

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

TWELTH 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

The more deeply one has been formed by a good community, the freer one is to be oneself. Conversely, one of the ironies of modern individualism is its tendency to produce conformity. Saints cannot exist without a community, as they require, like all of us, nurturance by a people who, while often unfaithful, preserve the habits necessary to learn the story of God.

— Stanley Hauerwas

Welcome Russ Dean

## Chiming of the Hour

Music for Preparation  
*Be Thou My Vision* Noel Rawsthorne

\*Processional Hymn  
*The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

**The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are Christ's new creation, by water and the Word;  
from heav'n He came and sought us in love to set us free;  
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;  
One name together blessing, one holy food we share  
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

\*Litany of Worship (*responsively*) Erin Rumble  
Let us *lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called,*  
***With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***  
*There is One body and One Spirit...*  
***One hope,***  
*One Lord,*  
***One faith,***  
*One baptism,*  
***One God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.***  
In a day of discord and division, may God call us again  
***To the One hope of our calling!***  
— from Ephesians 4

\*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 Ron Pelt

## Discipline of Silence

Prayer of Confession  
**God made us diverse, but we have chosen division. God gave us dialogue, but we have chosen derision. As a people of God, who come together to worship, work and witness, may God open our eyes, our hearts, our hands – and make us One. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response  
*Praise with Joy the World's Creator* LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in Community,  
Calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity,  
Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ's vibrant unity.**

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 13.1-8;15-16 Russ Dean  
*Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever . . . Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

You have heard the ancient STORY.  
**Let us listen now for the word of the Lord.†**

Solo  
*We Are One in the Spirit* Peter Scholtes  
Erin Rumble, soprano

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored,  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Sermon *Building CommUNITY* Russ Dean

Prayer of Intercession Russ Dean

Mission Offering  
Our monthly offering for September will go to Charlotte Rescue Mission's Rebound Program. Rebound provides free Christian residential drug and recovery services for men who would not otherwise be able to afford such services. The program provides food, clothing and shelter for a minimum 120-day stay and is modeled after the 12-Step Alcoholics Anonymous curriculum. This intensive program boasts success rates that are twice the national average.

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  
*Trumpet Tune in D* David Johnson

\*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!**

\*Prayer of Dedication Russ 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

*Renew Your Church*

ALL IS WELL

Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore.  
Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.

'Mid somber shadows of the night,  
where greed and hatreds spread their blight,  
O send us forth with power endued, help us, Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine, on our path let it shine;  
tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace, from each page show your face.  
As you have sent your Christ to save, in love to triumph o'er the grave,  
O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, God, know your Word.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all, humankind!  
Break down old walls of prejudice and hate; leave us not to our fate.  
As you have loved and given your life to end hostility and strife,  
Your grace we must be mindful of: teach us, God, how to love.

Meditation of Commitment

No matter what theological disagreements might separate them, all the factions of a congregation might agree that their mission is twofold: to be a community and to provide a place where people can “learn community.”  
— James Adams

Benediction

Russ Dean

\*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).

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.

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wants to rouse folks to the  
true meaning of being a people.

A people

is a community of persons in which  
everyone

works together

for the common good.

St. Oscar Romero