

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025 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

“Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today” (EASTER HYMN) arr. Ruth Coleman
Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN 105** Because You Live, O Christ VRUECHTEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMNS *see insert*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER/ AWURADE MPAEBƆ

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.**

**Enti mommƆ mpaee se: Yen Agya a wowƆ soro, Wo din ho nte,
W'ahennie mmra, Nea wope nye ho wƆ asase so, senea eye osoro
Ma yen yen daa aduan nne, Na fa yen aka firi yen,
Senea yen nso de firi wƆn a wƆde yen aka no.**

Na mfa yen nkƆ sƆhwƆ mu, Na yi yen firi bƆne mu.

Na wo na ahenni ne ahƆnden ne anuonyam ye wo dea daa, daa. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Yesaia/Isaiah 65:17-25

Na hwe, merebƆ osoro foforo ne asase foforo, na wƆrenkae kan de no na eremma adwene mu bio; na mmom, momma mo ho nsepew mo na munnɪ ahurusi daadaa, ade a merebƆ no nti; na hwe, merebƆ Yerusalem ama aye ahurusidi, ne ne man, ama aye ahosepew. Na medi Yerusalem ho ahurusi, na me ho asepe w me me man ho, na wƆrente osu ne nteeteem wƆ mu bio. WƆrenhu emu abotafowa a ne nna nware bio, anaa akwakoraa a wanwie ne nna di; na aberante bedi mƆfirihiya oha ansa na wawu, na odebƆneyefo a wadi mƆe oha mpo no ye nea wƆadome no. Na wobesisi adan atena mu, na wƆayeye bobe nturo adi mu aba. WƆrensisi adan mma obi ntena mu, na wƆrennua mma obi nni, na me man nna beware aye se dua nna, na wƆn a mapaw wƆn yi bedi wƆn nsa ano adwuma. WƆrenye adwumahunu, na wƆrenwo mma opatuwu, efise wƆye wƆn a AWURADE ahyira wƆn no asefo, wƆne wƆn mma. Na wonnya mƆfƆe no, megye so; wƆda so rekasa no, metie. HabƆdƆm ne oguammaa bedidi faako, na gyata awe wura se nantwi; na owo de, dƆte na ebeye n'aduan; wƆrempira na wƆrensƆe ade bio, me bepƆw kronkron no nyinaa so, AWURADE na ose.

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by God—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Most High.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Choir

This Joyful Eastertide

Ian Higginson

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow,
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trumpet from east to west shall wake the dead in number:
Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:
Had Christ that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luka/Luke 24:1-12

Na da a edi nnawɔtwe kan no anɔpahema, wɔkɔɔ ɔda no so, na wɔde nnuru huamhuam a wɔasiesie no bae. Na wohuu ɔbo no se aɔpiɔrew aɔfi ɔda no ano, na wɔhyɛn mu no, wɔanhu Awurade Yesu amu no. Na ɛbae se eyi yeɛ wɔn tirim keserenee no, hwɛ, mmarrima baanu begyinaa wɔn nkyɛn a wɔhyɛ ntade a ɛhyeren. Na ehɛ kaa wɔn ma wosisii wɔn ti ase, na mmarrima no ka kyereɛ wɔn se: Aɔden na mohwehwe ɔteasefo no awufo mu yi? Onni ha, na wasɔre. Monkae senea ɔwɔ Galilea no, ɔka kyereɛ mo se: Eɔtwa se wɔde Onipa Ba no hye nneboɔneyeɔfo nsa, na wɔbɔ no asennua mu, na da a ɛto so abiesia no, wasɔre bio. Na wɔkaeɛ ne nsem no; na wɔsan fii ɔda no so bekaa nneɛma yi nyinaa kyereɛ dubiako no ne wɔn a aka no nyinaa. Na Maria Magdalene ne Yohana ne Yakob ne na Maria ne mmea a wɔka wɔn ho no na wɔbekaa eyinom kyereɛ asomafo no. Nanso wɔn nsem no yeɛ wɔn se nsɛnhunu, na wɔannye wɔn anni. Na Petro de, ɔsɔre tutuu mmirika kɔɔ ɔda no so, na ɔbɔɔ ne mu ase hwɛɛ mu no, ohuu nwera no se egu fa, na ofii hɔ kɔɔ fie, na nea aba no yeɛ no nwonwa.

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two people dressed in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the two said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of

Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”⁸ Then the women remembered these words,⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe the women.¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

***HYMN 104** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” from MESSIAH G. F. Handel, arr. Arthur Henry Brown
Ron Stewart, *trumpet* and 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 welcome Ron Stewart as our guest instrumentalist today

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists Kofi Addai, Daniel Anyang, Michael Barbour,
Susan Barbour, Grace Darko, and Ohene Darko
Greeters Amy, Chris, and Jakob Allen

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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