



# PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) + THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**June 1, 2025**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**Victory Is Mine**

*Composed by Dorothy Norwood & Alvin Darling*

**WELCOME**

**The Rev. Kaji S. Douša**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (TNCH #303)**

*Hymn Tune: DARWALL'S 148th, John Darwall;*

*Hymn Text: Charles Wesley*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 3:20-22 (Year A, p. 323)**

*Sharon Jenkins*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm**

**PRE-SERMONIC SELECTION**

**Center of My Joy**

*Composed by Richard Smallwood*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Kaji S. Douša**

**POST SERMONIC INTERLUDE**

**Way Maker (Instrumental)**

*Composed by Nathan Horst & Allan Scott*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Piano Incidental*

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Maker, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm**

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THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE PRAYER FOR THE MEAL

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

CHRIST’S PRAYER

Our God in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name.  
Your Kindom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins/debts/trespases,  
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 kindom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.

*Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase  
Tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras deudas/ofensas, como  
también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y  
la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.*

PARTAKING OF THE FEAST

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Kaji S. Douša

COMMUNION MUSICAL MEDITATION

He'll Bring It To Pass  
*Composed by Joseph Joubert*

THE BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sturm

CLOSING SELECTION

I'm Looking For A Miracle (Instrumental)  
*Composed by Elbernita Clark*

Prayers

WE REMEMBER THE NAMES OF OUR SAINTS:

Mary Norfion, Juanita Shacklett, Dr. Thelma Mothershed-Wair, Michael Cathers, Helen White, Connie Packard, Ashley Ballard, Deborah Owen, John Lau, James Brewer-Calvert, Randolph White, Carl Buckland, Anadith Reyes, Santos Morales, Sarah Mook, Elaine Cunningham, Fredericka Cunningham, Bess Terry, Joyce Clevenger, Frank Tyson, Estella Pate, Mark Leach, Joe & Aubrey Platnick, Ima Jean Kidd, and many others in our families and in our community.

We continue to raise these names in prayer:

The Wiedeman Family, Brooke & Jayden, Julianna & Khaleigh, The Norton Brennan & White Families, Bonnie & Fran, Ravi, Kevin, Beth, Grace & Preston, Manola, Sigrid, Candace, Donna & The Bevensee Family, Sharon & Her Husband, Rev. Dan & Gloria Feliciano, Peggy Owen Clark, Mary Devon O'Brien, Hillary & The Buckland Family, Patricia & Her Son Quincy, Christopher, Donna Marie & The Henderson Family, Harry & His Family, Maria Lopez, Donald Wong, Luis-Alfredo, Evelyn & Their Family, Jared Souder & Family, William Allen, The Allen Family, Kevin Santos, Elias, Lidis, Baby Lucas, Francine Dozier, Christopher Henderson, Freddie Mae Jacobs, Linda, Joe, Jason, Eric, Jameson, Jacob, The Pachowski Family, Edward & Emily, Rosa & Michael, Wendy, Anthony, Carol, Jennifer & Marven, Pam & Bruce Wood, The People Of Ukraine, Rebecca, The Bezner Family, Tammy, Star, Elle & The Juarbe Family, Miguel, Salome & The Watson Family, Marsha, Shannon, Todd & His Family, Ahmir, Lenny & His Family, Marylyn & Her Family, Jimmy, Donn, Dylan, Wayne, Brad, Brian, Jean, Doris, Samuel, Jansene, Brian, Haley, Thomas, Tonya, Adolphus, Jay, Earl, & Gloria.

May the love of Christ be with you always.

THE PARK

Happy Birthday

June

1- LaToya Nelson, Susan Jaquith 16- Emily Cunningham

5- Ned Lavengodd Jr. 17- Raymond Verrey

7- Toshiharu Ichikawa, Cathy Nowicki 19- Diane Paulsell

8- Nicole Castro, Maia Alejandro 22- Beth Mandelbaum, Ben Pagano

9- Randall Tucker 23- Clara E. Janssen-Gonçalves

10- Stefani Enriquez, 24- Jessica Wray

Stephanie Kendell, Steven Crumb 26- Rachel Frey

11- R. Stanton Jones 29- William Vila, Oscar Kunk

14- Stephenie Stovall 30- Katie Burch, Elizabeth Cooper

Karon Bihari

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## **Praise and Worship –**

**Victory Is Mine** – Composed by Dorothy Norwood & Alvin Darling  
BMI – 1586211    ESL – 102514    Harry Fox – V0699A

## **Praise and Worship (HYMN OF THE MORNING) –**

**Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing** – Hymn Tune: DARWALL'S 148<sup>th</sup>,  
John Darwall; Hymn Text: Charles Wesley  
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## **Pre-Sermonic Selection –**

**Center of My Joy** – Composed by Richard Smallwood  
ASCAP – 330376606    CCLI – 165937    ESL – 9844  
Harry Fox – J2229J

## **Post Sermon Interlude – (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**Way Maker** – Composed by Nathan Horst & Allan Scott  
CCLI – 7115744    ESL – 1954936    Harry Fox – 7085789

## **Offertory – (PIANO INCIDENTAL, INTO DOXOLOGY)**

## **Communion –**

**He'll Bring It To Pass** – Composed by Joseph Joubert

## **Closing – (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**I'm Looking For A Miracle** – Composed by Elbernita Clark  
ESL – 1929808

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