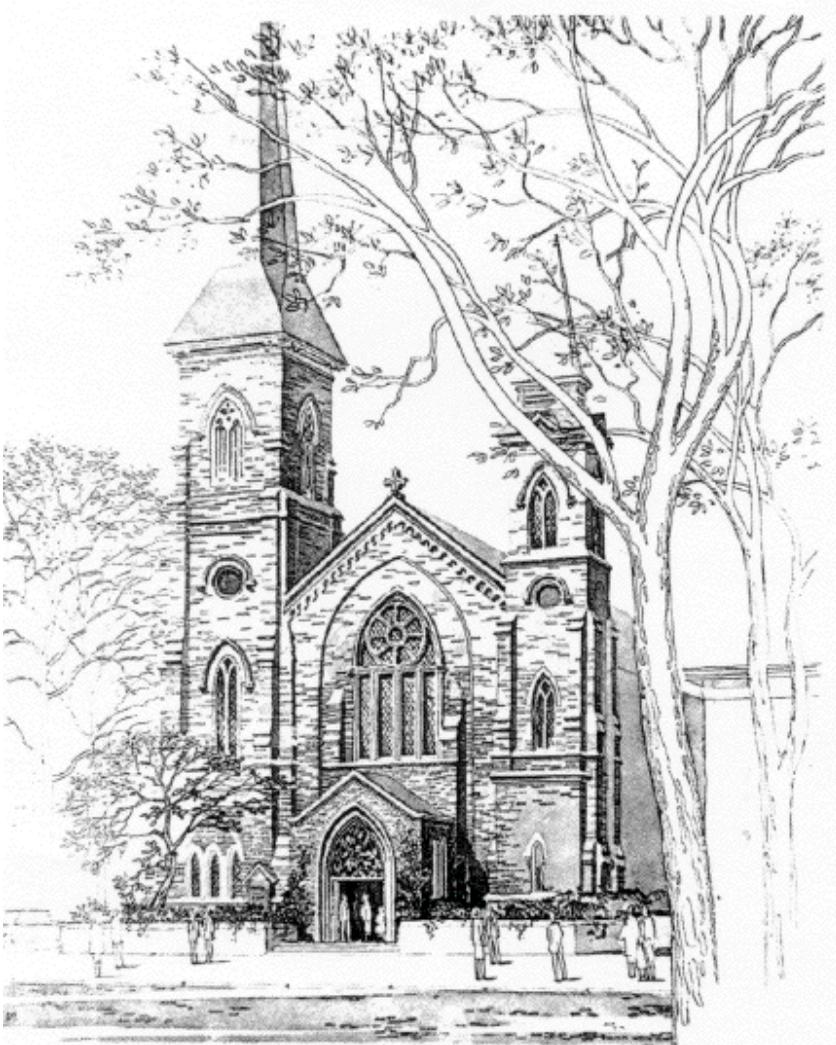


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 10:30 AM

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

"Italienisches Konzert"
II. Andante

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who is like the Most High our God,
high above the heavens in glory?
**Who raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes?**
Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow,
and brings life out of death?
Blessed be the name of the Most High.
Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 226** Sing Praise Unto the Name of God

GENEVAN 36

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
you know how often we turn from your ways.
We have squandered the gifts you have given us.
We have failed to forgive our debtors
as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.
We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your way.
Merciful God, forgive our sins.
Make us faithful stewards
of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 113

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise, O servants of God;
praise the name of the Most High.

² Blessed be the name of the Most High
from this time on and forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Most High is to be praised.

⁴ God is high above all nations,
and God's glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the Most High our God,
who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ God raises those who are poor from the dust,
and lifts those who are needy from the ash heap,

⁸ to make them sit with royalty,
with the nobles of the people.

⁹ God gives the childless woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
John Foley

Praise the Lord, My Soul

*Praise the lord, my soul,
Let fire and rain give praise to Him,
Give praise to Him who is merciful, slow to judge;
Bless the lord, O my soul!*

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
Let all I am give praise to Him,
And not forget he is kind, He forgives our sins;
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

*Merciful and kind,
He knows that man is made of dust,
And like the flowers that flourish he soon must die;
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

*Glory to our God,
Let all that is give praise to Him,
Give praise all you creatures who live His love,
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Someone who was rich had a manager, and charges were brought that the manager was squandering the property. ² So the rich person summoned the manager and said, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager thought, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning the rich person’s debtors one by one, the manager asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ The debtor answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ The manager said, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then the manager asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ That debtor replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ The manager said, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And the rich person commended the unjust manager for acting shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than

are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unjust wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is unjust in a very little is unjust also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the unjust wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No person who is enslaved can serve two masters at the same time; for such a person will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Marissa Saunders, elder

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 422** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Prelude on BEACH SPRING”

arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders

*Following worship there will be a time of fellowship in the
Gathering Hall. All are welcome!*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner

Park Central has accepted the invitation to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
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.

Gracious God, you have invited us
to feast on the abundance of your house
and drink from the river of your delight.
We give you thanks and praise
for your steadfast love and faithfulness.
Lead us forth from this place
to extend your faithfulness and love to others—
offering welcome to strangers,
justice to the oppressed,
liberation to those who are captive,
and sanctuary to those who are persecuted,
until all people may know
the wonder of your saving work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
and from Worship Ways website.

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