



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 28, 2023

The Day of Pentecost

11:00 am

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today. If you're new, please take a look at the "NEW" section on the back cover for some ways to connect with us.

*This bulletin contains instructions (usually next to the pilcrow symbol ¶) and explanations meant to help us fully participate in our worship of God. The People read **bold text** with a loud voice. Scripture lessons are from the English Standard Version.*

On the Day of Pentecost (fifty days after Easter), God sent his Holy Spirit to dwell with his people. Many Christians consider this the birthday of the Church, because it both enabled and inaugurated the apostles' mission to proclaim the Gospel of God to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The color red is used on Pentecost to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played by the musicians to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God.*

Come, Holy Ghost

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

¶ *Immediately after the prelude, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Joel 2 & Acts 2

Leader The LORD will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People and your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Leader Your old men shall dream dreams,

People and your young men shall see visions.

Leader You shall know that the LORD is in the midst of his people,

People that he is the LORD and there is none else.

Leader And it shall come to pass

People that everyone who calls upon the Name of the LORD shall be saved.

HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1. Come down, O Love di - vine!† Seek thou this soul of mine
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty† my out - ward ves - ture† be,
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor† glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness† be - come my in - ner cloth - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - for - ter† draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light - shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part†,
 for none can guess its grace, till he be - come the place

and kin - dle† it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

† Love divine: *The Holy Spirit*; cf. Rom. 5:5 | Comforter: *The Holy Spirit*; cf. Jn 14:16 KJV | ardor: passion, from Latin to burn | kindle: stir up; cause to burn | charity: love, especially Christian brotherly love | vesture: clothing | lowliness: humility | humbler part: role of a servant

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SIN, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Led by the Elder*

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our coming day's bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

pew Bible p. 724

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

N^o 335 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

REDHEAD

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:18-21

pew Bible p. 978

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 734)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

Come Holy Spirit

Michael Balboni

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 726 Spirit of the Living God (*sung twice*)

IVERSON

¶ *The People sit.*

CONFIRMATION

The Charge to Candidates

We rejoice that you all now desire publicly to confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, and your commitment to follow him as Lord. In Baptism, you were joined to Christ, and made members of his church. In the community of the people of God, you have learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord, and called to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians,

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph. 2:19-22

Profession of the One Faith

¶ *The Minister examines all the Candidates, saying*

Question Do you, here in the sight of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism?

Answer I do.

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, with the Lord's help.

¶ *The People stand. The Minister asks them*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister continues*

Will you serve alongside them and encourage them as fellow members of the family of faith, as they seek to grow into Christ's likeness?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Minister then says*

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People **I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Confirmation

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the Church, calling us to be your servants in the world; renew in these students the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun

in them. Send them forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The Minister continues to pray for the needs of the world, church, sick, and suffering.*

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed while music is offered to the Lord.*

Aria from *Mass in B Minor*

Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem,
And [we believe] in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,

qui ex Patre Filioque procedit,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam.
And [we believe in] one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

Words: Nicene Creed | Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

¶ *The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

N^o 339 For Your Gift of God the Spirit

BLAENWERN

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People may sit or leave quietly. Please be respectful of those listening to the music.*

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Michael Balboni, *Associate Minister*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Tim Leary, *Director of Graduate Student Ministries*

Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families & Youth*

ELDER Yannick Assogba

LAY READER Jill VanderWoude

MUSICIAN Jonathan VanderWoude, *baritone*

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Jameson Booker, Joan Cheng, Joen Cheng, Alec Gazda-Tran,
Andrew Hansen, Elijah Hata, Selah Kim, Moses Long, Nathan
Pregizer, Lily Swilling, Asher Swint, & Tyler Vogelzang

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

“But you, Beloved, be praying in the Holy Spirit.” Jude 20

Let us pray this week for...

- A gospel awakening in Boston, Massachusetts, New England, and America.
- Protection for all of our missionaries and for favor with their host countries so that they are able to remain and minister long-term.
- Wisdom and provision for our short-term mission teams that are raising funds and preparing for their trips this summer.
- Those struggling to pay rent, that God would provide a way.
- The Spirit’s fruits, gifts, and power to fill the life of our church. Let us pray “Come, Holy Spirit, fall freshly on us.”

Submit prayer requests to: parkstreet.org/requestprayer (or call 617-523-3383).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionary Reception | Today | 12:30 pm | *Granary Room*

Join us to encourage and hear updates from the Fosters, PSC Bible translators serving in Mozambique. Light refreshments will be served. Catch them while they are here for one day only! Contact: missions@parkstreet.org.

