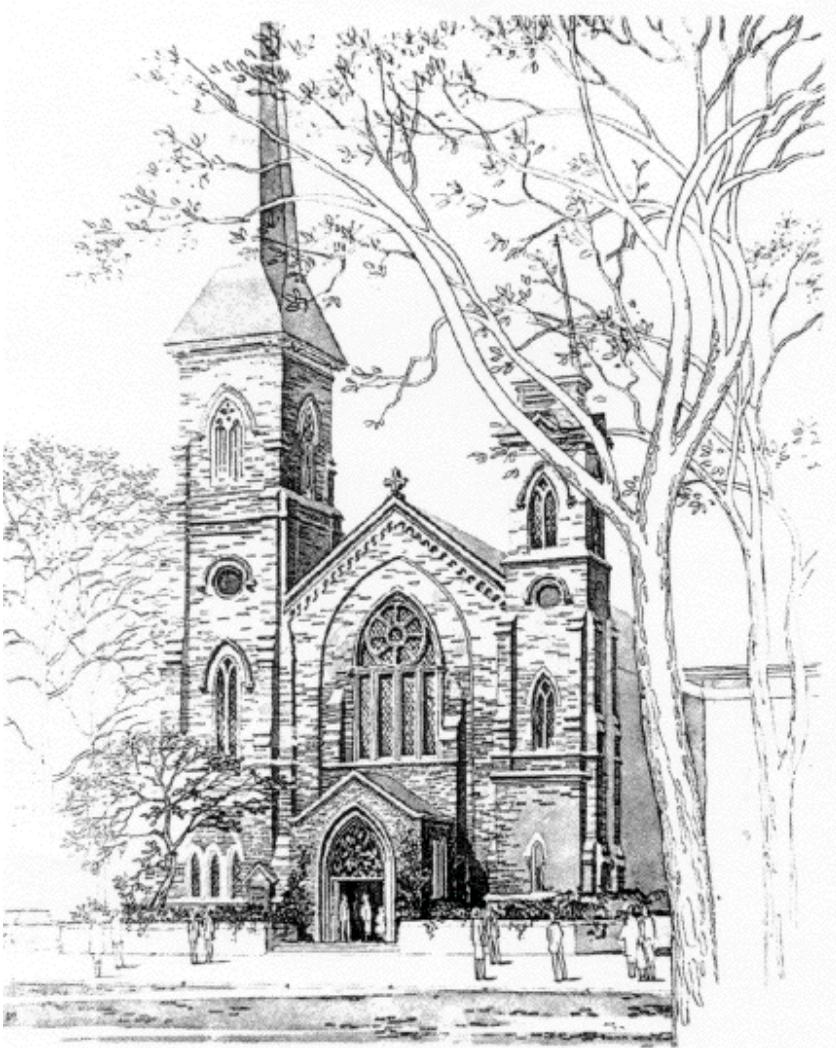


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 29, 2022 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 & 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

“Sonata 1”

Michele Corrette

II: Corrente

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice in God

and give thanks to God's holy name!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

Let us gather to worship our God with gratitude and joy!

***HYMN 274** O God of Earth and Space

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help,

your power, your Spirit -

so that we can amend our lives

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**and grow more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we often live in fear
and want to keep our lives secure and under control.
We are hesitant to respond to your call.
We are reluctant to risk our lives
by sharing in abundant life and unconditional love.
Forgive us, we pray.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
turn us toward a more expansive way of living.
Give us the courage to change.
Bless us with the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love
to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
and to the Spirit, One!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen!*

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 97

- ¹ God reigns! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around God;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.
- ³ Fire goes before God
and consumes God's adversaries on every side.
- ⁴ God's lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before God,
before the God of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all the peoples behold God's glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before God.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O God.
- ⁹ For you, O God, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ God loves those who hate evil,
and guards the lives of the faithful,
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in God, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Marty Haugen

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain:

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come dance in the forest, come play in the fields,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

*Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
It carries the light of the Lord in its rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto Your throne.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the fields,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

*Praise to the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her mystery revealed
Springs forth in joy.*

Instrumental

*Praise for the earth,
Who makes life to grow
The creatures you made to let your life show;
The flowers and trees that help us to know
The heart of love.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the fields,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!
Sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These people are enslaved to the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe in Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of God to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

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 430** Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Go Therefore”

Robert F. Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

God has prepared for Himself one great song of praise throughout eternity,
and those who enter the community of God join in this song.

It is the song that the "morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for
joy" at the creation of the world. (Job 38:7).

It is the victory song of the children of Israel after passing through the Red Sea,
the Magnificat of Mary after the annunciation,

the song of Paul and Silas in the night of prison,

the song of the singers on the sea of glass after their rescue,

the "song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb" (Rev. 15:3)

It is the song of the heavenly fellowship.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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