



PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Christian Community  
that Embraces the  
Divinity of Difference  
parkavenuechristian.com

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

## THE PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+Please rise in body or in spirit, as you are able.

The congregation is invited to read and sing all text printed in bold.

### THE PRELUDE

Song Without Words  
Hirona Amamiya, violin

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

### WELCOME

### +THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 112

Praise the LORD!

**Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in the Lord's commandments.**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**May our hearts be steady, may we not be afraid. Amen.**

### +HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign\_ of God!  
You are/a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit - y of God!

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Share the fla- vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit-y of God.  
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!\_

9  
Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

13  
Bring forth the reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

### +THE CALL TO CONFESSION and THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess before you that we have sinned 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. For the sake of your son, Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may walk in your way and delight in your will, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Over the next 60 seconds, you are invited to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## +THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### +RESPONSE

### We Are Forgiven, Loved, and Free

Written for The Rev. Alvin O. Jackson in celebration of his ministry at Park Avenue Christian Church by Paul M. Vasile.

***We are forgiven, loved and free.***

***We're washed anew and then called to be***

***Hope for the weary, strength for the weak,***

***With a blessing of peace for all, With a blessing of peace for all.***

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for a brief time of sharing. Following this, children may stay in worship with their parents or go with their teachers to Sunday School.

### RESPONSE

### There's a Spirit of Love

Mark Miller



There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this place.  
pres - ence of peace in this room, there's the pres - ence of peace in this room.



You can't see it but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a spir - it of love in this  
In God's ten-der-ness is found peace that pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a pres-ence of peace in this



place. There's a room. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly



name. O al-le - lu - ia, sing al-le - lu - ia! There's a spir - it of love in this place.

## WELCOME OF VISITORS

Please note the fellowship pads in the pews. We are especially interested in hearing from all of our visitors. If you are able, please stand if you are a first time visitor so that we may give you a welcome card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.

### RESPONSE

### There's a Spirit of Love

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# THE PEOPLE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PREPARATION

Let Justice Roll Like a River

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
wash all op - pres - sion a - way; \_\_\_\_\_ Come, O  
God, and take us, move and shake us,  
Come now, and make us a - new, \_\_\_\_\_ that  
we might live just - ly like you. \_\_\_\_\_

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

ANTHEM

Michelle Trovato, *soloist*

THE SERMON

## THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Traditional*

- 1: *I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.*
- 2: *I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.*
- 3: *I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.*
- 4: *I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere.*

## THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

THE FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional  
arr. Clifton J. Noble, Jr.

DOXOLOGY

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-ery danc-ing star of night, make us  
 shine with gen-tle jus-tice; let us each re-flect your light. Might-y  
 God of all cre-a-tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our way, lov-ing  
 Spir-it of sal-va-tion, Lead us on to end-less day.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PROPER PREFACE

May God be with you  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts  
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks for God with us, Emmanuel.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
That we should at all times, and in all places,  
Give thanks and praise to you, God with us, Word made flesh.  
You did not have to be born of Mary. You did not have to walk our streets.  
You did not have to be executed for us. You do not have to save us.  
And yet, you do save, again and again. Thank you, Jesus.

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

CHRIST'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words to the prayer you know best, in the language that resonates most with you.

*In the name of Christ, who taught us to pray . . .*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins/debts/trespasses, as we forgive those who sin/debt/trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In like manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, given for you. Do this as often as you drink of it for the remembrance of me."

## FRACTION

Ministering to you now in the name of Jesus Christ, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Alleluia! Christ, our Lord, is born for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Anyone wishing to know the presence of Christ is invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need to remain in your seat, a deacon will bring the elements to you. Matzo bread, wafers, gluten-free wafers, and grape juice are served.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Paul Manz Based on Houston  
Kathleen Thomerson

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### +HYMN

### Be Thou My Vision

*Traditional Irish melody*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ping, thy pres - ence my light.  
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

### +THE BLESSING

## +THE POSTLUDE

### Musical Reflection by special guests from MaTP (Music at The Park Concert Series)

The postlude today is provided by Bourbon Baroque musicians as a teaser for their performance on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 7PM. Please also join us at 12:30PM for their free lunchtime preview on the same day.

