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Opening Welcome & Announcements:

Deacon Naretha Timberlake

All are welcome at Park Ave. We celebrate your multiple identities. Please feel free to invite people to join via Facebook live: facebook.com/parkavebaptist!

Call to Worship

Pastor Henra

Adapted by Pastor Darci from "On calling the spirit back from wandering the earth" by Joy Harjo

ONE: Calling the spirit back from wandering the earth in its human feet; take a breath offered by friendly winds. They travel the earth gathering essences of plants to clean.

ALL: Give it back with gratitude

ONE: In calling the spirit back from wandering we acknowledge the earth who has cared for us since we were a dream planting itself within our parents' desire.

ALL: Let the earth stabilize our postcolonial insecurities

ONE: The journey might take you a few hours, a day, a year, a few years or even more - the journey toward letting go - regret.

ALL: We cut ties with failure and shame

ONE: Let go the pain you are holding in your mind, your shoulders, your heart, all the way to your feet. Let go the pain of your ancestors to make way for those who are heading in our direction

ALL: We welcome our spirit back from its wandering. We gather the pieces together - together.

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Worship Through Singing

"Oh How I Need You"

Aaron Lamont

artist: All Sons and Daughters

Lord, I find You in the seeking
Lord, I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else
I need You
Oh, how I need You
Oh, how I need You
Oh, how I need You
Lord, I find You in the seeking
Lord, I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else
Oh I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Lord I find You in the morning
Lord I seek You everyday
Let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace
I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oooh!

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Light glorious light, I will go where you shine
Break the dawn, crack the skies
Make the way bright before me
In your light, I will find all I need
All I need is You
Light glorious light, I will go where You shine
Break the dawn, crack the skies
Make the way bright before me
In Your light, I will find all I need
All I need is You
Oh!
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
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Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Poetic Intervention

"An American Sunrise"

Naretha Timberlake

artist: Joy Harjo

We were running out of breath, as we ran out to meet ourselves.
We
Were surfacing the edge of our ancestors' fights, and ready to
Strike.
It was difficult to lose days in the Indian bar if you were straight.
Easy if you played pool and drank to remember to forget.
We
Made plans to be professional—and did. And some of us could
Sing so we drummed a fire-lit pathway up to those starry stars.
Sin
Was invented by the Christians, as was the Devil, we sang

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We

We were the heathens, but needed to be saved from them –
Thin Chance.

We knew we were all related in this story, a little gin
Will clarify the dark, and make us all feel like dancing.
We had something to do with the origins of blues and jazz I
argued with a Pueblo as I filled the jukebox with dimes in
June,
Forty years later and we still want justice.
We are still America.
We know the rumors of our demise. We spit them out.
They die soon.

Centering Down:

Pastor Henra

Time of Prayer

Pastor Henra

Prayer requests are always welcome in the chat. We will put
them on our prayer list. If you would like a copy of our prayer
list please email: admin@parkavebaptist.com.

Greeting Time in Breakout Rooms

Everyone will be placed in a breakout room to greet each
other. Take this time to connect or if we need to, go grab
some coffee or your preferred morning drink. We'll start back
up in 5 minutes.

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Announcements:

Pastor Darci

PABC Online Offerings: Worship on Sunday, Wednesday Gathering @10am & Friday Re-Imagining Prayer creative prayer practice.

We have several groups for you online - including what we are calling "Second Cup" a space we are holding directly after this worship on Zoom to continue checking in and listening and being with each other.

Every other Thursday we have our Amateur Afro-futurists book club, where we are finishing up Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower".

3rd Space opening soon. The amount of assistance we are able to offer our neighborhood is based on our number of volunteers, so please join us!

A Time of Offering & Thanksgiving Deacon Daniel Bass

Text giving: 470-300-1731 & giving of creativity! All Gifts Welcome!

Including the gift of your creative collaboration through offerings to our Memorial to Black Lives outside the church -
parkavebaptist.com/healingarts or by contributing to our Little Pantry.

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Biblical Reading
Mark 9:33-47

Alexia Rice-Henry

33 “What were you arguing about during the journey?” Jesus asked. **34** They didn’t respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. **35** He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” **36** Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, **37** “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.” **38** John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.” **39** Jesus replied, “Don’t stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. **40** Whoever isn’t against us is for us **41** I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded. **42** “As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. **43** If your hand causes you to [believe you are better than others], chop it off. It’s better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can’t be put out. **45** If your foot causes you to [believe you are better than others], chop it off. It’s better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet. **47** If your eye causes you to [believe you are better than others], tear it out. It’s better for you to enter God’s kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two.

Just(us) Kids Time

Pastor Henra

A time for the young saints or those young at heart to hear a message tailored toward their understanding and growth toward the principles of God.

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Worship Through Singing
"You Carried Me"

Aaron Lamont
artist: Will Reagan & United Pursuit

Holy God of our faith
You are welcome in this place
You are welcome in this place
Holy God of our faith
You are welcome in this place
You are welcome in this place
Come fill our hearts up
Come fill our hearts up
With your presence
Come fill our hearts up
Come fill our hearts up
With your presence
Sweet Lord sustain us
Sweet Lord sustain us
You carry me sweet Lord
You carry me on the wings of love
Holy God of our faith
You are welcome in this place
You are welcome in this place
Holy God of our faith
You are welcome in this place
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With your presence
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A Word from a Fellow Sojourner

Pastor Darci

Time for Prayer and Response

Pastor Henra

This is a time for listening and responding to the message we just heard. If you are being called toward covenant with this community this is a time to let us know. Respond as you feel led.

Share prayer request in the chat or privately through our prayer request form here - <https://forms.gle/iupYyKFR6gAWhVzcA>

If you would like to schedule an appointment with one of our Pastors, click below:

Meet with Pastor Henra & Pastor Darci: <https://calendly.com/minhenra>
https://calendly.com/pastor_darci

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Worship Through Singing
"Simple Gospel"

Aaron Lamont
artist: United Pursuit

I want to know You, Lord
Like I know a friend
I want to know You, Lord
I want to know You, Lord
Like I know a friend
I want to know You, Lord
So I'm laying down all my religion
I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I'm laying down all my religion
I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I used to think that I could box You in
But I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I use to think that I could box You in
But I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I'm laying down all my religion
I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I'm laying down all my religion
I'm laying down
I want to know You, Lord
I want to know You, Lord
Lord, I've been told to be ashamed
Lord, I've been told I don't measure up
Lord, I've been told I'm not good enough
But You're here with me
And I reach out and You find me in the dust
You say no amount of untruths can separate us I reach out, I reach out and
You find me in the dust
And You say no amount of untruths can separate us
I reach out, oh, I reach out and You find me in the dust
And You say no amount of untruths can separate us, ooh
I will rejoice in the simple gospel
I will rejoice in You, Lord
I will rejoice in the simple gospel
I will rejoice in You, Lord
I will rejoice in the simple gospel
I will rejoice in You, Lord
And I reach out and You find me in the dust
You say no amount of untruths can separate us
I will rejoice, I will rejoice in the simple gospel
I will rejoice in You, Lord
I will rejoice in the simple gospel
And I will rejoice in You, Lord

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