

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
Park Street Church
The Lord's Day, March 10, 2024
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.*

Purple is the traditional color of preparation and penitence, and is used during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Purple was historically the color of kings (the dye was extremely costly) so the color also emphasizes the royalty of Jesus (cf. John 19).

THE PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

(II am)

Chorale, from St. Matthew's Passion

The will of God be always done, his will that wisely guideth;
His help is nigh to every one whose faith on him abideth.
What though his end we fail to see, what though his face he hideth?
Forsaken he shall never be, whose heart in him confideth.

Words: Johann Rist (1607–1667) | Music: J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

¶ *Immediately at the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

Leader Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me,
for I am poor and in misery.

People **Comfort the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

Leader I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and will praise your Name for evermore.

People **For great is your mercy toward me;
you have delivered me from the realm of the dead.**

HYMN

Nº 261 What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

(11 am)

Psalm 121 *Levavi Oculos*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;
from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper;
the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

*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.*

Music: Gary Davison (b.1961)

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:15-24

pew Bible p. 149

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.*

Praise to the Holiest in the Height

GERONTIUS

1. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood (which did in
4. O gen - erous love! that he, who smote in man for

depth be praise; in all his words most
sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
Ad - am fail) should strive a - fresh a -
man the foe, the dou - ble ag - o -

won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
to the fight and to the res - cue came.
gainst the foe, should strive and should pre - vail.
ny in man for man should un - der - go;

5. and in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Double agony refers to Christ's agony of body and of soul; the latter is particularly connected with his time alone in the Garden of Gethsemane (cf. Matt. 26:38; Luke 22:44).

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: *Gerontius* | John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:25-29

pew Bible p. 1009

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn № 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

Receiving the Unshakeable Kingdom

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

Nº 92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

THE PRAYERS

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

OFFERTORY

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

Adagio, from Sonata in E major

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

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

Nº 81 O Love of God, How Strong and True

JERUSALEM

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*

ASSISTING MINISTER Randall Wetzig, *Assistant Minister*

ELDERS 8:30 Linda Herman, *Elder*

11:00 Mary Harvey, *Elder*

LAY READERS 8:30 Stuart DeLorme

11:00 Jason Peter

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

Hannah Tam & Andrew Coleman, *clarinet*

A complete staff directory can be found at parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY Worship Services 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 4:00 pm
March 24 Organ Recital 12:30 pm (25 minutes; see announcement)

WEDNESDAY Midweek Lenten Service
March 27 12:15 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion Service
March 28 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services
March 29 Noon & 7:30 pm

EASTER DAY Worship Services
March 31 9:00 am & 11:00 am | Music by choir & orchestra
4:00 pm | Music by Sunday Night Band

More details about each service, volunteer sign-ups, and information about childcare can be found at parkstreet.org/easter.

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"I lift my eyes up to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Let us pray together...

- That the Prince of Peace would increase his government: the only true hope for peace in this world.
- For those in Boston suffering from homelessness or housing insecurity, that the Lord would be their strong tower.
- That we may lift up our eyes and see from whom our help comes: the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Send your prayer requests to pastoralcare@parkstreet.org or call 617-523-338

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Discipleship Initiative/World Relief 80th Anniversary

LDI continues with World Relief's devotional, "He Was There," which considers how believers can walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It's not too late to join a group. Visit parkstreet.org/ldi for more information and view the map on page 11 of this bulletin to see where your Regional Fellowship meets each Sunday.

Midweek Lenten Services | Wednesdays until Mar 27 | 12:15 pm | *Sanctuary*

Join us on your lunch break for a 30-minute service of prayer, reflection on scripture, and hymns. Services will also be streamed at parkstreet.org/live.

Give to World Relief with Fasting Envelopes | Feb 11 - Mar 30

Learn more about the history of fasting envelopes at parkstreet.org/ldi. Envelopes can be picked up in the Welcome Center. You can also donate online or through the Church Center App.

Reception for Walter & Toni Kim | Sun, Mar 17 | 12:30 pm | *Welcome Center*

Join us after the 11:00 am service to hear from guest preacher Dr. Walter Kim and his wife, Toni. They will be sharing about their ministry with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). Walter and Toni are both former PSC ministers.

Palm Sunday Organ Recital | Sun, Mar 24 | 12:30pm

Director of Music Nathan Skinner will perform Julius Reubke's *Sonata on Psalm 94*. This highly dramatic piece in four movements (25 minutes) explores the depths of emotion expressed in the psalmist's cry for God to vindicate his people.

Easter Memorial Flowers | Order by Sun, Mar 24

Please fill out the form found at parkstreet.org/easter if you would like to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one. Payment can be made by check or online.

