

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pride

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 2024 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

“Poetic Tone-Pictures”

Edvard Grieg

Op. 3, No. 4 - Andante con sentimento

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is calling us

Out of insecurity

Out of shame

Out from under that which silences love and justice.

Come out, people of God!

Though we may be afraid

Though we will be at risk

God calls us to courage!

Our God is a god of resurrection.

Of new life after devastation.

Of hope in the grip of evil.

And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

We believe in the power of love.

We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

We believe we are each valuable.

We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

Come out, people of God!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***HYMN**

Come to Us, O Peaceful Spirit

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God who knows what it is to be rejected,
we confess that we have rejected others,
trying to control the paths of those we love,
deeming them unworthy of acceptance
when they do not conform to our expectations.
Forgive us for the times we have caused others to doubt your love.
We acknowledge the times we have dimmed our own lights
and quieted our own voices,
hoping not to stand out or be seen for who we are.
Help us, O God, to live authentically and boldly
as children created in your image.
Guide us to walk humbly, act justly, and extend grace and mercy to all.
May our lives be a reflection of your boundless love and embrace. 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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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 27

¹ God is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of God,
that will I seek after:
to live in God's house
all the days of my life,
to behold God's beauty,
and to inquire in God's temple.

⁵ For God will shelter me
in the day of trouble,

and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;
God will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to God.

⁷ Hear, O God, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, God, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
God will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O God,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of God
in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for God;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for God!

Leader: This is the word of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The PCPC Ensemble

Love Is Love

Abbie Betinis

Congregation (“Mantra”):

Love, love, love, all you need is love, love, love, all you need is... (repeat)

- based on “All You Need is Love” – The Beatles

Ensemble (sung as a round):

Love is love is love is love; love is love is love is love, oh...

Ubi caritas et amor, where there’s love, love is love...*

*from the Liber Usualis – “Where there is charity and love”

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When Jesus’ family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “Jesus has gone out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³ And Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a realm is divided against itself, that realm cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a house whose owner is strong and plunder the property without first tying up the owner; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they had said, “Jesus has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 440** In Christ There Is No East or West
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

MC KEE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“All You Need Is Love”

John Lennon & Paul McCartney
arr. Geir Munthe-Kaas

*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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught
Greeters Amy and Chris Allen
Fellowship Hour the Sapey family

“Owning our story and loving ourselves through that process
is the bravest thing we’ll ever do.”

Brené Brown

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from A Sanctified Art,
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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.

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

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