

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

Our hours are numerous on this earth, but a real appreciation for most of those hours is rare. Our overemphasis on the productions of time and motion obscures the magic and spaciousness of the hours themselves, which are born again and again irrespective of whether they are worked or no. When we work only to do, we most often find ourselves helplessly doing again without having placed the first doing in any context....the years fly by until that strange day when all the doing suddenly has to stop: in retirement, in illness, in bereavement, in death itself.

Without an appreciation of the hours of life, we are simply a target for our own incoming death, which approaches us like a missile programmed to the signature of our own fears. Living the hours spaciouly, where we actually have a relationship with silence and timelessness, death is more like a difficult conversation that we join voluntarily, and in a good death – as in a good life – we have a hand in shaping that conversation.

— David Whyte

Welcome Russ Dean

Music for Preparation
Le Christ-Roi Paul Benoit (1893-1979)

Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn
#300, *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

*Litany of Worship (*responsively*) Alan Eakes
Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

ALL: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

For all our days pass away under your watch; our years come to an end like a sigh.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

ALL: Teach us to count our days.

— from Psalm 90

*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 Amy Jacks Dean

Discipline of Silence

Prayer of Confession

May those who have gone before us forgive us for not remembering...

Trumpet Interlude: "O God our help in ages past,"

And may God forgive us for not trusting...

Trumpet Interlude: "Our hope for years to come,"

**For if we can see clearly the past, envision the future,
the worries of today will not overwhelm us.**

Trumpet Interlude: "Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!"

**[Sung] O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal home! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Response

A Thanksgiving Medley arr. R. Dean
Bennett Dean and Anne Frances Jarrell, trumpets

Children's Time Amy Jacks Dean

Sh'ma 190A

Music: Solomon Sulzer
Text: Deuteronomy 6:4; Liturgy

Majestically (♩ = 80)
capo 2:*



Sh'ma Yis-ra - eil: A - do - nai E - lo - hei - nu, A - do - nai E - chad!

Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One!

Scripture Lesson II Samuel 23:1-7 Russ Dean

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an

everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Leader: You have heard the ancient STORY.

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

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Solo

Ride On, King Jesus Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)
Terri McKelton, soprano

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man, can a-hinder me.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides on a milky-white horse, no man works like Him.

The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.

For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, the first and last, King Jesus rides in the middle of the air.

O He calls His saints from everywhere.

He is the King. He is the Lord. He is the King. He is the Lord.

Jesus Christ the first and last, no man works like Him.

Sermon "The Final Word is Not Ours..."? Russ Dean
Shaping the Conversation

Prayer of Intercession Dan McClintock

Mission Offering

Our November Mission Offering will go to the Hurricane Relief efforts still underway in NC in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. On November 8-12, a team from Park Road went to assist a family of 5 whose home was flooded during Hurricane Florence. Our November Mission Offering will provide much needed financial help for this family.

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.**

Offertory Solo

Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Runyan (1870-1957)
Terri McKelton, soprano

*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

#531, *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

Meditation of Commitment

What's lost is nothing to what's found, and all the death that ever was,
set next to life, would scarcely fill a cup.
— Frederick Buechner

Benediction

Russ and Amy Jacks Dean

Choral Response

Now Thank We All Our God

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Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

*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 our guest musicians today!

Terri McKelton is a long time friend of our Director of Music and Organist, Monty Bennett, therefore making her a wonderful friend of Park Road. We love it anytime she can share her beautiful voice to lead us in worship.

Bennett Dean is a member of Park Road and a sophomore at Furman University.

Anne Frances Jarrell is a good friend of the Deans and is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill. Anne Frances was responsible for creating the baseball field behind the church for area teams to use for practice.

This field is a wonderful addition to our campus of ministries.

For the gifts of music, we give thanks!

Deacon of the Week Alan Eakes

Since Alan and Linda Eakes joined Park Road they have been tireless volunteers, invaluable witnesses of what it means to be Christian. They have served together on our Diaconate, and Alan has helped to lead our Community Garden effort for the last 8 years. Additionally, he serves as a Shepherd for our Children's Sunday School department, delivers the weekly newsletters to the post office, takes up money for Wednesday Night Supper, works to lead our Very Special People (VSP) senior adult group, and is indefatigable in his work on Lydia's care team. Thanks, Alan! He is retiring from the Community Garden leadership role so we are in search for someone to step in to lead this wonderful mission.

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.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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