Easter Celebration - Bring Your Best Baked Goods!

Bring your favorite baked goods, desserts, or finger foods to help us celebrate our Lord's Resurrection! Please drop off your dish at one of the following times before Easter Day:

Sun, Mar 24, before any service, to the Welcome Center kitchen (for items that can stay in the fridge/freezer)

Sat, Mar 30, 10am-1pm, to the Granary Room kitchen

Though not preferred, we can accept dishes in the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Easter Sunday before each service. Serving trays will be available for pickup on Sun, Mar 24. For more information: parkstreet.org/easter.

WORLD RELIEF 80TH ANNIVERSARY:
LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

The following announcement appeared in the bulletin on March 23, 1941:

Fasting Program.

Hundreds of our members and many friends are fasting at least one meal each week and saving the money to be given for victims of war. Great blessing has come to the lives of those participating. You may still join with us in the remaining time till Maundy Thursday.

As you fast during Lent, please consider this week's prayer request from World Relief:

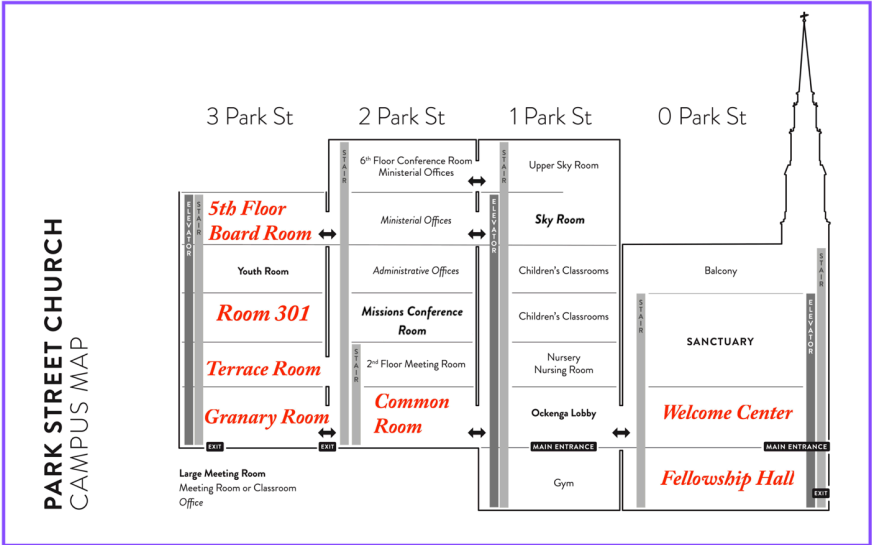
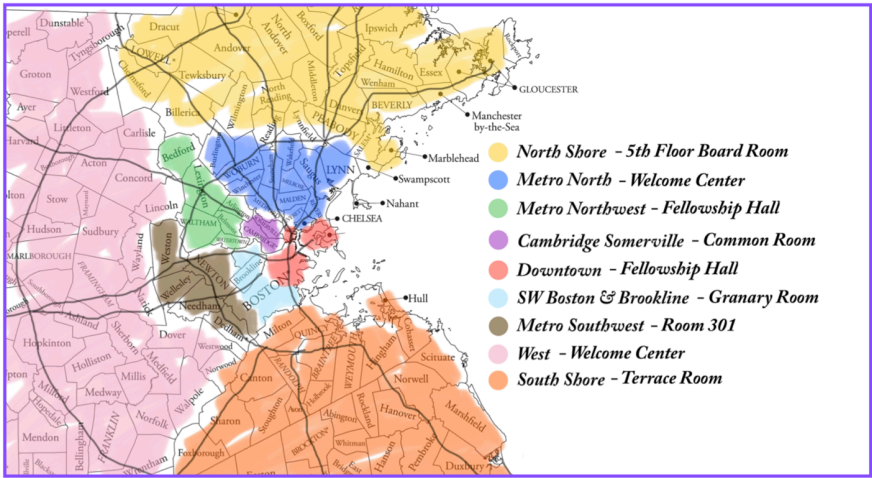
Pray for World Relief partners in Egypt as they serve provide food, water, and first aid supplies to families in Gaza, as well as serve Palestinians in Egypt who are separated from their families in Gaza.

Additionally, because the church congregants have Egyptian passports they are able to get in close proximity to the Egypt-Gaza border and are providing spiritual and emotional support for those seeking hope. Please pray that the light of Christ would shine brightly in the darkness and that many would seek Jesus.

LDI 2024: World Relief

Meeting Locations

- 1. Find your Regional Fellowship on the map of MA
- 2. Find your meeting location on the church map



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 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.



PARK STREET CHURCH