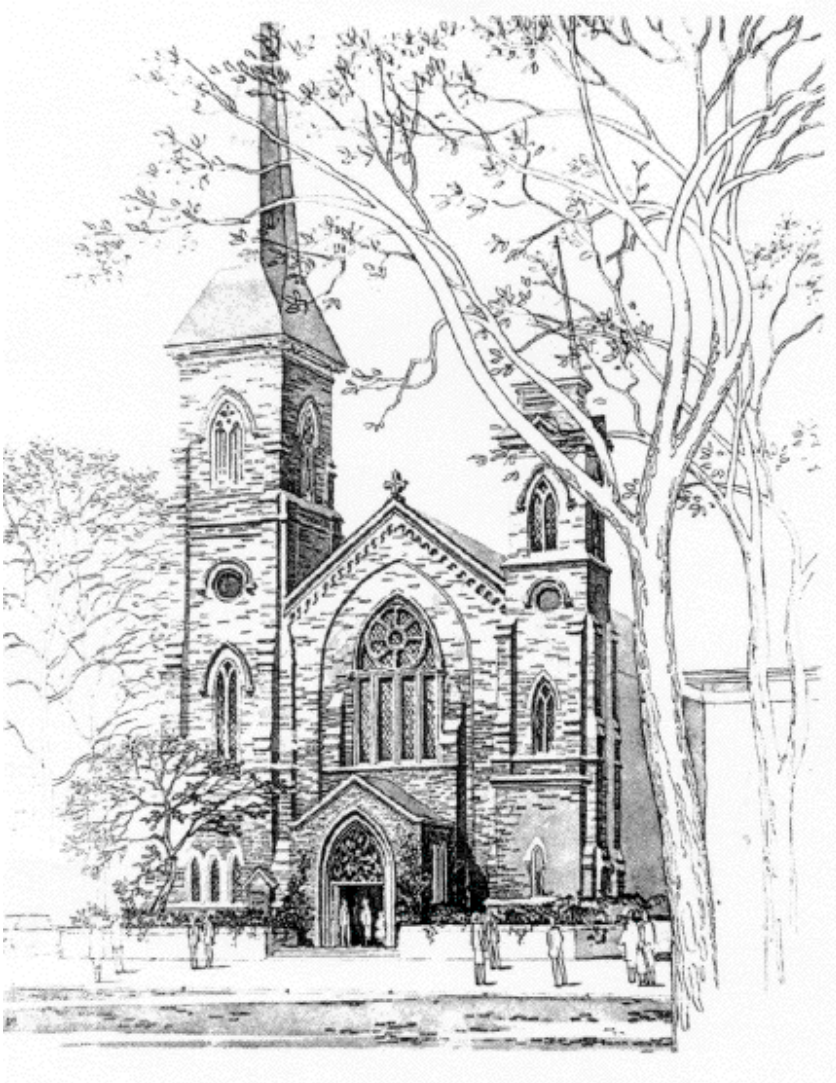


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 16, 2023 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.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Improvisation on 'Balm in Gilead” traditional spiritual, arr. Joseph M. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, you who hunger for food.

We come to worship our God who turns wants into plenty.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

We come to worship our God who turns weeping into laughter.

Come, you who hunger for life.

We come to worship our God who offers us healing and abundance.

***HYMN 264** When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God,
we confess that we often doubt
the abundance of your grace.
We are hesitant to share
the resources you entrust to our care.
Forgive us, O God,
and help us to follow**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**the compassionate and generous way of Jesus.
Make us eager to practice generosity
with our money, our mindsets, and our lives. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Abba of our Savior Jesus Christ, who by great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen Christ, you love Christ, and even though you do not see Christ now,

you believe in Christ and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
arr. Gene Roberson

Amazing Grace

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15:29-39

²⁹ After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. ³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing with them those who were lame and maimed, those who were blind, those who could not speak, and many others. They put them at Jesus' feet, and he cured them, ³¹ so that the crowd was amazed when they saw those who had been mute speaking, those who had been maimed whole, those who had been lame walking, and those who had been blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

³² Then Jesus called the disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." ³³ The disciples said to Jesus, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" ³⁴ Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." ³⁵ Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, ³⁶ Jesus took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷ And all of them ate and were filled, and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ³⁸ Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ After sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ANDREW AND ELLIE SMITH

QUESTION TO NEW MEMBERS

Do you promise to be a faithful member of Park Central Presbyterian Church by sharing in the worship and service of this congregation, by nurturing your faith in prayer and study, and by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ wherever you may go?

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We pledge to give you our support and care as you enter the membership of this church. We will pray with you and for you. We will worship with you and serve with you. We will share your burdens and joys, so that together we may all grow in faith and love as followers of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

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 394** There Is a Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified” setting by Gordon Young
based on ENGELBERG by Charles V. Stanford

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour.....Marissa Saunders

Take courage, therefore:
When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.
~ Howard Thurman

Today's liturgy is adapted from liturgy by Beth Merrill Neel
and from *Call to Worship, Vol. 54.1*.

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.

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Interim Organist
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