace and share the love of Christ to one another.

Ministry of Giving (Offering)

† **The Doxology** *"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"* UMH 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† **Scripture Lesson** **1 John 3:16-24 (CEB)**

16 This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that? 18 Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. 19 This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. 20 Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. 22 We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. 24 Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

The Word of God for the people of God **(All: Thanks be to God)**

Reflection Pastor Jae Bates

Response Hymn *"God of Grace and God of Glory "* UMH 577

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (From New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

Announcements

(Any events that are happening that you want the community to know, come & share!)

† **Benediction** Pastor Jae Bates

† **Recessional Hymn** *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms "* UMH 133

Welcome back to PPUMC our Guest Preacher, Pastor Jae Bates



Pastor Jae is a queer, trans, Korean adoptee with spiritual heritage in the ELCA but who considers himself a denominational free agent. He received his MDiv from Luther Seminary in 2022 and is currently serving as the Pastor of Children, Youth, & Family at the Table MPLS which is a progressive, non-denominational church in South Minneapolis and has recently started a cross-cultural skills & faith exploration coaching service. He currently lives in Lowertown, Saint Paul with his partner and his dog. He loves jogging by the river & trying every good restaurant the Twin Cities has to offer.