

Welcome

SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 28, 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 pилcrow 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.*

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

INTROIT

(11 AM)

God Is Living, God Is Here

Wherefore despair? God the Lord is everywhere!

God is good, and with compassion gives to all on earth his aid.

His strong arm, in powerful fashion, all good things for us hath made.

In his mystic ways progressing, turns he every want to blessing.

So my soul, now do not fear: God is living, God is here!

Words: Laurence H. Davies (1911–1983) | Music: J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader O sing unto the Lord a new song;
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

People Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader Declare his glory to the nations,
and his wonders to all peoples.

People O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

HYMN

Nº 155 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

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)

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, *Christ will hold me fast.*

When the tempter would prevail, *he will hold me fast.*

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,

For my love is often cold: *he must hold me fast.*

He will hold me fast, for my Savior loves me so.

Those he saves are his delight: *Christ will hold me fast.*

Precious in his holy sight, *he will hold me fast.*

He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last;

Bought by him at such a cost, *he will hold me fast.*

For my life he bled and died: *Christ will hold me fast.*

Justice has been satisfied: *he will hold me fast.*

Raised with him to endless life, *he will hold me fast*

Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

Words & Music: Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker |

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(11 AM)

Like as the Hart

Like as the hart[†] desireth the water brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsts for the living God,

yea even he that shall keep my soul.

My tears have been my meat day and night,

while they daily say unto me,

Where is now thy God?

[†]hart: a deer, specifically an adult male

Words: Psalm 42:1-3 | Music: Noel Rawsthorne (1653-1713)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 5:1-6:1

pew Bible p. 48

Reader The Word of the Lord.

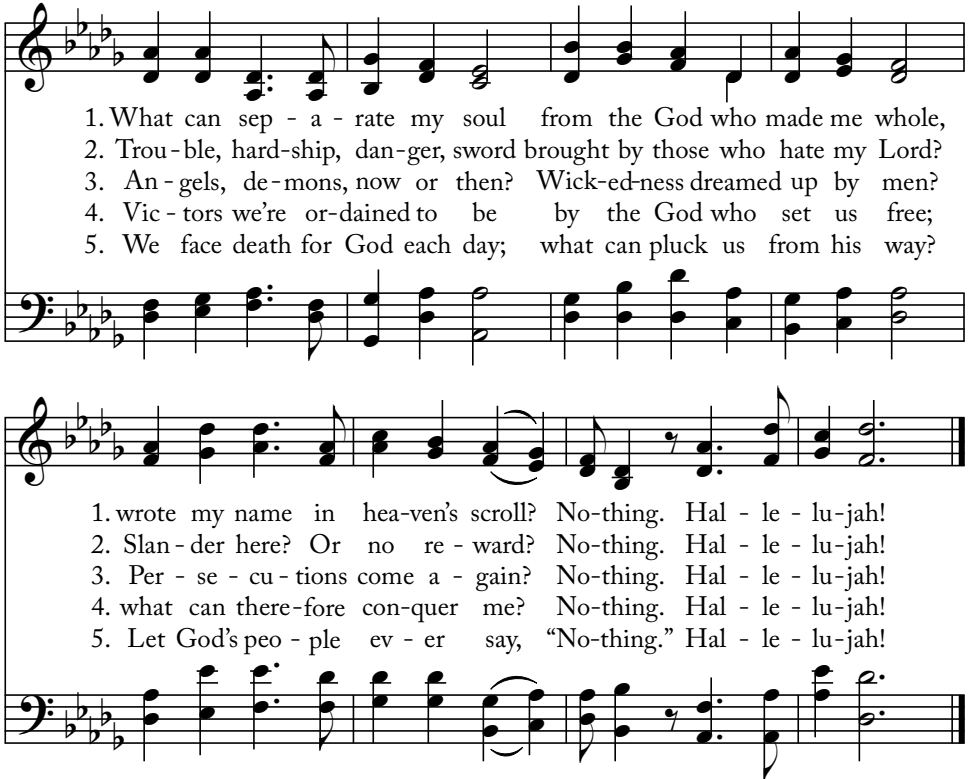
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

What Can Separate My Soul

PERSERVERANCE



1. What can sep - a - rate my soul from the God who made me whole,
 2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword brought by those who hate my Lord?
 3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then? Wick - ed - ness dreamed up by men?
 4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be by the God who set us free;
 5. We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?

