



World Communion Sunday  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am

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### Quote of the Week

Everybody is God's Somebody.

*Samuel DeWitt Proctor*

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*Please stand as you are able whenever an asterisk (\*) precedes a heading.*

*Restrooms, including children's facilities with a changing table and a gender-neutral accessible restroom, are located in the basement.*

**Prelude** | Tania Jones

*The prelude is an integral part of worship, as we open ourselves to God's presence. Please enter quietly, being sure to silence your devices.*

**Welcome** | The Reverend Dr. Cathy S. Gilliard

*If you are new to our church, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card, found in the pew in front of you or online at [paumcnyc.org/visitor](http://paumcnyc.org/visitor).*

**\*Opening Hymn** | UMH #66 - Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

**\*Invocation**

**Children's Moment** | Liz Sweeney

**\*Christ's Peace**

*Minister:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of peace.*

**\*Gathering Hymn** | UMH #334 - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place; and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

*All:* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name in the hearing and living of your word this day. Amen.**

**The Old Testament Lesson** | Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 63)

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** | UMH #581 - Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

**Sermon** | The Reverend Tiffney L. Marley

**Duet** | "Pie Jesu" - by Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Soloists:* Melanie Goerlitz and Kelly Shoemaker

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

*If you wish to give online, you can do so by scanning the QR code below or by visiting [paumcnyc.org/give](http://paumcnyc.org/give).*

**Offertory Anthem** | “Morning Has Broken” By Eleanor Farjeon, Arr. by John Leavitt

**\*Presentation Hymn** | *UMH #94* - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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!*

## Confession & Pardon

*Minister:* Beloved, let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God’s faithful and steadfast love for us. Let us pray together.

*All:* **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*Silent Prayer*

*Minister:* May Almighty God who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God’s glory, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** | Page 20 of *The United Methodist Hymnal*

## The Lord’s Prayer

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Any wrappers or plastic may be left in the holders located on the pew in front of you or disposed of as you leave.*

**Communion Anthem** | *UMH #620* - One Bread, One Body

## \*Post-Communion Prayer

*All:* **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** | *UMH #634* - Now Let Us from This Table Rise

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

### About Today's Preacher

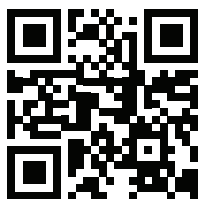
Tiffany Marley is the Senior Vice President for Practice Transformation at the DC-Based, National Community Action Partnership (NCAP). She is a Head Start Alumni and former Community Action customer and regards her life as a manifestation of the power of this important movement. In her current capacity, she leads training and technical assistance strategies that maximize impact for local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) aiming to build social and economic mobility for everyone. Tiffany is also an ordained American Baptist minister; however, she is an ecumenical soul and has served in various capacities in local congregations for over 25 years. She has preached everywhere from the storefront to the cathedral and in various contexts in the U.S., Latin America and Africa. She is the former Director of Black Church Studies at Duke University Divinity School where she “midwived” several emerging clergy leaders of all races, especially women and led an international social justice initiative focused transformative efforts for black and brown people in the global south. Her biggest accomplishment is that she is the mother of twins, Randi and Jesse, whom she is preparing to become future leaders.

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# PAUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

## **New Member Class & Information Session: October 15<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>**

Are you interested in becoming a member of PAUMC, looking for a place to belong, or wanting to learn more about the United Methodist Church, its history, traditions, and beliefs? Please contact Maureen at [office@paumcnyc.org](mailto:office@paumcnyc.org) or see her immediately after service. Pastor Cathy will host sessions on Sunday, October 15th at 9:45 on the 3rd floor and Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm via Zoom. Attendance at only one session is required.

## **Children's Choir: Beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>**

The PAUMC Children's Choir will return Sunday, October 15th! Children ages 6-10 are invited to rehearse with the group Sundays following service, 12:15-12:45pm. They will have the opportunity to sing in service throughout the year.

To sign up, email Liz at [liz@paumcnyc.org](mailto:liz@paumcnyc.org).

## **Homecoming & Fall Festival: Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Join us on Sunday, October 22nd after worship for fun and fellowship! The Fall Fest will include activities for kids and adults, music, food, and more.

This is our main fundraiser for the year, and we are asking households to make a \$100 donation towards the event if possible. Visit [paumcnyc.org/fallfest2023](http://paumcnyc.org/fallfest2023) for more information! Volunteers are also needed!

Please contact Maureen at [maureen@paumcnyc.org](mailto:maureen@paumcnyc.org) to get involved or ask questions.

## **Sing Out Loud!: Beginning Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited to announce a new afterschool program for children ages 6-10: Sing Out Loud! Participants will work with professional musicians to learn about music and how to sing, explore different styles, and become confident 'Singing Out Loud!'. No prior training required. For more information, email Liz at [liz@paumcnyc.org](mailto:liz@paumcnyc.org).

## **Animal Blessing Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers are needed to bless our pets and furry friends at the Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 28th from 12 noon to 2pm! If you have a couple of hours to spare, interested in handing out treats, and looking to be a blessing please contact Maureen at [maureen@paumcnyc.org](mailto:maureen@paumcnyc.org).

## **Daily Podcast Meditations: Walking Together**

Pastor Cathy's daily podcast is back! Episodes are available wherever you listen to podcasts and on our website at [paumcnyc.org/walkingtogether](http://paumcnyc.org/walkingtogether). To receive these in your email each morning, sign up for our mailing list at [paumcnyc.org/podcastlist](http://paumcnyc.org/podcastlist).

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