

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Feed My Sheep”
Nicolette Peñaranda - A Sanctified Art

Second Sunday of Easter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 7, 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

“Sonata in F Major, Op. 5, No. 4”
II. Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Sandra Murphy, *harpsichord*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to give thanks
for the new life God raises up in us.

We are grateful for the love that death could not destroy.

May God fill us with the joy of resurrection
as we gather to worship.

***HYMN 356** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb
and shattered the powers of sin and evil.**

Raise us to new life in you.

You bring us good news of Easter joy.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**Forgive us when we cannot hear it.
You send us out to share your love.
Forgive us when we cannot carry it.
You cast a vision for peace and justice.
Forgive us when we cannot imagine it.
Forgive us when we stand in its way.
Fill our hearts with your love and joy
and send us out again to share good news
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

NETTLETON

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Alleluia

Kelly J. Richardson

Were you there when angels above Him were singing, Alleluia?

Were you there while shepherds abiding were hearing, Alleluia?

When the sons of God came together and shouted for joy, were you with them?

When the morning stars sang together in Alleluias, did you sing with them?

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Prince of heav'n shall reign, Alleluia!

He shall reign forever and ever, Alleluia!

Were you there when the angels appeared unto Mary?

Were you singing, Alleluia?

When the Son of God came from heaven to die for us here, was there singing then?

Alleluia! Would you sing for Him?

Alleluia! Were you there in the garden when He all alone suffered for our sins?

Were you there? Did you sing, Alleluia?

Alleluia! Were you there when angels proclaimed, He is risen?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SECOND LESSON

John 21:1-19

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The 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 430** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - NETTLETON

arr. Joel Raney

*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.....Najwa Webster

Great God, we thank you
for your unending grace,
for stories of hope and forgiveness that inspire us to love,
and for your persistent calling to share good news.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship*.

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