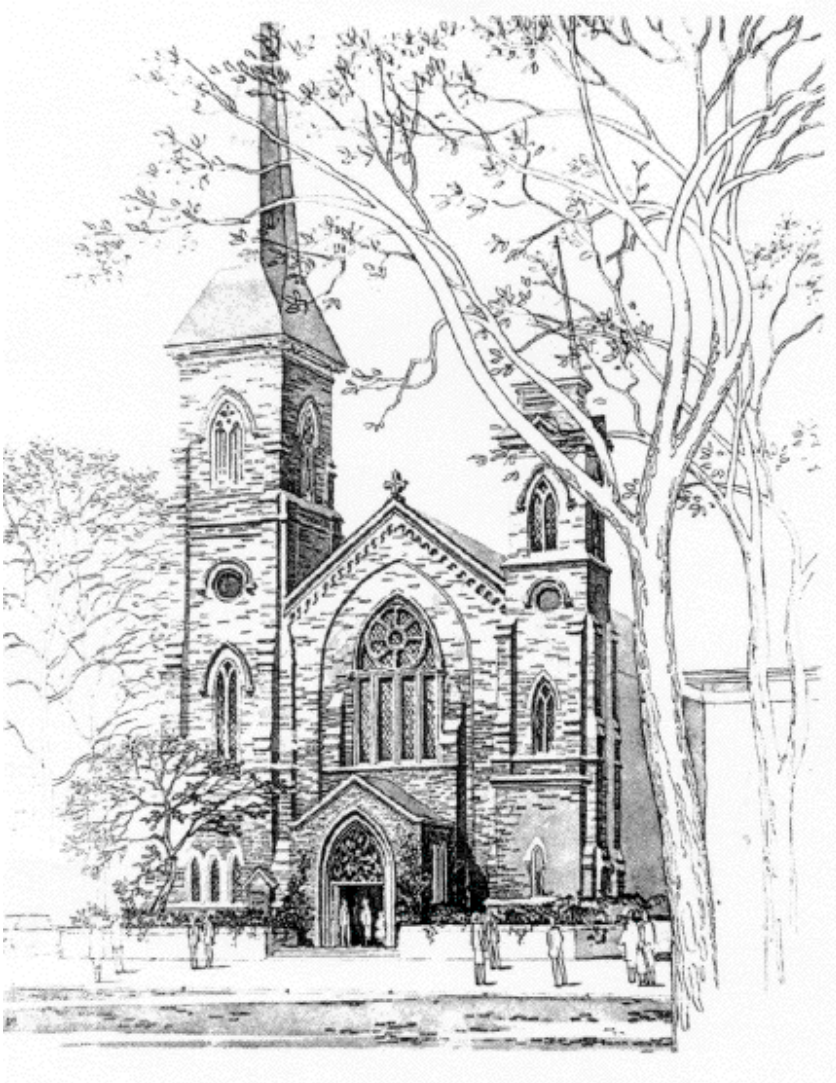


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 11, 2025 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**

“Sonata”

Paul Creston

II – With Tranquility

Dan Blumenthal, *saxophone* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our God provides for all our needs.

**Our God restores us and comforts us.**

Our God nourishes us at a table of abundance.

**Our God fills our cups to overflowing.**

Let us sing praise to God with grateful hearts.

**\*HYMN 175** The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**we confess that we often**

**try to control our lives rather than**

**trusting in the goodness of your divine care.**

**We forget that all that we have**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**and all that we are come from you.  
We stray from your paths  
of right relationship.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Turn our hearts to you  
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:*

*Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## **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, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

# **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> God is my shepherd, I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> God makes me lie down in green pastures,  
and leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> God restores my soul.

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

God leads me in paths of righteousness  
for the sake of God's name.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of God  
my whole life long.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Paul Creston

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:*

*For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two people to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with

them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in Jesus Christ. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Sarah McTyre

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT**

*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**

**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*The Invitation*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

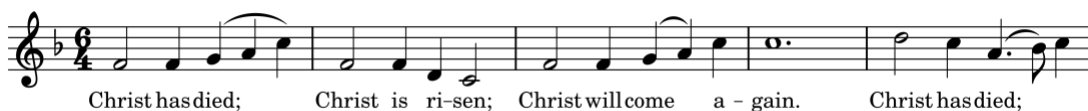
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Blessed are you, O Lord our God ...  
... who forever sing to the glory of your name.



Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior....  
....as we share this joyful feast.



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
... we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Organ Music During Communion*  
Diptych for Organ, I. Prayer

Brenda Portman

*Prayer after Communion*

**Thank you, O God, for giving us communion  
with our risen and glorious Lord.**

**Now send us out to be a sign  
of the new life that has come into the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 402** Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Diptych for Organ,” II. Paean

Brenda Portman

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

*During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.  
Others prefer to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.  
Please feel free to make the transition between worship and re-entering the world  
in whatever way is meaningful to you.*

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship  
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

We worship a God who exists beyond the bounds of language. We are part of a creation that is vibrant in its diversity. We hope that the language used in today’s worship reflects those inclusive and expansive ideals. Some traditional prayers and hymns may contain gendered terms for God; please feel free to substitute more expansive terms.

As a member of the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 movement, Park Central works toward building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action, where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor  
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician  
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