



Welcome to  
Park Street Church!

SERVICE *of* HOLY COMMUNION  
Park Street Church  
The Lord's Day, October 29, 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. The liturgy for the Blessing of the piano is taken in part from the 1961 dedication of the organ.*

### *About this week's Guest Preacher*

*Originally from French-speaking Switzerland, Tom, with his wife Donna, served as missionaries with the School of Biblical Studies in Youth With A Mission in Kona, Honolulu and Togo. After receiving their PhDs in Near Eastern studies at the University of Toronto, they joined the Old Testament faculty at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 2006. For the past seven years Tom has served as the Senior Pastor of Trinitarian Congregational Church in Wayland, MA.*

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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.*

### INTROIT

(II am)

Lord I Trust Thee

Lord I trust thee, I adore thee.  
Ah thou friend of man, restore me!  
On thy loving grace relying,  
for the bread of life I'm sighing.  
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease.  
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.  
When the breath of life has left me,  
may my soul be blended with thee.

Words: Barthold Brockes (1680-1747) | Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 90*

*Leader* Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

*People* **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the earth and the world were made,  
you are God from everlasting, and world without end.**

*Leader* For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,  
even as a day that is past.

*People* **Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

*Leader* O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

HYMN

N<sup>o</sup> 30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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

### *Blessing of the Piano*

¶ *The Minister says*

Instruments have been used in the Lord's worship ever since God brought his people through the Red Sea and Moses and Miriam led them in songs of victory. Breaking with our Puritan forbears, Park Street Church affirmed instruments from the beginning, starting with a string ensemble and later, our first organ in 1829. More recently, during Dr. Ockenga's pastorate, a grand piano was placed in the sanctuary, which was likely donated originally by Mrs. A. Z. Conrad. The piano we set apart today is the third to be used in this sanctuary.

¶ *The People stand.*

Beloved in the Lord, the Psalmist says, "Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him with the timbrels and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe! Praise him with the sounding cymbals; praise him with the resounding cymbals!" This piano will ring out the praise of God, lead his people in song, and sound forth the beauty of his glory.

Therefore, it is fitting that this piano be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, to serve us in the services of God's house.

*Leader*    Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*People*    **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Leader*    The Lord be with you.

*People*    **And with your spirit.**

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, creator of all harmony, beauty, and truth, who has set the spheres to singing in their courses and has put a melody in the hearts of men, accept our offering of this piano, and bless it with your heavenly benediction. Use it, according to your will, to summon sinners to repentance, to comfort the brokenhearted, and to encourage the faith and worship of the saints. Let this piano sound forth echoes of your majestic beauty and goodness to all who hear it in worship and in concert, for your praise and glory alone. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless the service of this piano for use in his house. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Hosea 6:1–6*

*pew Bible p. 754*

*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<sup>o</sup> 490 Out of the Deep I Call

SOUTHWELL

¶ *The People sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 4:17–22*

*pew Bible p. 809*

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N<sup>o</sup> 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

The Gospel of Repentance

Tom Petter

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

## HYMN

N<sup>o</sup> 491 Take Me, O My Father, Take Me

VESPER HYMN

## 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.*

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
High King of heaven, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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:*

### Humbly I Adore Thee



1. Hum-bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2. Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3. O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4. Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



low, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,





tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274); tr. Hymnal 1940 and Hymnal 1982  
 Music: French church melody, as found in *Paris Processionale*, 1697  
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Nº 424 Shepherd of Souls  
 Nº 170 Fairest Lord Jesus

H Y M N

☪ *The People stand.*

Nº 361 O Praise Ye the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

B E N E D I C T I O N

T H E P O S T L U D E

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

S E R V I C E L E A D E R S A N D P A R T I C I P A N T S

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*  
 Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

GUEST PREACHER Tom Petter

ASSISTING MINISTERS Damian Long, *Minister to Small Groups & Young Adults*  
 Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families*

