

Service of Worship

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 21, 2025

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 PRELUDE

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

Voluntary on the Old Hundredth

H. Purcell (1659–1695)

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 at the conclusion of 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:

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 daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

ANTHEM (8:30 AM)

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.

No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.

No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.

For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.

No one else can be my shield, I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me,

And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

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(II AM)

Almighty Savior

Almighty Savior, hear my prayer, and heal my soul with sorrow torn; A wounded spirit, who can bear? —yet by thy help it can be borne.

Give me, O Lord, repenting power to crush my haughty nature low; to make me watchful every hour, and guard my steps where e'er I go.

Thy mercy, Lord, from time to time has reached my soul when sore oppressed. Thou didst pass by my every crime; I with forgiving love was blest.

Thou hast declared all souls were thine, and I'll confirm thy righteous claim; And for a proof I'll give up mine in honor to thy sacred Name.

Once more, kind Savior, condescend to satiate this soul of mine.

And from henceforth till time shall end this soul for ever shall be thine.

So I'll relinquish all demands, for any good I've ever done.

I'll throw my soul into thy hands and trust thy mercy, that alone.

Words & Music: Issachar Bates (1758–1837) | arr. 2000, Kevin Siegfried (b. 1969)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 4:1-17

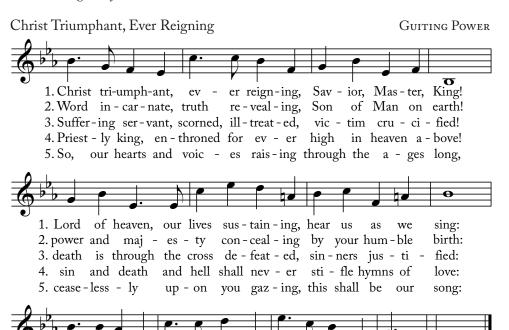
pew Bible p. 47

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.



Yours the glo-ry and the crown, the high re-nown, the - ter - nal name.

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¶ The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

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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

The God Who Provides

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

HENDON

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

 \P The People sit. The offering plates are passed while music is offered to the Lord.

Recit & Aria from Elijah

I go on my way in the strength of the Lord. For thou art my Lord, and I will suffer for thy sake. My heart is therefore glad, my glory[†] rejoiceth; and my flesh shall also rest in hope.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but thy kindness shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed.

†my glory: from the Hebrew, likely meaning my inner being

Words: Psalm 71:16; 69:7; 16:2, 9; Isaiah 54:10 | Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

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.

March Romaine (by request)

C. Gounod (1818–1893)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, Senior Minister Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Assisting Minister Polo Kim, Minister to Internationals

Elders 8:30 Andrew Ziegler

11:00 Jake Lubinski

Lay Readers 8:30 Mike Ahearn

11:00 Sophie Wetzig

Musicians The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, Director of Choral Music

Jonathan VanderWoude, baritone

Ashley Schumacher, voice

Staff directory: parkstreet.org/about-us/staff

COLLECTIVE PRAYERS

"But Moses implored the Lord his God..." Exodus 32:11

Let us pray together...

- For our Sunday Schools, Bible studies, and small groups as they begin this fall, that they would be places in which we become like Jesus together.
- For newly arrived students, individuals, and families settling into Boston, that they would meet Jesus here, whether they know him already or have never heard his name.
- For Cheryl Powell as she recovers from a car accident, and for her husband Bernie as he cares for her.
- For our missionaries, Zane and Elisse, that God would give them many opportunities to deepen relationships with their neighbors in Japan.

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

Sunday School in Regions* | 9:45 am | Room list below, see "Updated Locations..."

Children's Choir, Sunday School, and Youth | 9:45 am | Various Rooms

Park Street International Fellowship | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Newcomers Lunch | 12:30 pm | Granary Room

College Student Lunch | 12:30 pm | Sky Room

Reception for Short-Term Mission Teams | 12:30 pm | Terrace Room

This Week

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

ESL Classes & Activities* | Tue, Wed, & Thu | Various Rooms

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

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

Woman's Benevolent Society | Wed, 10 am | Granary Room

Life Together Women's Bible Study | Wed, 10 am | Terrace Room

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

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | Youth Room

All-Church Prayer | Sat, 8:30-9:30 am | Zoom

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

Other Small Groups and Bible Studies | Various Times | See parkstreet.org/groups

General

Updated Locations for Sunday School in Regions | 9:45 am

Since we had such a great turnout last week, we are shifting to the following rooms this Sunday:

Downtown and North: Welcome Center

Cambridge Somerville and Northwest: Granary Room

SW Boston & Brookline, South, and West: Terrace Room

Newcomers Lunch | Today & Sep 28 | 12:30 pm | Granary Room

If you're new to Park Street and considering making it your home church, welcome! Meet some of our leaders as we enjoy good food together.

College Students Lunch | Sundays | 12:30 pm | Sky Room

Join our college ministry every Sunday after the 11:00 am service for lunch and community engagement in life and the Word. All students are welcome.

Reception for Short-Term Mission Teams | Today | 12:30 pm | *Terrace Room* Hear stories from this summer's short-term mission teams. Members of the Central Asia; Lewiston, ME; and South Africa teams are eager to share their experiences with you.

Joining the Sanctuary Choir

"I will sing and give praise with the best that I have." Ps. 108:1 If you're interested in being part of the choir, we'd love to hear from you at choir@parkstreet.org.

Fall 2025 Expressive Arts Workshop | Fridays, Sep 26 - Dec 12 | 7-8:30 pm | Common Room

This workshop is open to adults interested in the arts and mental health, no artistic experience is required. Register in Church Center by Thu, Sep 25.

Family Ministry Apple Picking | Sat, Sep 27 | 10 am- 1 pm | Russell Orchards We hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon together. Please register in Church Center so we know who to expect.

Women's Ministry Luncheon and Worship | Sun, Sep 28, 12:45 pm | *Terrace Room* Join us as we begin our fall connecting with God and other women and lifting our voices together in worship. Register in Church Center.

New Members Class | Sundays, Oct 19, 26, & Nov 2, 12:30 pm | *Granary Room* Join us three Sundays for lunch and an exploration of the community life, theological convictions, and unique priorities of Park Street Church. Register at parkstreet.org/everything by Oct 14.

Global Mission Conference 2025 | Nov 9-16

Save the dates for this year's Global Mission Conference, "Looking Back, Moving Forward," to explore the rich history of Park Street Missions and seek God's guidance to live on mission together.

WBS needs your stuff!

See parkstreet.org/everything for a list of used items that WBS is looking for, including Christmas cards, white sheets, and canceled stamps. Drop off at the Ockenga Lobby.

Real-time Translation of Service

To make our service accessible for non-English speakers, we have a new tool that enables real-time translation of the sermon on Sunday mornings. Do you know anyone who might benefit? parkstreet.org/translate

Sermon Q&A with Pastor Mark | 12:30~12:50 pm | Front of the Sanctuary During September, Mark will be available in the front of the sanctuary to address questions about the sermon (or the Christian faith/Jesus more generally).



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.
- 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!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The theme for the Global Mission Conference 2025 is "Looking Back, Moving Forward," and as we approach the conference, we would like to share some interesting facts each week from our two hundred-year history of missions at Park Street Church...

Did you know that between 1817 and 1833, Park Street Church supported mission-aries to the Cherokee Nation, India, Hawaii, Turkey, Spain, Jerusalem, Patagonia, and Thailand? In many cases, the first task was to learn the local language so that they were able to translate the Scripture. Let us praise God for the privilege of sharing in this legacy!

