



PARK AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Trinity Sunday
June 4th, 2023 at 11:00am

Quote of the Week

The whole story of creation, incarnation, and our incorporation into the fellowship of Christ's body tells us that God desires us, as if we were God, as if we were that unconditional response to God's giving that God's self makes in the life of the Trinity. We are created so that we may be caught up in this, so that we may grow into the wholehearted love of God by learning that God loves us as God loves God.

Rowan Williams

✦ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✦

You are invited to speak the bold text. Please stand as you are able whenever an asterisk () precedes a heading. Restrooms (including gender-neutral accessible & children's facilities) are located in the basement.*

Prelude | Tania Jones

The prelude is an integral part of worship, as we open ourselves to the wonder and mystery of God's presence. Please enter quietly, being sure to silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

✦ ENTRANCE ✦

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.

*Call to Worship | Isaiah Fish

One: God the Father, we adore you;

People: **You are our beginning and ending.**

One: God the Son, we adore you;

People: **You have redeemed us and shown us the way of love.**

One: God the Spirit, we adore you;

People: **You empower us to live the life for which we were created.**

One: Glory be to God: Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.**

*Opening Hymn | UMH #64 - "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of the Day

One: The love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Everlasting God, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, inviting your creation to join you in the holy dance of your presence. Envelope us in your love and lead us into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.**

*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.*

✦ PROCLAMATION ✦

Prayer for Illumination | Rebecca Ashley

All: **Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson | Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28,31; 2:2-3

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

One: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo | "Simple Song" from *Mass* by Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz

Soloist: Lauren Gismondi

The Gospel Lesson | Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn** | *UMH #92* - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Sermon | The Reverend Cathy S. Gilliard

Musical Reflection | Tania Jones

✦ **RESPONSE** ✦

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

If you wish to give online, you can do so by scanning the QR code on page 8 of this bulletin or by visiting paumcnyc.org/give. All visitors who filled out a visitor card are asked to place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

Offertory Duet | "The Prayer" by David Foster & Carole Bayer Sager Williams

Singers: Victor DaZe & Melanie Goerlitz

***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!

✦ **HOLY COMMUNION** ✦

Confession & Pardon

Minister: Christ invites all of us to this table. In prayer, we are turned from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, and from fear to trust. Let us confess our sins to God together.

All: **Most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have too often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your Holy Word. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord, that we may live a holy and righteous life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Minister: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Minister:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Minister:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Minister:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All:



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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

For the health and safety of everyone in attendance, we ask that you refrain from eating or drinking until you return to your pew. 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 | "Table of Plenty" by Dan Schutte

*The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



*Closing Hymn | *UMH #634* - "Now Let Us from this Table Rise"

*Benediction

Postlude

If you're new to our community, here are a few ways to get to know us:

- **Fill out a Welcome Card** in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or to a staff member following service. Cards can also be found online at paumcnyc.org/visitor.
- **Join us for coffee hour on the third floor after service.**
- **Join our mailing list.** Emails are the primary way that we communicate any important messages for the entire community. If you do not receive our emails, we encourage you to subscribe at paumcnyc.org/maillinglist.

Park Avenue United Methodist Church is:

- A community of believers who affirm Christ's call to love God with all that we are and our neighbors as ourselves.
- A place that is open and affirming to our visitors. All people are welcome here.
- An anti-racist congregation under construction. Visit paumcnyc.org/antiracism to learn more.

Reconciling Statement

Park Avenue United Methodist Church is an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith that welcomes, embraces, and affirms all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We welcome the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of PAUMC and seek to live "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors". (*Adopted at Charge Conference, December 15, 2015*)

PAUMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, which mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love. Learn more about this network at rmnetwork.org.

Children are welcome to attend all services!

Children's restrooms (with changing tables) are located in the basement. The Russell Room in the basement is also a great spot for you and your child to take a break during service to stretch and run around! To get there, take the elevator (to the left as you leave the sanctuary) or the stairwell (to the right as you leave the sanctuary).

Walking Together: Meditations for the Journey

Every weekday morning, Pastor Cathy offers a meditation as we walk through life together. Listen on all major podcast platforms or online at paumcnyc.org/walkingtogether.

Space Rentals

Do you need a space for your next birthday party, board meeting, holiday function, film screening, or other gathering? Park Avenue is happy to host your next event! For more information, email rentals@paumcnyc.org.

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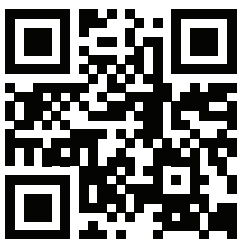
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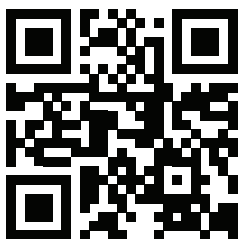
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