ELDERS 8:30 Mary Harvey  
 11:00 Kirstin Peltz

LAY READERS 8:30 Marty Lindemann  
 11:00 Emma Verrengia

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

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

## COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”*  
*Romans 8:26*

### Let us pray together...

- That the Holy Spirit would help us to see where we have wandered far away from Jesus, the one who draws near to us and who calls us back to him.
- That where there is pain, sadness, and anger in our church, God would bring understanding and love; that Jesus would be known in Boston because of our love for one another.
- For the upcoming Mission Conference, that God would lead through the speakers, events, gatherings, and outings, and that we would see clearly what it looks like to “live on mission” both here in Boston and around the world.
- For the many places in the world experiencing war and violence, especially in Israel and Gaza, that there would be a de-escalation and peace.
- For the families of Lewiston, ME suffering loss and fear in the aftermath of this week’s shooting: that God would comfort them and hear their cry. Also, that God would give wisdom to us and to our leaders as we grapple with the reality of mass shootings in the United States.

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 | Today |**  
**9:45 am & 5:30 pm | Park Street Church**

Join us as we continue our video and discussion series on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life. See one of the hanging maps to find your room.

**Piano Dedication & Dedicatory Recital | Today | 1:00 pm | Sanctuary**

After the 11:00 am service we will serve refreshments in the Welcome Center, followed at 1 pm by the dedicatory recital (45 minutes), performed by Dr. Mia Chung, featuring works of Scarlatti, Beethoven, and Rachmaninoff.

**Mission Conference 2023: On(e) Mission Together | Fri, Nov 3 - Sun, Nov 12**  
Explore with us what it looks like to “live on mission” both here in Boston and around the world.. More at: [parkstreet.org/missions](http://parkstreet.org/missions). Email: [missions@parkstreet.org](mailto:missions@parkstreet.org)

*Featured Mission Conference Events:*

**Concert of Prayer & Praise for the World | Fri, Nov 3 | 7:00 pm**

**Serve the City: Explore | Sun, Nov 5 | 9:45 am & 5:30 pm**

Connect with neighbors in your regional fellowship and explore practical ways to live life on mission in your daily context. Discussion questions from one of this year’s mission conference guest preachers, Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst, will focus on “integral mission,” where we proclaim and demonstrate the gospel in both the city of Boston and in missions across the world.

**Dinner and a Discussion: Gospel in the City | Fri, Nov 10 | 6:00 pm Dinner & 7:00 pm Discussion** | Experience an evening of Japanese cuisine and culture featuring Adrian and Rebecca Tam, PSC missionaries to Japan. Register online for dinner by Tue, Nov 7. Childcare available. Register online by Nov 9.

**Serve the City: Go | Sat, Nov 11 | Various Times**

Experience being on mission together, as you serve alongside fellow Park Streeters. View service projects and register at [parkstreet.org/missions](http://parkstreet.org/missions) by Tue, Nov 7.

**Please Transfer your Reoccurring Online Gifts by Nov. 1**

We are transitioning to a new online giving platform called Church Center. Please visit [parkstreet.org/give](http://parkstreet.org/give) for details about how to transfer your online reoccurring gifts from Realm to Church Center by Nov. 1. If you need assistance please email [jghobrial@parkstreet.org](mailto:jghobrial@parkstreet.org) or find us in the Welcome Center after the service. Thank you so much for your consistent generosity!

**Artists’ Fellowship | Sun, Nov 5 | 1:00 pm | *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 email: [loistandersen@gmail.com](mailto:loistandersen@gmail.com)

**Bakers and Hospitality Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, and bake for coffee time after all 3 services: [parkstreet.org/hospitality](http://parkstreet.org/hospitality).

**Boston Flourish 2023 | Thu, Nov 16 | 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM | *Park Street Church***

Park Street Church is happy to be hosting Boston Flourish 2023. Boston Flourish is a movement for dreamers and doers to activate and partner towards a Boston where everyone flourishes. Conversation topics will include youth mental health, migrant care, and human trafficking. Learn more about Boston Flourish 2023 and register at [bostonflourish.com](http://bostonflourish.com).

*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.

