

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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JULY 10, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY:
SUPPORT THOSE WHO DEPART

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.

Please maintain social distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Canzone (Op. 166)

Josef Rheinberger

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

O God, in you we trust.

Make us to know your ways, O God; teach us your paths.

For all your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 367** Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up
your people to live and die in faith.**

**We yearn to be your faithful people in our time
and come to you humbly confessing how often**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**we wander from your paths and resist your ways.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we are afraid.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are slow
to commit ourselves fully.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that we may join with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love. 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and God showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the

Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ God said to Moses, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of God, died there in the land of Moab, at God’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as God had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom God knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that God sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
David Gambrell
arr. Phillip Morgan

Jesus, Be with Us

Refrain:

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.

Send us your spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land, shatter the systems of greed.

Jesus, be with us; make use of our hands. Lift up your people in need. (Refrain)

Where there is hatred because of our skin, break down the walls of our fear.

Jesus, be with us to save us from sin. In your great love, draw us near. (Refrain)

Where there are valleys of bones, dry as dust, build up the body of Christ.

Jesus, be with us, and help us to trust. Teach us a new way of life. (Refrain)

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 15:36-41

³⁶ After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of God and see how they are doing.” ³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. ³⁹ The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰ But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of God. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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 358** Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major (BWV 557)

attrib. J.S. Bach

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us,
so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these" - not as a group to be pitied,
but as people who are deeply loved by Jesus.

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) 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.

Through this initiative, we have pledged to concentrate on
building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

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

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Follow Me:
Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*.

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