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SUNDAY SERMON PREVIEW

Have You Been To Worship, Lately?

Dear Nelly,

I think I am falling in love all over again! In love with this community of faith called *The Park*! In love with this big, bold, beautiful, bodacious city called New York! In love with the work God has called us to in this place!

I think one of the things that I love most about our community is its diversity. We are probably one of the most eclectic and diverse communities in the city of New York. A dear friend of mine from Memphis, Reverend Sonia L. Walker whom I call "Sista Woman" and she calls me "Brotherman" wrote this poem as she reflected on our work here at *The Park*:

"Diversity brings
the delicious
the dirty
the delicate
the derelict
the different
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the delightful
the divisions
the darlings
the dammed
the disciples
the despicable
DIVINITY."

And it is all here and I absolutely love it! This Sunday, I want to raise the simple

This Sunday June 2

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. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

XY Factor Gathering
12:30 pm

Lifeline Gathering
6 pm

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question, have you been to worship, lately? The question is not whether we have been to church, but have we been to worship lately?

Have you given the One who is worthy, worth ship -that's what worship is, giving God worth-ship, giving God value, praise and adoration. And praise is always active, assertive, demonstrative, expressive, open. It's never passive, reserved, restrained, secretive, cool, cold, frigid or rigid. It may be audible or vocal or quiet or loud. But it is giving the One who is worthy -worth-ship. Have you been to worship, lately?

We worship a lot of things -our houses, cars, clothes, things, degrees, positions, mates, dates, traditions, habits. But we need to make sure what we worship is worthy of our worth-ship. And there is only one, the God of the Universe! "Angels bow down before God, heaven and earth adore God. What a mighty God we serve!" But many of us miss God in our worship. We focus on everything else, on the preacher, on the choir, on the people, on the building, so busy checking out and trying to be checked out that we sometimes miss the reason why we are here.



It seems to me that the 19th chapter of the book of Revelation helps us answer this question of worship. I invite you to join us on Sunday as we experience and explore together the delight and joy of worship.

The readings for Sunday: [Psalm 96](#); [Revelation 19:1-4](#).

See you at *The Park!*



Alvin

Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 at 10 AM, Third Floor

New Members Breakfast

Service and Witness

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



Donations
General Fund



Join us in the Third Floor "Living Room" to learn about the church membership, meet with others who are interested in joining the congregation, or simply meet others new to *The Park*. All are welcome to attend! .

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 from 11 AM, Sanctuary - Rooftop

All-Church Picnic and Music Appreciation Sunday



Come to *The Park* on June 2nd for Worship at 11:00 am and experience all of the many musical offerings as we celebrate Music Appreciation Sunday. After Worship, plan to stay and celebrate with a picnic on the roof. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAYS THROUGH JUNE 2

Young People's Singing Sundays

Flowers and Decorations Fund
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This will be our last opportunity to sing together before we take a break for the Summer...so please plan to attend the following:

During Sunday School:

Young Children (up to age 5): Sing-along in the choir room after the Children's Moment in Worship

Middle Kids (ages 6-8): Sing-along and then Junior Chorus after the Children's Moment

After Worship on Sunday (12:30-1:30 pm)

Youth Chorale Sunday Group (ages 9 & up): Weekly Youth Chorale rehearsal preparing for a performance in worship on May 19. To sign up for the Youth Chorale Sunday Group, please contact Nicole Becker at nbecker@parkavenuechristian.com or (212) 288-3246 (x104).

We eagerly look forward to singing with your children and to widening the circle of young people engaged in the musical life at *The Park*!

Quotes of the Week

When God is going to do something wonderful, He or She always starts with a hardship; when God is going to do something amazing, He or She starts with an impossibility.

--**Anne Lamott**, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*, 21st century

Go where your best prayers take you.

--**Frederick Buechner**, 21st century

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 9 - Pastor Daisy Machado, Guest Preacher, Sanctuary

Join us for worship led by our guest preacher, Daisy Machado, from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Sunday, June 9 - The Royal Wind Music, 3 pm, Sanctuary

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

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.

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 SATURDAY - Artist's Way Study Group, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Meetings combine meditation, readings from *The Artist's Way*, and sharing. Affiliated with [A.R.T.S.](#), a 12-step fellowship.

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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