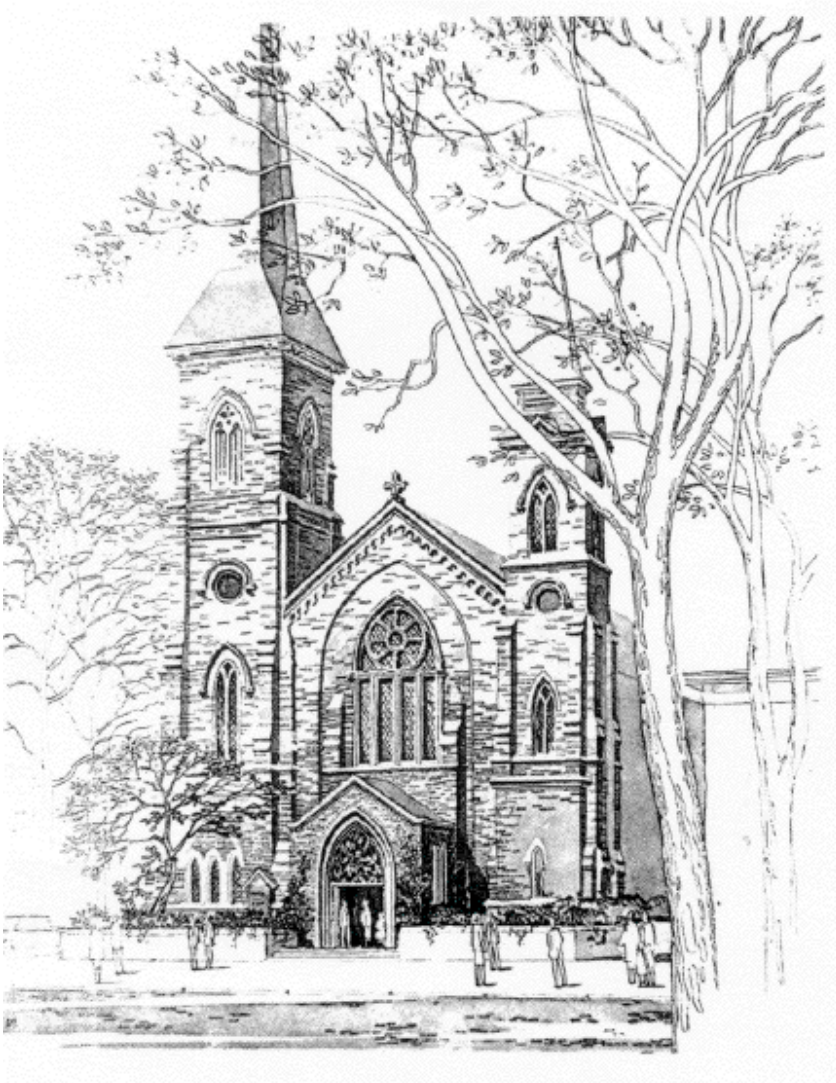


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
AUGUST 6, 2023 10:30 AM

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**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**

“Hornpipe in c minor” HMV355

Georg Friedrich Händel  
arr. Michael Rondeau

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God meets us in our greatest need  
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.  
**In gratitude, let us worship God together.**

**\*HYMN 275** God of Our Life

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion,  
we come seeking your presence and forgiveness.  
We often wrestle all night with worry  
instead of resting in you.  
We try to assert our own goodness  
instead of awakening to yours.  
We have turned away those hungry for your help**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**instead of trusting you and feeding them  
from your abundant supply of blessings.  
Forgive us and heal us.  
Help us to trust your promises  
and to follow in your way  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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*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**

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

<sup>8</sup> God is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> God is good to all,

and has compassion over all that God has made.

- <sup>14</sup> God upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> God is just in every way,  
and kind in every deed.
- <sup>18</sup> God is near to all who call,  
to all who call on God in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> God fulfills the desire of all who are in awe of God;  
God hears their cry, and saves them.
- <sup>20</sup> God watches over all who love God,  
but will destroy all the wicked.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of God,  
and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Summons

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
traditional Scottish Melody  
arr. Paul Fehrenbach

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd, and had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 386** O for a World

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\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“To the Glory of God”

Gerald Peterson

*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

Liturgists .....Michael and Susan Barbour  
Greeter..... Marissa Saunders

O God, go with me now as I walk with you.  
Show me the world and its people  
through your eyes of compassion.  
Bless me, break me, and move through me  
to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Today's liturgy is adapted from  
*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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