

# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Brazen Beauty by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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**APRIL 3, 2022 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.*

*Please wear a mask and maintain social distance from other household groups.*

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Spring Comes Early”

Mark Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

As people formed by God, we gather to praise God:

**Christ is among us—**

**God is doing a new thing!**

As people restored by God, we gather to praise God:

**Christ is among us—**

**God is doing a new thing!**

As people pressing on in faith, we gather to praise God:

**Christ is among us—**

**God is doing a new thing!**

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN 85**      What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**we admit that we often tuck our faith away,  
hiding in places of comfort rather than boldly declaring  
who we are and whose we are.**

**We are afraid of offending others, embarrassing ourselves,  
or putting ourselves at risk.**

**Forgive us when we establish rules and structures  
that bind up our faith.**

**Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing.**

**Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be  
bravely sharing what you have done in our lives.**

**Help us to proclaim your good news and  
to pour out our lives in extravagant acts of love  
as we follow the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **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**

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says God,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Isaac Watts

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and

Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples (the one who was about to betray Jesus), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for a year's wages and the money given to those who are poor?" <sup>6</sup> (Judas said this not because he cared about those who are poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have those who are poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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**SERMON**

Sarah McTyre

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\***HYMN 376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

HYFRYDOL

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Finale"

Stanley Vann

*The congregational and corporate meeting will be held following worship.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists .....Michael and Susan Barbour

Merciful God,  
as I begin each day,  
place in me a spirit of generosity  
so that I may freely share  
love, joy, and encouragement  
with those I encounter.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and from *Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent, A Sanctified Art*.

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