

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JUNE 23, 2019
SECOND 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

Joy is found through facing and enduring suffering until one is able, however briefly, to forget oneself through the wonder at the world and service to others.

— Anne Ramirez

Welcome Amy Jacks Dean

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation

Prelude on Two Folk Hymns Lee Hastings Bristol (1923-1979)

*Processional Hymn

Praise to the Living God DIADEMATA

**Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.**

**Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.**

**Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.**

*Litany of Worship (*responsively*)

Peggy McIntyre

We come to this worship lonely or empty or frightened.

Give us tears to heal our pain.

We come to this worship happy and hopeful and unafraid.

Give us laughter to express our joy.

We come to this worship sick or grieving or discouraged.

Give us tears to heal our pain.

We come to this worship healthy and cheerful and contented.

Give us laughter to express our joy.

We come to this worship all over the place—living the very fullness of this life which is always seeking the balance of pain and joy.

Give us enough tears and laughter and laughter and tears so that we may make our way through.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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

Gracious God, forgive us for all of the ways that we stifle our emotions. We try to manage our feelings by suppressing our pain. We have come to believe that being strong means showing no emotion. We temper our enthusiasm out of some superstitious fear that too much celebration breeds contempt. And so we too often live our lives not allowing ourselves to experience the breadth of emotion for which you have created us. Help us to live with wild abandon while learning to fully experience whatever life brings our way. And help us to trust that in all joy and in all sorrow—You are with us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

**O Joy that seeks me through my pain,
To you I cannot close my heart;
I trace the rainbow through rain,**

And know the promise is not vain that you will ne'er depart.

Children's Time Amy Jacks Dean

Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 3.4 Amy Jacks Dean

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

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

Anthem

To Everything There Is a Season Ed Harris (1943-2006)

To ev'rything there is a season; to ev'rything there is a time;
For ev'ry purpose under heaven there is a time, a proper time.

To live and die, to plant and harvest, to kill and heal, to wreck and build;
To cry and laugh, to mourn and dance, there is a time, a proper time.

A time to cast away, to bring together, a time to be embraced, and to be alone;
To find and lose, to keep and give, there is a time, a proper time.

To tear apart, to mend together, to be silent and to speak;

To love and hate, for war and peace, there is a time, a proper time.

Ecclesiastes 3.1-8

Sermon *However Briefly* Amy Jacks Dean

Prayer of Intercession Dan McClintock

Mission Offering

Our June offering will go to the Alliance of Baptists' Bridges of Hope Mission Offering. The Alliance's model of partnership in ministry and mission works to build lasting relationships that offer the world hope while working for justice.

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

Priere Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

My Life Flows on in Endless Song ENDLESS SONG

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's—how can I keep from singing?**

Meditation of Commitment

I know I cannot enter all you feel
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain
I can but offer what my love does—
The strength of caring
The warmth of one who seeks to understand
This I do in quiet ways—
That on your lonely path you may not walk alone.
— Howard Thurman

Benediction

Amy Jacks Dean

Choral Response

Benediction

Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*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).

The flowers were given to the glory of God
and in memory of Gwen Moses by her family.

A service to celebrate Gwen’s life will be held today at 1:00 pm
in Milford Chapel followed by Inurnment in the Columbarium.
Friends are invited to greet the family in the Community Center
for a visitation reception afterwards.

Deacon of the Week: Peggy McIntyre

Peggy joined Park Road 18 years ago and has served in many leadership capacities including Administration Committee, Personnel Committee, Vision Team, and Capital Campaign Team. Peggy has also made many trips to Cuba to visit our partner church there. Peggy currently serves on the Building Committee and co-leads the Back Pack Snack Team.

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.

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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