God's Heart of Care: Become a part of a PSC prayer, support and visitation team

Is it on your heart to care for homebound congregants, visit nursing homes or support those grieving a loved one? Email Michael Balboni: mbalboni@parkstreet.org.

For Men Only

We are currently accepting new members for a small group that supports men who are struggling with pornography and sexual addiction. For more information and confidential discussion, email: formenonly@parkstreet.org.

Summer College Ministry | Tuesdays | 7:00 pm | *Wilson House*

Please join the college ministry for dessert, worship, and Bible study at the Wilson House in Harvard Square. Email Evangeline: evahollykennedy@gmail.com.

Join the Park Street Softball Team | Saturdays | June–August

Come be a part of the PSC softball team as we play against other churches in the metro area. If you're interested, please contact: parkstreetsoftball@gmail.com.

Boston Fellows Program | Apply by Thu, Jun 15

Boston Fellows is a nine-month program that helps early to mid-career professionals cultivate the insights and spiritual habits necessary for meaningful vocation. To apply: bostonfellows.com or contact Kelly Madden: kelly.madden@bostonfellows.com.

Apply to be a Freedom Trail Guide for Park Street Church | Late June–August 2023

Serve as a part-time historical guide (three days a week) for tourists stopping by our church. Job description: parkstreet.org/jobs. To apply, email: info@parkstreet.org.

Job Opening for Director of Human Resources at Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

To see details and apply, visit gordonconwell.edu/employment.

Open Positions at Park Street School

For job descriptions and to apply, email: employment@parkstreetschool.org.

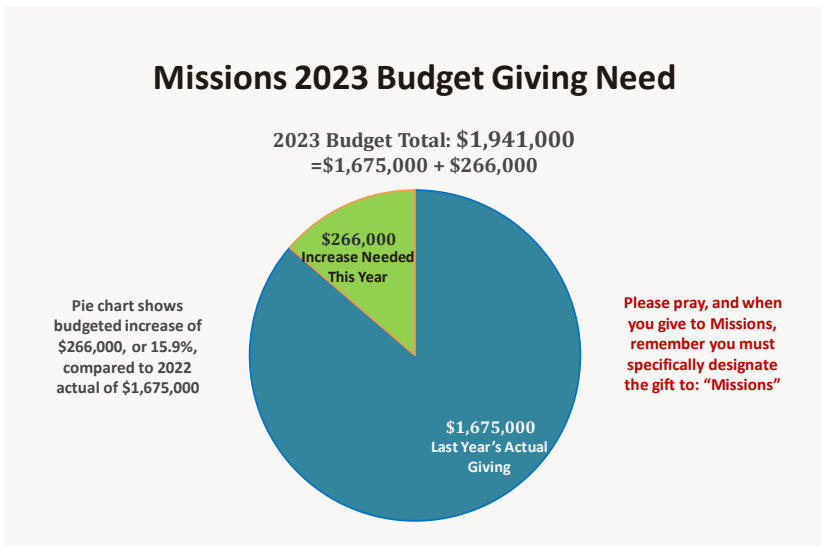
FINANCIAL UPDATE

2023 Missions Budget Update

At the Annual Meeting in February the congregation approved a “Big Ask” regarding the 2023 Missions Budget and anticipates a substantial increase of \$266K in giving, or 15.9%, for this year. This increase is due to long-planned, additional funding for PSC missionaries to various parts of Asia and the Middle East and continuing outreach through City Engagement.

Currently, year-to-date giving to Missions is equal to, but not greater than, last year. Please remember that gifts toward the Missions Budget must be specifically designated that way when you give electronically or noted in the memo line on your check or envelope. The illustration below provides a summary of the need.

The 2023 Ministry & Operations Budget anticipates a more modest increase in congregational giving of \$141K, or 4.6% and giving is currently at a pace to achieve that outcome.



For more details visit: parkstreet.org/announcements. Sign up for updates at: parkstreet.org/enews

NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

Here are some specific steps you can take to connect:

- Fill out a **Connect card** in the pews and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit parkstreet.org or scan the QR code at the right. We'll be in touch.



- Meet an elder or minister at the **Info Desk** in the Welcome Center (one floor below the sanctuary) and pick up a **Welcome booklet** and an **Engage flyer**.
- RSVP to the invitation you receive for the **Newcomers' Lunch** on a third Sunday of the month, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!

