

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 26, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?
— Mary Oliver, excerpt from her poem, *The Summer Day*

Welcome Dan McClintock

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation
Linda Hoover McClain, piano

*Processional Hymn
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**
**All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain praising You eternally!**
**Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

*Litany of Worship (*responsively*) Brandon Williams
For the hungry and overfed
May we have enough.
For the mourners and the mockers
May we laugh together.
For the victims and the oppressors
May we share power wisely.
For the unemployed and the overworked
May our impress upon the earth be kindly and creative.

For the troubled and the sleek
May we live together as wounded healers.
— New Zealand Prayer Book

*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
**May God kindle in us
The fire of love
to bring us alive
and give warmth to the world.**
**Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth;
lead me from desire to hope,
from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart,
our world, our universe.**
— New Zealand Prayer Book

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response
Lead Us From Death to Life WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Refrain: **Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.**

**Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth,
Let us begin to grow into your people.
We can be love, we can bring peace,
We can still be your way of compassion. (Refrain)**
— Satish Kumar

Children's Time Cam Mitchell

Scripture Lesson Psalm 67 Chelsy Mitchell

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
Selah*

*that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

*Selah
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

*The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.*

*May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.*

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

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

Solo
I Give Myself Away William McDowell (b. 1976)
Walter "Buck" Kennedy, soloist

Sermon *Blessings* Chelsy Mitchell

Prayer of Intercession Dan McClintock

Mission Offering
Our May Mission Offering will assist Friendship Trays in creating and delivering healthy meals to elderly and infirm community members in their homes.

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
Linda Hoover McClain, piano

*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 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**

O God of Love, O God of Peace

HESPERUS

**O God of love, O God of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of human wrong restrain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Remember, God, Your works of old,
The wonders that our people told;
Heal every malice, harm, and pain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

**Whom shall we trust, O God, but You?
For You are constant, strong, and true,
None ever called on You in vain:
Give peace, O God, give peace again!**

Meditation of Commitment

May I be at peace.
May my heart remain open.
May I realize the beauty of my own true nature.
May I be healed.
May I be a source of healing for this world.

May you be at peace.
May your heart remain open.
May you realize the beauty of your own true nature.
May you be healed.
May you be a source of healing for this world.
— Lovingkindness Blessing

Benediction

Dan McClintock

Congregational Response

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

*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).

Thank you to Linda Hoover McClain and Buck Kennedy for leading worship through music today. Linda and her family have been long time friends of Park Road Baptist Church and she has shared her gifts with us several times before. Buck Kennedy has also shared his gift of music with Park Road Baptist Church before, and we thank him for his willingness to minister in song today.

Delivering the Sermon this Week– Chelsy Mitchell

Chelsy Mitchell is an ordained minister and works as a Board Certified Chaplain at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. Chelsy is married to Cameron Mitchell and is mom to Annabelle and Aiden. Some of Chelsy’s favorite things include bargain shopping, Mexican food, and making art.

Deacon of the Week: Brandon Williams

Brandon Williams has been the proud husband of Samantha since 2007. He works as a library assistant for a law firm in Uptown Charlotte. Brandon is an avid songwriter with a degree in music and is currently working towards a Masters in Clinical Psychology. He and his wife are also foster parents and in September of last year they welcomed a sweet little five-year-old girl into their home. Brandon also is serving his first year as a deacon and we appreciate Brandon’s worship leadership today

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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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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