

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Third Sunday after Pentecost

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 26, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
WEEK 3: BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY:
FEAST AND LISTEN

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 maintain social distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Summer” (excerpt from The Four Seasons)

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Alan Ridout

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to feast at God's abundant table.

We come to be nourished as we follow Jesus.

We come to listen to the story of God's power and love.

We come to claim grace and mercy as gifts to share in the world.

Come! Let us feast and listen as we worship God together.

***HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,

Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;

Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and abundance,
 we often come to you believing in stories of scarcity,
 believing that we will never have enough,
 believing that what we have is unworthy.
 We sometimes come together fearful of sharing,
 fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security,
 fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.
 Forgive us when we fail to trust your generosity and your steadfast love.
 As we come to your table and listen to your word, help us to learn that
 your welcome is expansive enough to include everyone – even us.
 Give us your grace that we may share that welcome in the world
 as we follow the way of Jesus together. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA (#583)

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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

Exodus 13:1-10

¹ God said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.”

³ Moses said to the people, “Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because God brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴ Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out.

⁵ When God brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which God swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to God. ⁷ Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸ You shall tell your child on that day, ‘It is because of what God did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ ⁹ It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of God may be on your lips, for with a strong hand God brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰ You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Summer Choir
arr. Mark Schweizer

based on the hymn tune "Holy Manna"

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.
There is plentiful acceptance following the great "I Am,"
There is hope, and love, and justice in the service of The Lamb.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
And our life would thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Having heard this, Jesus 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.

¹⁴ Going ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd, and had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
for they shall be filled.

The God who promises life, and that in abundance, invites us to the table -
**where we share in the abundance of life,
where we practice living in the Kingdom of God.**

This table is God's table.

This table is open to all who seek to follow the way of Jesus.

Here we meet friend and stranger and recognize all as family.

Come and taste the grace eternal. Come and see that God is good.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

...joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as
we sing together:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ my heart, my heart a - dores you. _____ My

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heart is glad to say the _____ words: You are ho - ly God.

Blessed are you, O God...
 ...ready to be your people in the world.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God,
 thank you for gathering us together at this table,
 one with each other and with all your children.
 Bind us together as your one body,
 that we may share your grace with all those we meet. Amen.**

***HYMN 510** Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (Old 100th)

arr. Lani Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us,
so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these" - not as a group to be pitied,
but as people who are deeply loved by Jesus.

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.

Through this initiative, we have pledged to concentrate on
building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living* and from Katherine Hawker on Liturgy Outside.

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