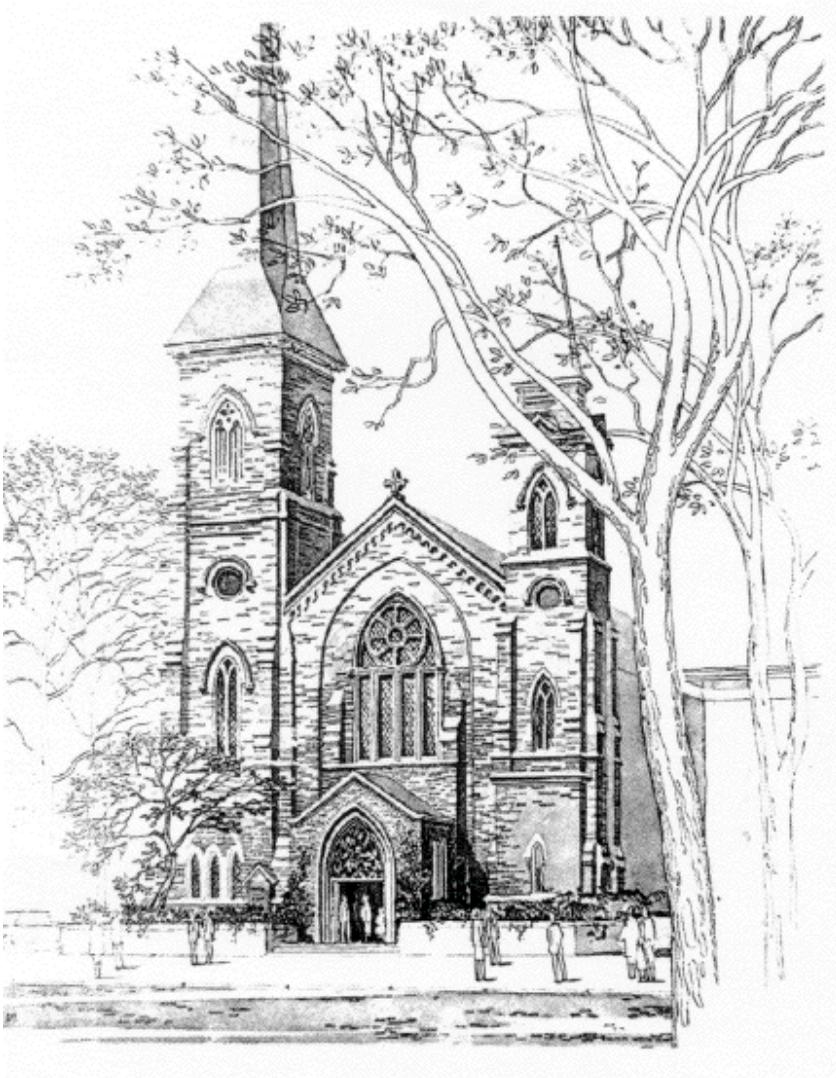


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 AM**

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**Chiming of the Hour**

*The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.*

**Words of Welcome & Announcements**

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!  
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Whispering Hope”

Septimus Winner  
arr. Gary Lannier

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.  
**They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
and they will flourish.**  
Let us worship the Lord our God  
**and delight in God's ways.**

**\*HYMN 393** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**  
we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely.  
**Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,  
giving priority to things that do not lead to abundant life.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Help us to choose your way again and again,  
that we might revel in your love  
and reflect it to all we meet. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA (#576)

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

### GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of God,  
    and on that law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for God watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

David Haas

### Blest Are They

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit  
Theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they, full of sorrow  
They shall be consoled*

*Refrain:  
Rejoice and be glad  
Blessed are you; holy are you  
Rejoice and be glad  
Yours is the Kingdom of God*

*Blest are they who show mercy  
Mercy shall be theirs  
Blest are they, the pure of heart  
They shall see God*

*Refrain:  
Instrumental*

*Blest are they who seek peace  
They are the children of God  
Blest are they who suffer in faith  
The glory of God is theirs*

*Refrain*

*Blest are you who suffer hate  
All because of me  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the  
kingdom  
Shine for all to see*

*Refrain*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them,

<sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,  
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does  
not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending  
to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether there is  
enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when the foundation is laid and the tower cannot

be finished, all who see it will begin to ridicule the builder, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If not then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Sarah McTyre

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS

*You may place donations to the church in the offering plate as you exit. You may also send in a check or click Donate on the church website.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***HYMN 411** Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Our Great Savior”

arr. Tom Payne

Based on the HYFRYDOL hymn tune

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught

Highlight from our denominational Matthew 25 Initiative:

### **Why do we talk about *structural* racism?**

Racism is not primarily about individual prejudice or an individual's beliefs and attitudes. Rather, racism in the U.S. is a socially constructed system. Some people are advantaged, and others are disadvantaged, merely because of their skin color, ethnic identity or their ancestral background.

Social power and prejudice have combined to treat people differently, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Some people are privileged while others are oppressed. As a consequence, there is unequal and inequitable access to resources such as money, education, information and decision-making power.

To learn more, go to: [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism)

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