

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JUNE 30, 2019

THIRD 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

Every day desires spring up from the pool that is the human soul and source of life. Some are strong, some weak. Some often contradict others. Some are impossible to satisfy, some we can deal with in a few minutes. The point is, desire serves vitality and ushers in life... Being loyal to desire, giving certain desires time to show themselves more fully and reveal how they might make their way into life [or not], is a form of sexual living.

— Thomas Moore

Welcome

Russ Dean

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation

Meditation

Jacob Beigel (1880-1944)

*Processional Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God, our highest good, profound respect expressing.
God gives us health, life, livelihood, with every needed blessing.
To God, who wondrous works performs, creating life and calming storms,
To God give praise and glory!**

**Creation thanks you, Holy One: you made us and renew us.
Delighted at what you have done, you show your greatness through us.
So may all loving things proclaim the wonders of their maker's name:
To God give praise and glory!**

**Forever with us, God is here, nor ever will desert us.
So dearly loved, we shall not fear: there's nothing that can hurt us.
We place our trust in God's command, who leads us with a mother's hand:
To God give praise and glory!**

*Litany of Worship (*responsively*)

Lisa Oldham

In affirming our faith in God's inescapable presence, let us celebrate that
"Every good and perfect gift is from above."

What has been and what will be,

Is from above.

All that we know and all that is yet to be known,

Is from above.

Every desire truly fulfilled, and every true desire.

Every good and perfect gift is from above.

— from James 1

*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

We live in a culture of everything, now: instant oatmeal and instant gratification, conspicuous consumption and the fear of a consuming emptiness. Forgive the impatience, the selfishness, the lack of restraint that keeps us from enjoying the right good in the right way at the right time. Train us, O God, and give us the desires of our hearts! Amen.

— from Psalm 37

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

ROCKINGHAM

**Teach me, O Lord, your holy way, and give me an obedient mind,
That in your service I may find my heart's delight from day to day.**

Children's Time

Amy Jacks Dean

Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3.1, 5

Russ Dean

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

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

Sermon

Waiting... and Wondering

Prayer of Intercession

Joey Haynes

Mission Offering

The undesignated monies received every fifth Sunday of the year go to the

Magolene "Mack" Cameron Good Samaritan Fund,

which is used to assist church members in times of need.

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

God of Love

Mark Wilson (b. 20th c.)

God of love, who cares for me, guide my steps to follow Thee.

Calm and sure in all I do, knowing Your love surrounds me.

When in the darkness I cannot see; when I am lost and lonely;

When from the depths I cry to Thee; Oh Lord, stay with me!

By Your Spirit, comfort be. In the darkness, illumine me.

When I falter, strengthen me; sure of Your love to guide me.

From selfish pride and vanity; from judgments formed in anger;

From hateful words, spoken thoughtlessly; Oh Lord, ransom me!

God of Love, who cares for me, guide my steps to follow Thee.

Calm and sure in all I do, knowing Your love surrounds me.

— Jane Foster Knox

*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

Dan McClintock

*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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

NEUMARK

**If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.**

**Only be still, and wait God's pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,
Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near.**

**Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; offer your service faithfully,
And trust God's word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God's faithfulness.**

Meditation of Commitment

When we do not see desire simply as something to be satisfied or satiated, it draws us on into philosophical wonder. "The world is... enchanted. Every conversation, every mundane act is imbued with potential because everything is colored with erotic meaning... Maybe instead of learning to overcome repression, we should be prolonging it."

— Gilbert Meilaender,

quoting Wendy Shalit's book, *A Return to Modesty*

Benediction

Russ and Amy Jacks Dean

Choral Response

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte (b. 1947), arr. Ovid Young

*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).

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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Everyone is invited to stay after worship for a reception to honor Joey Haynes on his last official day as our Youth Minister. Joey will be traveling much of the remainder of the summer, but Joey and Liza plan to remain as active members of Park Road. Today is an opportunity to say Thank You and *Well Done Good and Faithful Servant*.

We are so glad this is not Good-Bye! Joey is the Chaplain at Queens University.

Deacon of the Week: Lisa Oldham

Lisa Oldham is one of our newer members, and one of our newest deacons. She is active in the Babylon Connection Group and works with Wells Fargo.

Lisa is the mother of Jack, an architect living in Denver, CO, and Michael, who lives here in Charlotte and works at Harris Teeter.