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PARK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



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## Opening Welcome & Announcements

**Rev. Keith Menhinick**

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!](https://facebook.com/parkavebaptist!)

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### Call to Worship:

**Pastor Darci**

ONE: Creator of the Heavenly Lights, you brought us to life by your Word of truth and the words of fire

**ALL: We were made in your image, siblings of all colors.**

ONE: OH GOD in love with diversity, comforter, repairer – shaper of new hearts from corrupted ones – show yourself now in abiding love for those in pain and trauma for those who CANNOT breathe.

**ALL: Breathe life into us now; move over us like the waters and flames.**

ONE: Comforter, Repairer of the Breach, and shaper of new hearts from broken ones, you are here with us, guiding and inspiring the work of your kin-dom. The cancerous wickedness of racism has caused your children to suffer. Prejudice, discrimination, and hatred have led to brokenness, violence and death.

**ALL: Purify our hearts and tame our tongues, we pray;**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit and surround us, let your New Heartbeat fill our ears, and comfort our souls as we rest in your divine embrace. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have allowed the sin of racism to divide us in what we have done and what we have not done; what we have said and what we have not said.

**ALL: Give us courage to repent, to fight for righteousness, and to love and embrace one another**

ONE: Park Ave, you are called as many, gathered as one body, to breathe in the fire of the Spirit, step into the Light of the World, and worship our God, who is three in One.

**ALL: Amen**

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## Worship Through Singing

### "All Are Welcome"

Jill McAfee

artist: Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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**Centering Down:**

**Rev. Keith Menhinick**

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**Time of Prayer:**

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**Greeting Time with Breakout Rooms**

Let's take a second to get up, move if we need to, go grab some coffee or your preferred morning drink. Maybe call someone on the chat and catch up real quick! In the group chat, also share something this week that gave you some hope, or something creative you did while on your own. We'll start back up in 5 minutes.

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**Announcements:**

**Pastor Darci**

PABC Online Offerings: Worship on Sunday, Wednesday Meditation, 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.

July 11 is our annual "Know Your Rights, Know the Law" event online. Email Pastor Henra for more information:

[henra@parkavebaptist.com](mailto:henra@parkavebaptist.com).

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**Forth of July Required Reading:** **Deacon Amir Jones**  
**an excerpt of "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro"**  
**Written by Frederick Douglass**

What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?  
I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other  
days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is  
the constant victim.

To him, your celebration is a sham;  
your boasted liberty, an unholy license;  
your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of  
rejoicing are empty and heartless;  
your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence;  
your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery;  
your prayers and hymns, your sermons and  
thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity,  
are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and  
hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would  
disgrace a nation of savages.  
There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more  
shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States,  
at this very hour.

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**Children's Moment** **Deacon Rev. Lindsey Huggins**

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**A Time of Offering & Thanksgiving** **Pastor Darci**

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

Including the gift of your creative collaboration through drawing  
throughout this service today!



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**Scripture Reading:**

**Acree Macam**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

**16** "To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, **17** 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.'

**18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' **19** Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

**Matthew 11: 25-30**

**25** At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. **26** Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. **27** "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. **28** "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. **29** Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. **30** My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

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**A Word from a Fellow Sojourner**

**Pastor Henra**

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**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor Darci**

In the struggle against oppression, Jesus is the face of love to us, showing us the way to abundant life. In word and deed, he announced love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace. At the last meal he shared with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying: "Share this bread among you; this is my body which will be broken for justice. Do this to remember me." When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Share this wine among you; this is my blood which will be shed for liberation. Do this to remember me." God of love, spirit of compassion, bless us and this bread and wine. May this meal be food and drink for our journey—renewing, sustaining, and making us whole. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience again the presence of Jesus in our midst.

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**Time for Prayer and Response**

**Rev. Keith Menhinick**

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](https://calendly.com/pastor_darci)

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**Worship Through Singing**

**Jill McAfee**

"You are My Strength"

artist: Reuben Morgan

You are my strength  
Strength like no other  
Strength like no other  
Reaches to me  
In the fullness of your grace  
In the power of your name  
You lift me up  
You lift me up  
You are my hope  
Hope like no other  
Hope like no other  
Reaches to me  
Unfailing love  
Stronger than mountains  
Deeper than oceans  
Reaches to me

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**Benediction**

**Pastor Henra**

Now go into the world that is too often unjust and unsafe, knowing that the God who made you and redeemed you, is the God who calls you to live boldly, love inclusively & serve creatively.