**Prelude from *Te Deum*, H. 146**    **Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643 – 1704)**  
**Steven Marquardt, baroque trumpet**                      **John Austin Clark, organ**

## +THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And always with you.**

*Please share gestures of Christ's peace with your neighbors.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

**Preaching:** The Rev. Kaji S. Douša; **Liturgist:** Vanessa Falgoust; **Lector:** Bruce Carlson; **Elders:** Johnson Liu and Heather Bickham; **Deacon Leads:** Eric Guy and Scott Edson; **Greeters:** Carl and Hillary Buckland; **Director of Music Ministry:** Saya Callner, conductor; **Organist:** John Austin Clark, piano, organ.

***Today's flowers are given in honor of the Music Ministry at The Park.***

Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone in your life or to celebrate a special occasion. Call the church office at 212-288-3246, ext. 102 to place your order.

**This Week's Mission Offering: New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC.** *A gift to the New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC will support the interfaith network of congregations, organizations, and individuals, standing publicly in solidarity with families and communities resisting detention and deportation in order to stay together.*

***Please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of presence and the living of God's love in New York City.  
Go in peace. The worship is over. Service now begins.***

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša, **Senior Pastor**  
The Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena, **Associate Pastor/Outreach**  
The Rev. Ismael Sanchez, **Associate Pastor/Latino Ministry**  
Ms. Marjorie Watrobski, **Pastoral Associate, Youth & Children's Ministry**  
Ms. Saya Callner, **Director of Music Ministry**  
Ms. Stephanie Wilson, **Office Administrator**  
The Rev. John Wade Payne, **Senior Minister Emeritus**

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# The Park WEEKLY FORWARD

## Welcome

**Everybody needs a place to belong.  
Find yours here!**

### Our Vision

We dare to see a faithful, growing healthy congregation in the hundreds over the next five years that seeks to demonstrate true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

### Our Values

We dare to be a church that embraces and celebrates the divinity and dignity of difference by actively seeking and welcoming all people regardless of race, age, culture, economic circumstance, sexual/gender orientation, physical or mental condition. We dare to be a church that lives to serve others.

### Our Mission

We dare to do ministry in such a way that reaches and impacts the upper east side, the city of New York and beyond with the radical claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and witness as we strive to build the beloved community of God.

### Visiting or checking us out today?

*The Park* may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

- Join us for *Coffee Hour*, a time of refreshments and hospitality immediately after worship.
- Ask questions or make inquiries of the Greeters and Deacons, fill out a welcome card or the pew pad.
- Wanting to connect with Pastor Douša? Call or email the church office. She would welcome the opportunity to meet over a meal or drinks. Please call 212-288-3246 or email [swilson@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:swilson@parkavenuechristian.com).

### Thinking about joining?

It would be our pleasure to welcome you to *The Park*. It is easy to join, simply walk forward during the singing of the Invitation to Christian Discipleship (right after the sermon). Pastor Douša will receive you and the whole church will welcome you.

### Sharing Your Time, Talents and Treasure

We want you to live out your calling here at *The Park*, and we need your time and your talents, as well as your financial support. Please know that so much of what we are able to do is because of the generous service and support of our members and friends.

If you'd like to receive a pledge card, please see one of the Deacons after worship.

### Remembering those in prayer this week:

Bess Terry, Worley Reynolds, Justin Strickland, Etti Schiller, Francisca Torres, Mary Virginia Moore, Josiah Waters, Jaimie Arkelian, Dorothy McCarthy, Terry Jones, Teresa Sulyok, Sigrid Sunstedt, Jeremy Watrobski, Tomás Andrew, Sterling Ashby, and Barbara Sanders.



