

Service of Worship

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, May 25, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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.

We are in the fifty-day season of Eastertide. The colors of the season are white and gold. Here we sing our most joyous music, and "Alleluias" abound as we unite in praise with the Christian family around the globe: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously." (Ex. 15:1) The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ proves unambiguously that God is the final victor in the battle between Light and Darkness. Our greatest enemy is vanquished, and the new life of Jesus has come (in part) and is coming (in full) to all those who trust in him.

#### THE PRELUDE

¶ Music is played to prepare us in body and mind to enter the presence of God. Immediately at the conclusion of the Prelude the People stand.

Passacaglia in B-flat

L. Sowerby (1895–1968)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Exodus 15

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader Sing unto the LORD for he has triumphed gloriously.

People The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

Leader Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might.
Your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.

People With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

Leader The LORD shall reign for ever and for ever.

#### HYMN

Nº 115 All Creatures of Our God and King

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# 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

Infant Dedication (8:30 am)

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 36:22–28

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.

Nº 339 For Your Gift of God the Spirit

BLAENWERN

¶ The People sit.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

pew Bible p. 984

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

A New Posture

Mark Booker

#### HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 642 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

#### 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.

Duet, from Israel in Egypt

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

The Lord is a man of war: Lord is his Name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea;

his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

Ex. 15:3-4

The oratorio "Israel in Egypt" ends with an extended setting of the Song of Moses (Ex. 15:1–18) in which Israel praises God for his great victory and for his people's deliverance. The Church has long read this song through the lens of Christ's victory over (and our deliverance from) Death.

#### 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 281 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

SHOUT ON

#### BENEDICTION

#### THE POSTLUDE

¶ The People may sit or leave quietly during the postlude. Please be respectful of those listening to the music in the sanctuary or via the livestream.

#### SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Assisting Minister Polo Kim, Minister to Internationals

Elders 8:30 Geoffrey Raux, moderator

11:00 Joshua Wang

Lay Readers 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Carolyn Cummings

Musicians Jonathan VanderWoude, baritone

Dean Blackette, bass

INFANT DEDICATION August Williams, son of Doug & Jessica Williams

 ${\it Staff\ directory:}\ {\it parkstreet.org/about-us/staff}$ 

#### COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

## Let us pray together...

- That God would pour into us a love for him beyond and above all things.
- For the Men's Bible Study, that it would be a place in which the gospel is known and deep relationships of love and encouragement are formed.
- For our missionaries Bill & Paula who are working on Bible translation for southeast Asia.
- For the teachers in our congregation, that the summer would be a time of refreshment and growth.
- For the graduates in our congregation, that the Lord would guide them as they prepare for further study or transition into a new phase of life.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

More details at parkstreet.org/everything

\* Indicates childcare available. Preregistration may be required.

## Today

Sunday Worship\* | 8:30 am, 11 am, & 4 pm | Sanctuary

Christian Formation: Taste and See that the Lord is Good\* | 9:45 am | Fellowship Hall

Hour of Prayer | 9:45 am | Conference Room 301

Reception for Stuart and Sindia Foster | 12:30 pm | Terrace Room

#### This Week

Morning Prayer | Weekdays, 8:30 am | parkstreet.org/morningprayer

ESL Classes & Activities\* | Tue, Wed, & Thu, 9:30 am | Various Rooms

Café Young Adults | Tue & Wed, 7 pm | Welcome Center

The Men's Bible Study | Wed, 7:30 am | Common Room

Home Ministry Outreach Meals | Thu, 5:45 pm & Sat, 8:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | Sky Room

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | Youth Room

Haitian ESL Classes | Sat, 9:30 am | Granary Room and Common Room

#### General

## Combined Summer Services & Meals (Next Sunday)

We will be all together at the 11 am service (only) the first Sundays of June, July, and August, followed by an all-church lunch.

Reception for Stuart & Sindia Foster | Sun, May 25 | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room* Hear from Stuart and Sindia Foster, Park Street missionaries serving Mozambique through Bible translation and theological education. Catch them while they are here for one day only!

New Members Class | Jun 8, 22, 29, 12:30 – 4 pm | *Granary Room* Three Sundays exploring the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. Lunch included. Register at parkstreet.org/everything.

# Missions Summer Book Study: "Across the Street and Around the World" Thursdays, Jun 12 – Aug 21 | 7:30 pm | Zoom

Take your next step in local or global missions by participating in this 10-week summer book study. Learn more and register at parkstreet.org/everything.

## Save the dates! Urbana 25 Missions Conference Dec 28 – Midnight NYE | *Phoenix*, *AZ*

Experience this transformative, triennial missions conference with other Park Streeters. Learn more at parkstreet.org/everything.

#### Freedom Trail Site Volunteers

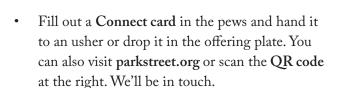
We are building a team of volunteers to serve alongside Freedom Trail guides for a few hours a week. Training provided. Email freedomtrail@parkstreet.org.

Jesus Above All

#### 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:





- 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, where you can meet other newcomers and church leaders, hear about our community and ask questions. We look forward to knowing you better!