

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 28, 2019

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Our silence and reverence will enable others to prepare their hearts and minds for worship. Please take a few moments to sit quietly before God as you come into the sanctuary.*

*Worship bags are available for all children. The bags, containing activity pages and necessary supplies, hang along the back wall of the sanctuary. We encourage all children to use one each week!*

### Meditation

To work faithfully...

- is to struggle to see a connection between what we do and a wider sense of purpose.
- involves an “inner effort.”
- means to value the process as well as the product.
- means overcoming the false duality between the sacred and the secular.

Jesus came to reconcile the secular and the sacred and to sanctify the world. I need to remind myself to settle for nothing less in my attitude and behavior about work.

— Doris Donnelly, “To Work Faithfully”

### Welcome

Russ Dean

### Chiming of the Hour

### Music for Preparation

Prelude Choral

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

### Lighting of the Worship Candle

### \*Processional Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

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**The God of Abraham praise, all praises to God's name,  
who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears,  
the First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!**

**God has eternal life implanted in the soul;  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
All praise the living God! Extol that hallowed name,  
who was, and is, and ever shall be still the same!**

**The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,  
who was, and is, and is to be for'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!**

### \*Litany of Worship *(responsively)*

Mike Hamrick

*And on the seventh day God finished God's work,  
and God rested on the seventh day from all the work.*

Our faith tradition teaches us that God values work:

***So, whatever our hands find to do, let us do with all our might!***

And our faith tradition teaches us that God values rest:

***So let us observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.***

So let us work, and let us rest,

***For God has made everything suitable for its time...***

— from Genesis 2, Ecclesiastes 9, Exodus 20, and Ecclesiastes 3

### \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

**Our Father, which 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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**

**for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

Dan McClintock

### Discipline of Silence

### Prayer of Confession

**Too often our work is just labor, toil for a paycheck. Forgive us, and may God, who has given all our busyness, give to our work the inherent joy of a sense of purpose. May God make us fulfilled and help us to see our work as part of the Big Picture. May it be so.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### Congregational Response

*O Grant Us, God, a Little Space*

alt. FOREST GREEN

**Yours are the workplace, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;  
the worlds of science and of art are fashioned by your hand.  
Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;  
and prayer, by you inspired and taught, shall then with work be one.**

### Children's Time

Amy Jacks Dean

### Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3.9-11a

Russ Dean

*What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time...*

You have heard the ancient STORY.

**Let us listen now for the word of the Lord.†**

### Anthem

*And He Blessed My Soul*

Anita Watkins-Stevens (b. 20th c.)

*Kathleen Tunson, soloist*

One look, just one look, one look at Jesus and my cares will all pass away.

Only one look was all I needed and my life would be forever changed.

Then I saw him. Yes, I saw him and he blessed my soul without a word.

Jesus has always made a way. Jesus: he's in my heart to stay.

Do you know this man of Galilee, come to set the captive free?

Yes, I know the man. Jesus has always made a way.

Jesus: he's in my heart to stay. And he blessed my soul without a word.

### Sermon

*Jesus is Coming. Look Busy!*

Russ Dean

### Prayer of Intercession

Dan McClintock

### Mission Offering

Our July undesignated monies will go to Baptist News Global. This news organization is a source of online information for progressive Baptists.

Providing opinions, curated content and news that is relevant to

Baptist Christians. BNG is a trusted source for concerned Baptists.

Russ Dean has been a contributing writer for the last four years.

Please designate **all checks and envelopes** as either “Annual Ministry Plan” (AMP) or “mission.” In keeping with our initiative to “create a culture of generosity,” **all loose cash** in the offering will be given to our mission for this month. If you write a check or put cash in an envelope, however, **please designate this gift.**

Text-to-Give: 704.800.3901 and follow the prompts.

### Offertory

Offertory Solo

Kathleen Tunson, Soloist

### \*Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Amy Jacks Dean

### \*Call to Discipleship

We offer all who worship this day an opportunity to commit to the challenge of Jesus: “*Come, follow me.*” This commitment may be

made as a profession of faith, or as a commitment through

membership in this church to join us in seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. You are invited to come forward to be welcomed as we sing.

\*Hymn of Commitment  
*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

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**Christian, rise and act your creed; let your prayer be in your deed;  
Seek the right, perform the true, raise your work and life anew.**

**Hearts around thee sink with care, you can help their load to bear;  
You can bring inspiring light, strengthen them to do the right.**

**Offer others hope and joy, and God's worship your employ;  
Giving thanks in humble zeal, learning all God's will to feel.**

**Come then, law divine, and reign; faith that doubt assails in vain,  
Perfect love bereft of fear, born in heaven and radiant here.**

#### Meditation of Commitment

My God, since you are with me, and since it is your will that I should apply my mind to these outward things, I pray that you will give me the grace to remain with you and keep company with you. But so that my work may be better, Lord, work with me; receive my work and possess all my affections. Amen

— Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Benediction Russ and Amy Jacks Dean

#### Choral Response

*Benediction* Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

O Lord, in this place grant us peace. Let Thy word and Thy works be our guide.  
Help us follow Thee. Leave us not to find our way alone.

O Lord, in this place grant us refuge. Thy sanctuary blessings here confer,  
grace and love, forgiveness of sin. Hope shall light our way to Thee.

O Lord, in this place grant us joy: the challenge of faith, the quiet of love.  
Let the language of angels be heard in the songs of believing hearts.  
--Jane Griner

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

†The challenge an ancient text presents to modern readers is to allow the truth that originally animated the text to become a “living Word” for us. Only as we interact with a given text in a continual “now” (“now” in the anthem, “now” in the sermon, “now” in the fellowship that follows worship, “now” in the work and service, the joys and sorrows of busy lives) can that Word truly become “*living and active*” (Hebrews 4.12).

#### Deacon of the Week: Mike Hamrick

Mike has been a member at Park Road for 29 years. Mike has served in many areas of leadership—from various committees to chairing the Diaconate a few years ago. But most often you will find Mike holding down the bass section of the choir almost every single Sunday!

#### Summer Sermon Series

*To Everything There is a Season: Helping Busy People  
Think About Time*

**June 9** – Beginnings and Endings—Ecclesiastes 3.2: *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

**June 16** – Conflict Resolution—Ecclesiastes 3.3: *a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

**June 23** – How to Cope—Ecclesiastes 3.4: *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

**June 30** – A Lesson on Romance—Ecclesiastes 3.5: *a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

**July 7** – On Letting Go—Ecclesiastes 3.6: *a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;*

**July 14** – Learning to Grieve—Ecclesiastes 3.7: *a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

**July 21** – For Human Relations (individuals and nations) —Ecclesiastes 3.8: *a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.*

**July 28** – Career Advice—Ecclesiastes 3.9-10: *What gain have the workers from their toil?*

**August 4** – What's Eternity Got to Do with It?—Ecclesiastes 3.11: *God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, God has put a sense of past and future into their minds . . .*

**August 11** – The Secret to Success—Ecclesiastes 3.12: *I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live;*

**August 18** – God's Time and Ours—Ecclesiastes 3.14-15: *I know that whatever God does endures for ever;*

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Please turn off all cell phones during worship.

Our newsletter, *Good Tidings*, and copies of past sermons are available in the sanctuary narthex.

A podcast of sermons is available at [www.parkroadbaptist.org](http://www.parkroadbaptist.org).

CDs of past worship services are available through the church office.

We encourage you to take the bulletin with you but you may leave it on the back pew to be recycled.

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