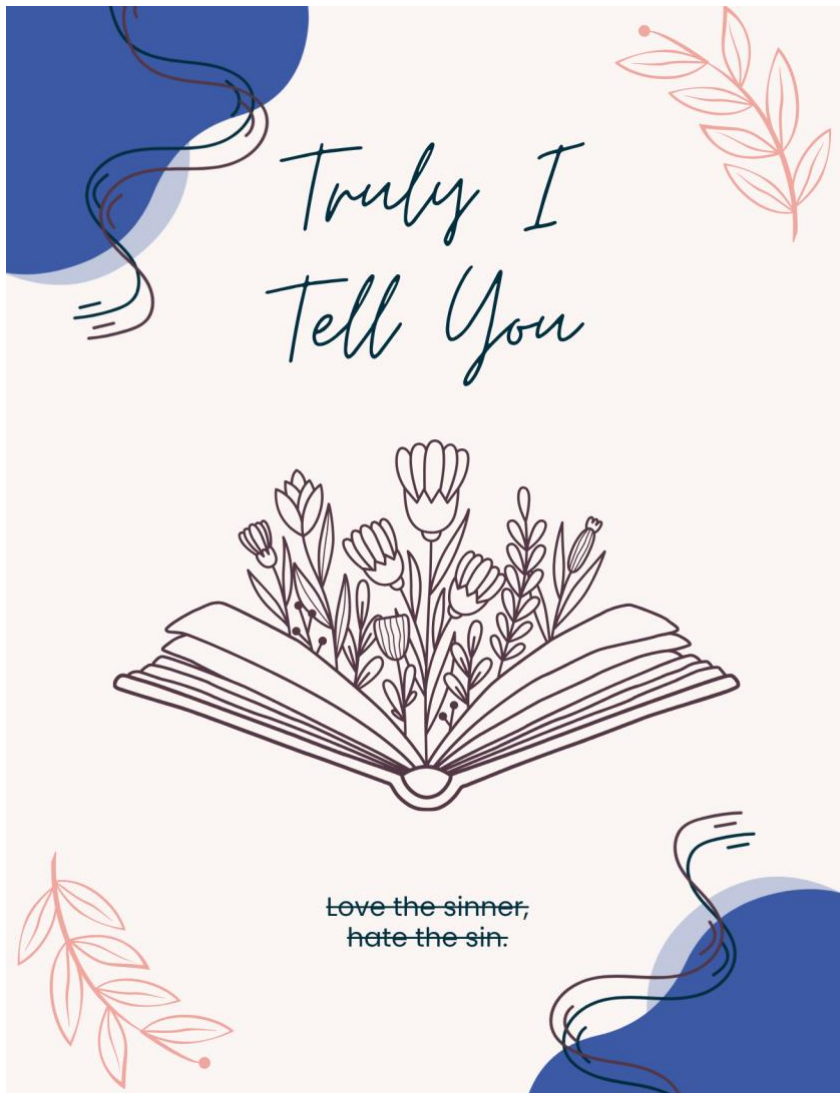


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 19, 2026 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

*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

Appalachia Waltz

Mark O'Connor

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world says: "We can decide if you must be labeled as a sinner."

But we know that we have all fallen short of God's intentions.

The world says: "We must rush to condemn the sinners."

But we know that God does not call us to sit in judgement.

For God says: "I am the Holy One in your midst;

I won't come in harsh judgement."

God's grace and God's calling are for everyone.

Let us worship the God of unbounded mercy!

***HYMN 451** Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we thank you for the grace
that comes as a free gift to all of us in Jesus Christ.
There are no strings attached.
How can our response to your mercy be anything other
than a life lived in gratitude and love?
Yet, we often continue to cling to the world's standards.
We are quick to judge others and
feel righteous in our condemnation.
We expend effort deciding who is worthy
and who should be cast aside
as if we could measure with objectivity.
Forgive us, we pray.
May your mercy and warm compassion soften our hearts
that we may live together as your grateful children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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

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

Matthew 7:1-5

¹ “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

THE SECOND LESSON

John 8:2-11

² Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

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SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Country Gospel Medley
See insert for lyrics

Beth Langley, *contralto*; Michael Spencer, *guitar*;
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
arr. Beth Langley

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 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful Recessional

Rosalie Bonighton

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

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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Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
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