

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Musician Today: We welcome mezzo soprano Katya Powder to the 10:30 a.m. service today! Katya (they/them) is from metro Detroit and received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Music Education from Oakland University, and graduated with a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Manhattan School of Music. Katya sings regularly with the Detroit Opera, and since 2005 has been teaching private voice lessons, adjudicating national competitions, hosting master classes, and working as a singer in both metro Detroit and New York City. As a non-binary educator, Katya prides themselves in providing a safe environment for students to explore their truest authentic voices through gender-affirming instruction. Learn more at katyapowder.com.

Sunday Morning Book Discussion: Continuing today, join Edwina Simpson and Marguerite Carlton for continued discussion of *The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully* written by Joan Chittester, one of today's most celebrated spiritual writers. This book invites us to embrace older age as a natural part of life to be cherished. Divided into 40 segments with topics that range from regret to mystery to learning to legacy, with each one speaking to the burdens and blessings of aging. Each segment is short and is a topic in and of itself, making it easy to join as your schedule allows. This group will meet Sundays in Cary Lounge or Sibley House from 9:45-10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Edwina, edwinamsimpson@gmail.com, ph. 313-980-0181, or Marguerite, mcarltonjw@aol.com.

Support our Bag Lunch Program: While members of the Outreach Committee have been actively working on the Sunday lunch ministry program, *everyone* is welcome and invited to help! Volunteers are needed to help fill the brown paper lunch bags each Sunday after the service, to help make the sandwiches, and to pass them out in front of the church. Each Sunday, we have experienced a growing number of our unhoused neighbors lining up—now more than sixty per day! To help, please let Josephine Powell (license123@aol.com) or any member of the Outreach Committee know. Please sign up with Josephine, on the Atrium bulletin board, or in the eNews for any Sundays through August.

Volunteer at Gleaners: This Tuesday, July 23rd, from 9:00-11:30 a.m., eight volunteers are needed to pack food at the Gleaners Food Bank warehouse at 21405 Trolley Industrial Drive, Taylor, 48180. This is a great opportunity for a small group to make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. Sign up on the Atrium bulletin board and contact Seth Lloyd (smlloyd4@gmail.com) with any questions.

Summer Hospitality: With the summer heat, the Breakfast Teams switch to lighter fare, rather than firing up the oven. To contribute to a continental breakfast over the summer, contact Betty at bettywarner48@gmail.com. Coffee Hour is also simpler, to keep things cool! We can always use a hand setting things out, or cleaning up afterwards. Sign up in the Atrium or online. Thank you!

Worship in the Park & Picnic! Our annual Worship in the Park service will take place on Belle Isle on Sunday, August 25th! There will of course be a delicious picnic to follow. Watch for more details coming soon, including how you can help out!

Don't Take Your Pledge on Vacation! You can fulfill your pledge even if you won't be in church on Sunday by giving online or mailing your offering to the office: 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207

Stock Change: If you're thinking of giving stock to meet your annual pledge or capital campaign pledge, the transfer information has changed! Please contact Randy Gilchrist in the office (313-259-6688) for updated information on how to transfer stock to the church.

Staff Vacations: Beth Ann will be away July 29th—August 3rd.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The woodcut artwork on the bulletin cover evokes today's readings from Psalm 23 and Jeremiah, which depict the Lord our shepherd. The woodcut is called *A Parable: The Lost Sheep* (2019) by the Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter, who writes: "This is one of the parables that call our attention to the very human situation of losing something and then finding it. We all know the joy of that experience. In this image, even the heavens seem to be rejoicing as a little shepherd finally finds his lost lamb. Jesus suggests that the glory of reconciling in relationship with God is multiplied many times over—and no one is left behind." The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister, who serves at the intersections of art, theology and justice. *A Parable: The Lost Sheep* is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University. All music is reprinted with permission under OneLicense account #A-725867.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Organist</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Soloist</i>	Katya Powder, <i>mezzo soprano</i>
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward 10:30 Sandy Zull
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward 10:30 Anthony Mitchell, Jennifer Inchiostro
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Chuck Atwater, Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew
<i>Floral Iconographer</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Nursery Staff</i>	Dahlia Medvinsky, Ari Medvinsky
<i>Breakfast</i>	Lisa Jones & Clarke Mason
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	The Inchiostro Family

THE 2024 VESTRY & OFFICERS

Jim Treece	Sr. Warden ('27)	Mary Brown	Jr. Warden ('26)
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