***If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please notify the church office at 212-288-3246.***

## PRAYER

### PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.

One of our Pastors, other Clergy or Elders are always happy to visit with anyone who would like individual prayer after worship. Someone will be stationed in the Chancel area each Sunday.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the church.) 6:00 pm

#### Contacts:

**Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena** – [lacartagena@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:lacartagena@parkavenuechristian.com);

**Hillary Buckland** – [candhbuckland@optonline.net](mailto:candhbuckland@optonline.net)

### THE-PARK-PRAYS ON-LINE

To be added, contact Pam Wood, [bandpwood@aol.com](mailto:bandpwood@aol.com) (or 917-882-7667, talk/text). As a member, you can post a prayer or prayer request.

### ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Healing prayer group, NYC Chapter meets monthly for worship, study and healing prayer. Contact Pam Wood: [bandpwood@aol.com](mailto:bandpwood@aol.com), 917-882-7667.



**Upcoming:**

Every Sunday, **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:00 am, *The Park*  
 Every Sunday, **Adult Bible Study**, 10:00 am, Room A  
 Every Sunday, **Children's Sunday School**, 10:00 check in,  
 1:00 pm pick up  
 Every Monday and Wednesday - **CPE**, 6:30 pm, *The Park*  
 Every Tuesday, **Recorder Consort Rehearsal**, 6:00 pm, *The Park*  
 Every Saturday, **Saturday Community Lunch Program**, 1:30 pm,  
 Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison  
 Avenue

Today, **The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**, after worship.

Wednesday, February 15, **International Babywearing Meeting**, 10:00 AM, Room A

Sunday, February 19, **Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship Service**, 1:30 pm

Tuesday, February 21, **Ministry Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Room A

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# RAISE THE AGE

## For Criminal Responsibility Among Youth

*Did you know that New York is ONE of only TWO STATES that automatically prosecutes 16- and 17-year-olds as adults?*

Join the #RAISETHEAGE campaign and participate in a phone banking event near you!

HELP US AMPLIFY OUR VOICE AND SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR A GROUP.

**CALL AND DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE RAISE THE AGE NOW!**

EMAIL AND TWEET THAT THIS IS A MORAL ISSUE AND WE MUST STOP PLAYING POLITICS WITH OUR KIDS.

Join Justice League NYC, faith-based groups, community partners and residents for a day of action in calling on the Governor and the State Legislature to end child incarceration in adult prisons.

**The Gathering: Spiritual Conversations to Engage, Activate & Nurture Your Call of Activism**




Led by Klay S. Williams, The Gathering is a group of awakened activists, visionaries and burgeoning community leaders interested in creating spiritual pathways to develop/nourish one's purpose, build community and discovery of wellness practices to live an empowered life.


**Future Dates: February 19 and March 5, 12 and 19, after worship**


Klay S. Williams is an author, holistic lifestyle expert and media personality specializing in holistic personal and professional development. Klay has created a lifestyle-consulting firm, Plan A Enterprises, LLC that is a one-stop-shop for the entire person. Whether he is leading a conversation on spiritual progression of the self, supporting clients with closing the gap between their past and present or having a full service image/wellness conversation, it all points towards living what Klay calls, one's "Plan A". He is the author of *There Is Only Plan A— A Journey Toward Self-Discovery and Renewed Purpose* and *365 Plan A Nightly Meditations*. A graduate of Kalamazoo College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a double minor in Economics and Business, he also holds a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Klay has appeared/partnered with a host of media platforms, including but not limited to: Fox 5 NY, fyi, NPR, iHeart Radio, Lululemon and ABC. For more information on Klay, visit: [KlaySWilliams.com](http://KlaySWilliams.com)

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**THIS WEEK**




**BOURBON BAROQUE presents:**  
**Tafelmusik**  
*works by Georg Philipp Telemann and others*  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017, 7:00 PM**



Music at The Park

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