



# Welcome to Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION

Park Street Church

The Lord's Day, October 1, 2023

*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.*

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## THE PRELUDE

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

Chorale Prelude *on Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*(see hymn 421)*

## INTROIT

(11 am)

O Taste and See

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,

Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8 | Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 103*

*Leader* Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

*People* Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

*Leader* Who forgives all your sin and heals all your infirmities  
Who saves your life from the pit  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,

*People* O praise the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;  
praise the LORD, O my soul.

HYMN

Nº 53 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

ANTHEM  
(II am)

To Thee, O Lord

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;  
my God, I trust in thee.

Words: Psalm 25: 1 | Music: S. Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

THE LESSON

*John 8:48-59*

*pew Bible p. 895*

*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.*

Nº 163 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

¶ *The People sit.*

THE PSALM

34

*pew Bible p. 463*

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn Nº 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.**

*The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms,  
in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.*

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

Two Fears

Adam Herndon

♩ *The People stand. (Children return from Children's Church during the hymn.)*

HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur-ren - der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won-der at ev - ery gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture th'e - ter - nal seed is sown -  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at — bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.  
though small in mor - tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your word;  
for Christ, the Man from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty, and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise!

Words: sts. 1 & 3, 1982; st. 2, 1987 | Michael Perry (1942-1996) stanza 2 based on 1 Corinthians 15:35-49  
Music: *Thaxted*, 1916 | Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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## APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *Standing, the People say together*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who 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.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
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 PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

#### OFFERTORY

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

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus;  
You may have all this world:  
give me Jesus.*

And when I am alone,  
give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,  
give me Jesus.

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, see Mk. 8:36

## 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.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ *All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements, which should be consumed immediately. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*During the distribution of the elements, the People sing the following hymns:*

Nº 426 Till He Come

Nº 421 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

## HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way; give  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-ery meadow, flash-ing sea, chant  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er: all who live in love are thine; teach  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife, joy-

- er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!  
 - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joice in thee.  
 us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the Joy Di-vine.  
 - ful mu-sic leads us Sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life!

Words: 1907 | Henry van Dyke (1852-1933); Music: from *Symphony no. 9* | L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)

## BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

Psalms 19 “*The Heavens Declare Thy Glory*”

B. Marcello (1686-1739)

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

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## SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

PREACHER Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families & Youth*

ASSISTING MINISTERS Raymond Kam, *Minister to Internationals*

Julian L., *Minister of Missions*

ELDERS 8:30 Jason Abraham

11:00 Kirstin Peltz

LAY READERS 8:30 Stuart DeLorme

11:00 Christine Vasko

MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

Marana Avant, *mezzo-soprano*

A complete staff directory can be found at [parkstreet.org/about-us/staff](http://parkstreet.org/about-us/staff)

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## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.”  
Psalm 107:13-14*

### Let us pray together...

- For those among our Park Street Church family that are sick, in pain, or suffering: that Jesus who suffered immense pain would be near to them.
- For those among us who struggle with fear and anxiety: that the Lord would hear them and deliver them from their fears.
- For the people of Boston, our neighbors: that they would see, know, and fear the Lord, and in him have no lack.
- For the leaders of this church, that the Lord would give them wisdom as they try to lead the church in the steps of Jesus.

Send your prayer requests to [pastoralcare@parkstreet.org](mailto:pastoralcare@parkstreet.org) or call 617-523-3383

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gospel in Community—Grace Changes Everything | Sun, Oct 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 9:45 am & 5:45 pm | Register at [parkstreet.org/christianformation](http://parkstreet.org/christianformation)**

Join us for a 4-week video and discussion series on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life—in your heart, your community, your campus, your workplace, your world. We'll listen to a brief video message from Tim Keller (late pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, NYC) and discuss in groups by region.

**Informational and Prayer Session | Sun, Oct 8 | 1:30 pm | Sanctuary**

Next Sunday, we will have a congregational information and prayer session at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided beforehand in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend!

**Artists' Fellowship | Today | after the 11:00 am service | Upper Sky Room**

Visual artists, join us for a light lunch! Discussion will be based on readings and viewing artworks. For info or to RSVP, please contact: [loistandersen@gmail.com](mailto:loistandersen@gmail.com).

**International Bible Study | Sundays | 9:45–10:45 AM | PSC Conference Room**

Study the Bible and participate in spiritual discourse with other internationals. Intermediate to advanced English language proficiency is required. No need to register. Questions? Email Whay Lee at [procomm@parkstreet.org](mailto:procomm@parkstreet.org).

**Help clothe our unhoused neighbors!**

The Home ministry is in urgent need of men's clothing of all kinds. See our list of priorities for used clothing here: [tinyurl.com/clothingpantry](http://tinyurl.com/clothingpantry)

**Wakefield Womens' Bible Study | Tue, Oct 3 | 9:30 - 11:00 am | First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield**

Join us for fellowship and study as we explore the book of Revelation. Childcare is available. Contact Judi: [jbmanola@gmail.com](mailto:jbmanola@gmail.com).

**Professional Communications Workshop | Fridays through Dec 8 | 7:00-9:00 pm**

This weekly Zoom workshop focuses on improving communications in the workplace. Internationals who are practitioners and scholars of all fields are welcome. Intermediate or advanced language proficiency is necessary, and the cost to participate is \$100. To register, email Whay Lee at [procomm@parkstreet.org](mailto:procomm@parkstreet.org).

**Piano Trio Concert | Fri, Oct 13, 7:30pm | Sanctuary**

Join us for an evening of piano trios by Beethoven, Brahms, and more, performed by acclaimed artists Amy Galluzzo (violin), Carol Ou (cello), and Yu-Mei Wei (piano). Admission is free. This is the first in a group of concerts celebrating our new Steinway piano, recently donated by a member of the church.

*More at: [parkstreet.org/announcements](http://parkstreet.org/announcements). Regular updates at [parkstreet.org/enews](http://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](http://parkstreet.org) or scan the QR code to 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**.
- 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!

