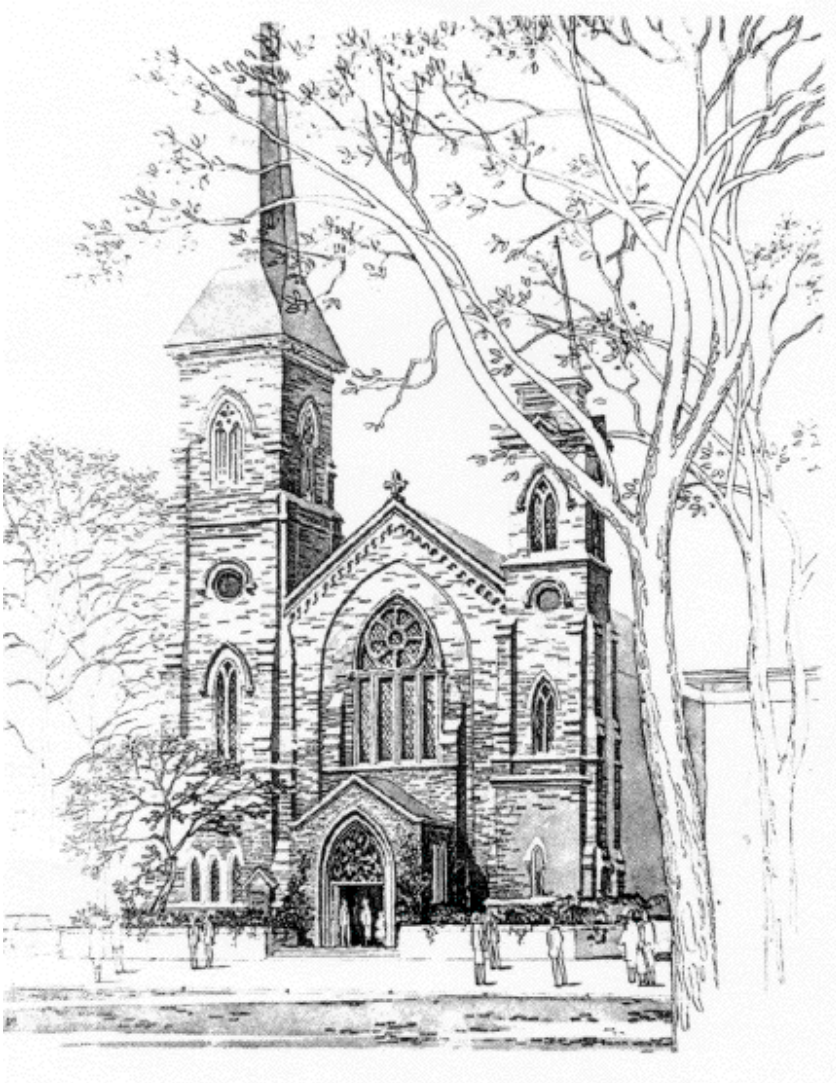


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 17, 2026 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**

*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**

Hail, Star of Heaven

Edvard Grieg (transcribed by Gustav Saenger)  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,  
**for God reigns over all the earth!**  
God has gone up with a shout!  
**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

**\*HYMN 662** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,  
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak.  
Our love for others can be faint,  
our prayers are often timid,  
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.  
When we stray far from you,  
draw near to us in mercy.  
Forgive us and fill us with your power,  
through the grace of Jesus,  
our resurrected Savior. 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

John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Abba, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Abba, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 261 Peoples, Clap Your Hands!

GENEVAN 47

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that have been set by the authority of God. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> Having said this, as the apostles were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two figures in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward

heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as Jesus’ brothers.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Sarah McTyre

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

If We All Said a Prayer

Beth Langley, *contralto*

Lyrics by Tommie Connor & Frank Stanton

Music by Don Large & Larry Fotine

*Many are those who are lonely, in need of somebody to care.  
They'd feel so much better if only they knew they were thought of in prayer.*

*If we all said a prayer for each other ev'ry day,  
What a wonderful world this would be.  
I would pray God to bless you, and guide you each day,  
Knowing you'd say the same prayer for me.*

*The world would be joyful and peaceful,  
Earth would change to Heaven you'd see,  
If we all said a prayer for each other ev'ry day,  
What a wonderful world this would be.*

# 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 317** In Christ There Is No East or West

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## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Cebell

Henry Purcell (arr. Colin Hand)

*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!



## Announcements for May 17, 2026

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### Tuesday, May 19

3:00 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach  
Committee meeting

### Sunday, May 24

10:30 am Worship service  
11:30 am Fellowship hour



### Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, May 31. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and to authorize them to begin the process of seeking pastoral leadership.

More details will be sent out in a congregational email on Monday, May 18.

### Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear warm comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket.

### Save the Dates

Park Central will be participating in the Interfaith Pride Worship Service on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at All Saints Church, and all are welcome!

This year's Pride parade will be held on June 13, and we look forward to marching together as we celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community!

### Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday, May 24, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost with Emmanuel Congregation. This day commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Often people choose to wear the colors of flames on this day. We hope to see you there!

## 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.

Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor  
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director  
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager  
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager  
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