

Sunday, May 24, 2018

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I remember very clearly the afternoon in May 2016 when I walked into Park Avenue United Methodist Church to meet with Sherri Boone, Rev. Dr. Will Healy and Rev. Dan Johnson. Over the course of a few hours we shared some of our faith journey and spoke of our hopes for what God can do through the Church. I left that meeting very grateful for the opportunity to hear their stories and to tell my story. I did not know what would become of our meeting, but I was satisfied for the opportunity. Soon after, the Holy Spirit confirmed some things among us and I was appointed to serve at Park Avenue United Methodist Church in July 2016.



You graciously welcomed me and we jumped in! I love the people and ministries of this church. We have shared in vibrant worship, fervent prayer, serious Bible study and significant ministry. You are faithful and loving people. My pastoral leadership and vision for ministry have been shaped by serving as your Associate Pastor. And I have greatly benefitted from and been shaped by opportunities for fellowship, learning and development and worship provided by the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am grateful God sent me your way.

After much prayer I discerned God is summoning me away. Seeking to be faithful to God's calling upon my life, I am responding to a call from Westminster Presbyterian Church to serve as the Associate Pastor for Justice and Mission. July 1, 2018 will be my last Sunday worshipping with you.

Until then my hope is to continue to be your pastor! We'll process this transition, confirm our youth, dine at Christ our Lord's Table, celebrate our graduates, reaffirm our baptism as we baptize babies, learn from our mission partners and worship our God.

I will continue to hold you in my heart and remember you in my prayers. May God's blessings be poured out on you, Park Avenue United Methodist Church, and may God work through you in all your beautiful diversity to transform this urban neighborhood and the world.

Yours in Christ' Service,

Pastor Alanna Tyler