

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Responsive Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There's a season for everything

and a time for every matter under the heavens:

² a time for giving birth and a time for dying,

a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,

³ a time for killing and a time for healing,

a time for tearing down and a time for building up,

⁴ a time for crying and a time for laughing,

a time for mourning and a time for dancing,

⁵ a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,

a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,

⁶ a time for searching and a time for losing,

a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,

⁷ a time for tearing and a time for repairing,

a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,

⁸ a time for loving and a time for hating,

a time for war and a time for peace.

† *Opening Hymn* "My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)"

Afterwards, the children ages 0-6 may proceed to the nursery with the volunteers.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Eternal God, too often, we numb our hearts or turn away from our neighbors and from You. You call us to peace, but we choose conflict. You call us to build, but we tear down. You call us to love, but we turn away. We confess we have not always trusted you. Forgive us, O God. Help us to turn—turn toward You, turn toward our neighbor, with open hands and trusting hearts. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, hear this good news: when we turned away from God, God did not turn away from us. In Christ, God turns our failings into an opportunity for God to show God's grace and transformation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

"The Bible Year" Reading Song of Songs 8:6-7

⁶ Set me as a seal over your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is as strong as death, passionate love unrelenting as the grave.^[a]
Its darts are darts of fire—divine flame!

⁷ Rushing waters can't quench love; rivers can't wash it away.

If someone gave all his estate in exchange for love, he would be laughed to utter shame.

† *Hymn*

"Take, O, Take Me as I Am"

WS 3119

"The Bible Year" Reading Isaiah 35:1-2

The desert and the dry land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus. ²They will burst into bloom, and rejoice with joy and singing.

They will receive the glory of Lebanon, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

They will see the LORD's glory, the splendor of our God.

† *Hymn*

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

UMH 216

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-26

Autumn Boyer

Sermon

"Dying to Live"

Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Joining earth and heaven's unending hymn **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Proclaiming the mystery of faith Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

You may follow along on UMH 15-16 for the liturgy for Holy Communion.

The Receiving of Holy Communion

Prayer Following the Receiving of Holy Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

“The Bible Year” Reading Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now, says the LORD—the one who created you, Jacob,
the one who formed you, Israel:

Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

when through the rivers, they won’t sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you won’t be scorched and flame won’t burn you.

³I am the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.

Offering and Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” v.1-3

UMH 512



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

QR Code for Giving

“The Bible Year” Reading Isaiah 40:30-31

³⁰Youths will become tired and weary, young men will certainly stumble;

³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength;

they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired;

they will walk and not be weary.

†***Closing Hymn***

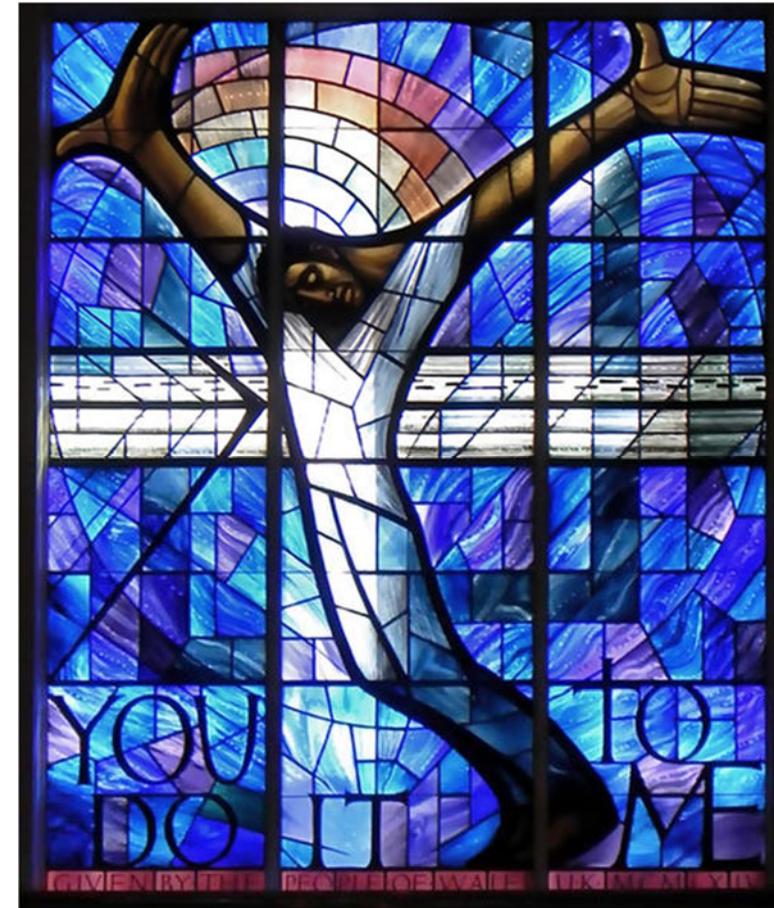
“Everlasting God” by Chris Thomlin

†***Benediction***

†***Chiming the Trinity***

†***Postlude***

Parkwood United Methodist Church



“Wales Window” at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL

Dying to Live

July 6, 2025 * Fourth Sunday after Pentecost