

WELCOME

Opening Welcome & Admin Announcements

All are welcome at Park Ave. Today's service is a sharing circle. We celebrate your multiple identities. We maintain mask requirements in all movements of the service and we recommend social distancing.

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of the land where our church is located, the Muskogee people. This recognition is simply a first step, but one we are taking intentionally.

Worship Through Singing

"I Need You To Survive"

artist: Hezekiah Walker

Call to Worship

One: We come today, representing all the majesty of creation
ALL: Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator of all things.

One: We come today, to deliver our joined prayers of hope.
ALL: We come today, a people mourning still our losses, still recovering from the ravages of gun-violence, the Covid-19 pandemic and the pandemic of institutionalized racism & violence.

One: We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God
ALL: Who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.

One: We come today, knowing you care for us
ALL: We come today, knowing that even when others reject us, we belong in your arms and we receive comfort. We come.

One: We come today, Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally
ALL: We come today, knowing you will listen and answer our needs.

Worship Through Singing

"I Give Myself Away"

by: William McDowell

Poetic Intervention

"Belonging"

Rev. Dr. LaToya Major-McIntosh
Written by James Crews

Centering Down and Prayer

Children's Moment

Offering

Give via text at: 470-300-1731 or

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<https://pabc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Worship Through Singing

"You Made A Way"

artist: Travis Greene

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-15 (JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh)

Deacon Daniel Bass

The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the prison compound attached to the palace of the king of Judah. For King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him, saying, "How dare you prophesy: 'Thus said the LORD: I am delivering this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it. And King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape from the Chaldeans; he shall be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak to him face to face and see him in person. And Zedekiah shall be brought to Babylon, there to remain until I take note of him - declares the LORD. When you wage war against the Chaldeans, you shall not be successful.'"

Jeremiah said: The words of the LORD came to me: Hanamel, the son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you and say, "Buy my land in Anathoth, for you are next in succession to redeem it by purchase. And just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the prison compound and said to me, Please buy my land in Anathoth, in the territory of Benjamin; for the right of succession is yours, and you have the duty of redemption. Buy it." Then I knew that it was indeed the word of the LORD.

So I bought the land in Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I wrote a deed, sealed it, and had it witnessed; and I weighed out the silver on a balance. I took the deed of purchase, the sealed text and the open one according to rule and law, and gave the deed to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah in the presence of my kinsman Hanamel, of the witnesses who were named in the deed, and all the Judeans who were sitting in the prison compound. In their presence I charged Baruch as follows: Thus said the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these documents, this deed of purchase, the sealed text and the open one, and put them into an earthen jar, so that they may last a long time." For thus said the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses, fields, and vineyards shall again be purchased in this land."

Sermonic Song

"The Anthem"

by: William Murphy

Sermon

Rev. Leo Seyji Allen

A Time of Response

Respond Through Music

Benediction

Rev. Leo Seyji Allen