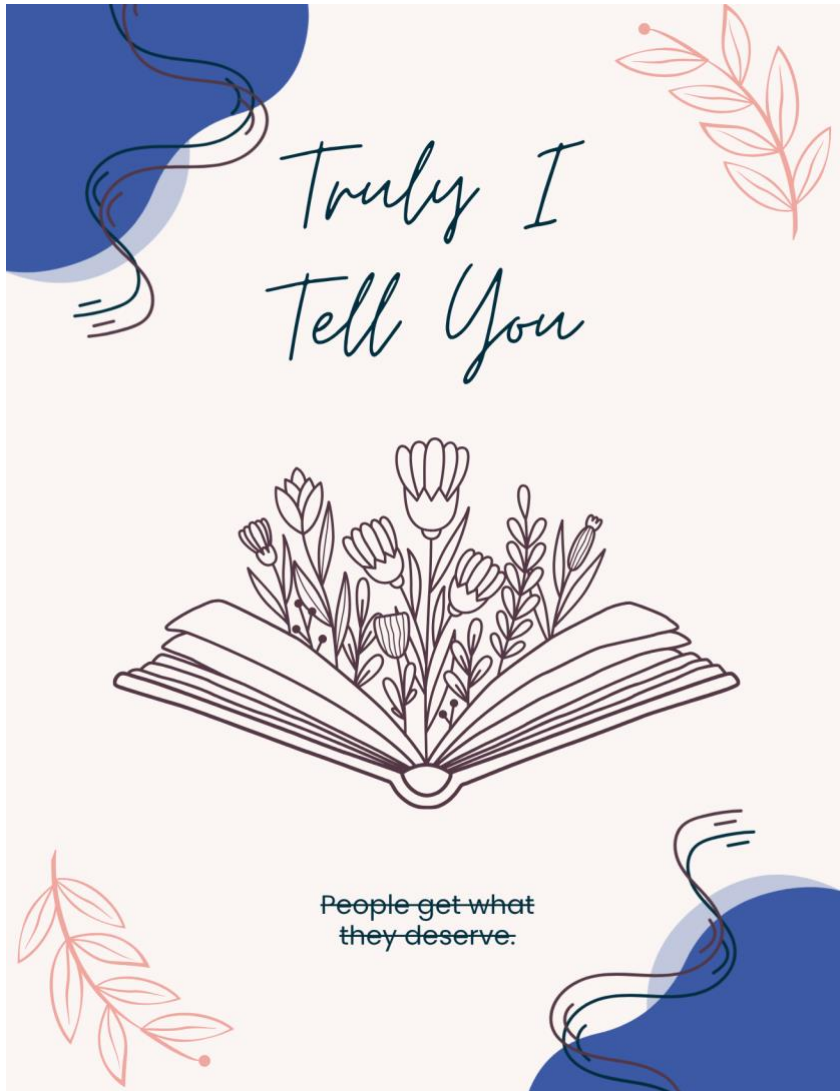


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 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

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes, arr. Lloyd Larson

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world says: "You're either a good person or a bad person."

But we can see both good and bad in our own lives.

The world says: "People get what they deserve."

But we know that God's grace is unearned.

For God says: "The last will be first, and the first last."

God's abundance is for everyone.

Let us worship the God of indiscriminate love!

***HYMN 720** Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we know that you look with grace and mercy on all people. But we confess that we often look at others with envy or contempt. We decide what everyone deserves, and we are upset when our ideas of fairness are not upheld. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your love is abundant, with enough to overflow every cup. Give us your eyes of compassion to see each one in the fullness of their humanity. Strengthen our spirits so that we may pray even for those we call enemy. 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 5:43-48

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your sisters and brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the realm of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for the vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, the landowner sent them into the vineyard. ³ Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ Going out again about noon and about three o’clock, the landowner did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock the landowner went out and found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They replied, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ The landowner said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to the manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But the landowner replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I

give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Briana Vaught

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION Michael Spencer, *baritone*, with the Park Central Ensemble
Because He Lives William & Gloria Gaither

Refrain:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know, He holds the future

And life is worth the living

Just because He lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove

My Savior lives (Refrain)

And then one day, I'll cross that river

I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then as death gives way to victory

I'll see the lights of glory

And I'll know He lives (Refrain)

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 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

POSTLUDE

Reflective Processional

Owain Edwards

*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 July 12, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Monday, July 13

2:30 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach
Committee meeting

Wednesday, July 15

2:30 pm Trustees meeting

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Matthew 25 Farm volunteering

Sunday, July 19

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Matthew 25 Farm

We will be volunteering at the Matthew 25 Farm on Saturday, July 18. We will meet at the farm at 9:00. You can contact the office if you would like help arranging a ride. Please wear close toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. If you have gloves, please bring them! They also recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Syracuse Mets Game

We will be attending a Syracuse Mets game on August 8 at 6:35 pm. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or by contacting the office if you have not already done so. There is no charge to attend the game. Donations to offset the cost of the \$15 tickets will be gratefully accepted.

Community Cookout

Our annual cookout will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 11-2. Keep an eye out for more information on how to volunteer!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

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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