1. wrote my name in hea - ven's scroll? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 2. Slan - der here? Or no re - ward? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 3. Per - se - cu - tions come a - gain? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 4. what can there - fore con - quer me? No - thing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 5. Let God's peo - ple ev - er say, "No - thing." Hal - le - lu - jah!

Words: 1999 | James Montgomery Boice (1938-2000) *based on Romans 8:35-39*

Music: *Perseverance*, 1999 | Paul S. Jones (b. 1969)

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¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 11:24-30

pew Bible p. 970

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

Opposition, Discouragement, Reassurance

Mark Booker

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

№ 691 It Is Well

VILLE DU HAVRE

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.*

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy—

I sing because I'm free—

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him. From care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he cares for me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Words: Civilla D. Martin (1863–1948) | Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856–1932)

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 295 Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

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.*

Fantasy on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Uso Seifert (1852–1912)

SERVICE LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Leonard Mosiah, *Minister to Youth*

ELDER Juliet Halvorsen

LAY READERS 8:30 Eleanor Peltz

11:00 Carolyn Cummings

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

Marana Avant, *mezzo-soprano*

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 the guests and hosts of our Home ministry, that the love of Jesus would be made audible and visible in word and deed at the meals every Thursday and Saturday.
- For Andrew & Anne May, serving in prison ministry in South Africa, for blessing, protection, wisdom, and strength as they balance family life and ministry.
- For our nation, that there would be peace in our relationships and civility in our discourse in this time of political and social upheaval.
- Thanking God for the goodness he displays to us in the beauty of the world he created.

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

Remembering Rice Nutting

The church received word that Dr. R. Rice Nutting has died at the age of 99. Rice was Director of Music and Organist of Park Street from 1963 to 1990. He helped to restore choral music to the church after decades of primary focus on soloists, and in hymnody he advocated that excellence in text be matched by excellence in music. In our church's history of organists, Dr. Nutting's tenure is surpassed only by Dr. John Herrman Loud's 41 years. Along with Dr. Roy Brunner, these three men served a combined 88 years between 1915 and 2012.

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 | *Welcom Center, Granary, and Common Rooms*

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*

Women's Ministry Luncheon and Worship | 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*

Friendship Bible Study | Thu, 7 pm | *Sky Room*

Expressive Arts Workshop | Fri, 7 pm | *Common Room*

Youth Group | Fri, 7 pm | *Youth Room*

All-Church Prayer | Fri, 7:30-9 pm | *Welcome Center*

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

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

General

Newcomers Lunch | Today | 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.

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.

Friendship Bible Study | Thursdays, beginning Oct 2, 7 pm | *Sky Room*

A Bible study for adults (19+) who appreciate a slower pace. Newcomers are welcome. Email fbsfriends@parkstreet.org for more information.

Faith Journey Women's Bible Study | Thursdays, 9:45 am |

Mount Hope Christian Church, Belmont

This multi-church, intergenerational bible study meets Thursdays during the school year. For more information, please email faithjourney@parkstreet.org.

4th Trimester Ministry

The 4th Trimester Ministry at Park Street Church supports moms in the first months after birth, or after a loss, with home visits, warm meals, small gifts, and encouragement. Contact Lisa (Istankee@gmail.com) or Stephanie (sverrengia@parkstreet.org) if you'd like support or would like to volunteer to support others.

Volunteers Needed for Art Fellowship for the Unhoused | Saturdays, 10–11 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Work alongside Home ministry guests as they create visual art and explore Biblical themes. No artistic experience required, just a heart for building relationships in a fun and creative way.

Contact Gabriëlle (gabrielle@vankleefdesigns.com).

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...

One means by which Park Street has helped to spread the good news of the Gospel has been through radio stations around the world. Since the late 1930's, ten of our missionaries have served in various capacities to reach places over radio waves that are either difficult or impossible to visit in person. Among these radio ministries are ELWA in Liberia, HCJB in Ecuador, Far East Broadcasting in the Philippines and Trans World Radio in Monte Carlo and Bonaire. Pray that God will continue to raise up people to use technology in fulfilling the Great Commission.



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