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## SUNDAY SERMON PREVIEW

### God's Abundance Challenges Our Fears

Dear Nelly,

Bishop William H. Willimon of the United Methodist Church writes: *A couple stands before a pastor and, in the service of marriage promises to love one another 'in sickness and health, in riches and in poverty, for better or worse'-in other words, promises to love one another with everything they've got.*

*Is this wise? Is it wise to love with such extravagance, to hold nothing back, to love without limit, 'until death us do part'?*

*Ought not two people hold something back? Ought not they carefully consider just how much love they can muster for one another and yet still maintain their cherished individuality?*

*No, says the church. Go ahead, love with unbridled enthusiasm and extravagance. Love is a renewable resource. In giving you receive, when it comes to love.*

And this is really the message of the gospel reading for Sunday. There is a great crowd of people gathered to hear Jesus and they are hungry, and the disciples recommend sending the multitudes away. Jesus commands his disciples to feed the hungry multitudes. The disciples ask, "Where on earth, with these scant resources, where are we expected to find food for so many? Five loaves, two fish-that's no match for so great a multitude. But Jesus takes what seems like terribly meager resources in hand,



## This Sunday June 9

Adult Bible Study  
10 am and 2 pm

Children's Sunday School  
and Kids' Church  
10 am and 11 am

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**11 am**  
**Rev. Daisy Machado,**  
**Guest Preacher**

XY Factor Gathering  
12:30 pm

Lifeline Gathering  
6 pm

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\* The [Saturday Community Lunch](#) program welcomes volunteers every

and there is enough. In fact, there is an overabundance of food.

The story does not simply end with "and all ate" (v. 20), which would be miraculous enough in itself. Matthew reports that "they all ate and were filled." And that's not all, they took up what was left over and 12 baskets were filled. There is not only fulfillment, but a surplus. That's the way it is with God. And God's abundance always challenges our fears.

The Revered Dr. Daisy Machado, Dean of Union Theological Seminary will be preaching on this text from the gospel of Matthew on Sunday. Join us as we consider God's abundance and extravagance in the face of our scarcity, fears and needs.

The readings for Sunday; [Psalm 30](#); [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

See you at *The Park!*



*Alvin*

Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 at 3 PM, Sanctuary

## The Royal Wind Music



ATTP is pleased to present the unique award winning Netherlands based ensemble, [The Royal Wind Music](#), an international consort of 13 musicians who specialize in performing Dutch, German, Spanish, Italian and English music from 1520-1640 on a collection of 45 select Renaissance recorders. Founded in 1997 by the Dutch Early Music expert [Paul Leenhouts](#), The Royal Wind Music has captivated a worldwide audience with remarkable performances that celebrate not only this genre of music but also the Renaissance recorder

Saturday. Contact [Rev. Luis-Alfredo](#) to participate.

\* For information on free food and assistance programs throughout the five boroughs, visit the [New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#).

[Visit the church's volunteer webpage for more opportunities](#)



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instrument which first achieved popularity in the 16th and 17th centuries.

The Royal Wind Music includes some of today's most talented recorder players, who all have studied at the [Amsterdam Conservatory](#) in the Netherlands, the epicenter for the study of period recorder music. Their collection of instruments are exquisitely modeled after those in the Collection of Historic Music Instruments at Vienna's renowned Art History Museum ('[Kunsthistorisches Museum](#)'). The ensemble's Renaissance recorders vary from a 12-inch small soprano to a 10-foot long sub-contrabass recorder.

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A BIG THANK YOU to the Hospitality & Fellowship Team for all the organization and hard work that went into the All Church Picnic/Music Appreciation Sunday. The set-up, decorations and food were excellent and your efforts to make this picnic one of the best ever paid off in very happy people at *The Park*. Also, kudos to our very fine church staff for their support of this event.

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## Quote of the Week

*Jesus was different. In the communities he created, from his ragtag band of followers to the varied groups with whom he set down to dinner, he would welcome anybody. . . . No one ever went away hungry when they came to eat with Jesus. The excluded were those who excluded themselves.*

--William Placher

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, June 13 - Ministry Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, venue: TBA**

**Sunday, June 23 - Con Vivo Jersey City, 3 pm, Sanctuary**

Enjoy a free concert in the Sanctuary presented by Arts at The Park's partner, [Con Vivo Jersey City](#). The program will feature the world premiere of *Native American Notes* by Oregon-based composer Greg Steinke, as well as two notable works of Benjamin Britten: *Lachrymae* for viola and piano, and the *Phantasy Quartet*. Minister of Music, Paul Vasile, will perform with the ensemble, which includes some of New York's finest young instrumentalists.

**Sunday, June 30 - Gay PRIDE Parade, 11 am**

*The Park* will be marching in the Gay PRIDE Parade...get *The Park* t-shirt and join the fun, living out the Divinity of Difference as we extend Radical Welcome to NYC and beyond!

**Saturday, July 13 - General Assembly, Orlando, Florida**

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join your Disciples family from the US and Canada for our biennial General Assembly. The 2013 General Assembly theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," calls us to pray deeply for God's direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God. For more information, visit [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga).

**Did you know that there are scores of events -- bible study, concerts, committee, common interest, and self-help meetings -- happening every month at 1010 Park Avenue and around the city?**

**[Visit our website calendar](#) to find an activity that calls to you!**

EVERY SATURDAY - Saturday Community Lunch Program

For over 20 years, *The Park* and its partnering congregations serve lunch to approximately 200 guests. [Contact Rev. Luis-Alfredo to volunteer.](#)

EVERY SUNDAY - [Lifeline](#), 6:00 - 7:00 pm

*Lifeline* is a spiritual gathering for people recovering from all kinds of addiction, affected family and friends, and others who seek the promise of healing and restoration that only God can provide. Beginning at 6 pm, there is an hour of meditative music, prayers and speaker who shares his or her experience about addiction, recovery and spirituality. Fellowship and food afterwards.

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