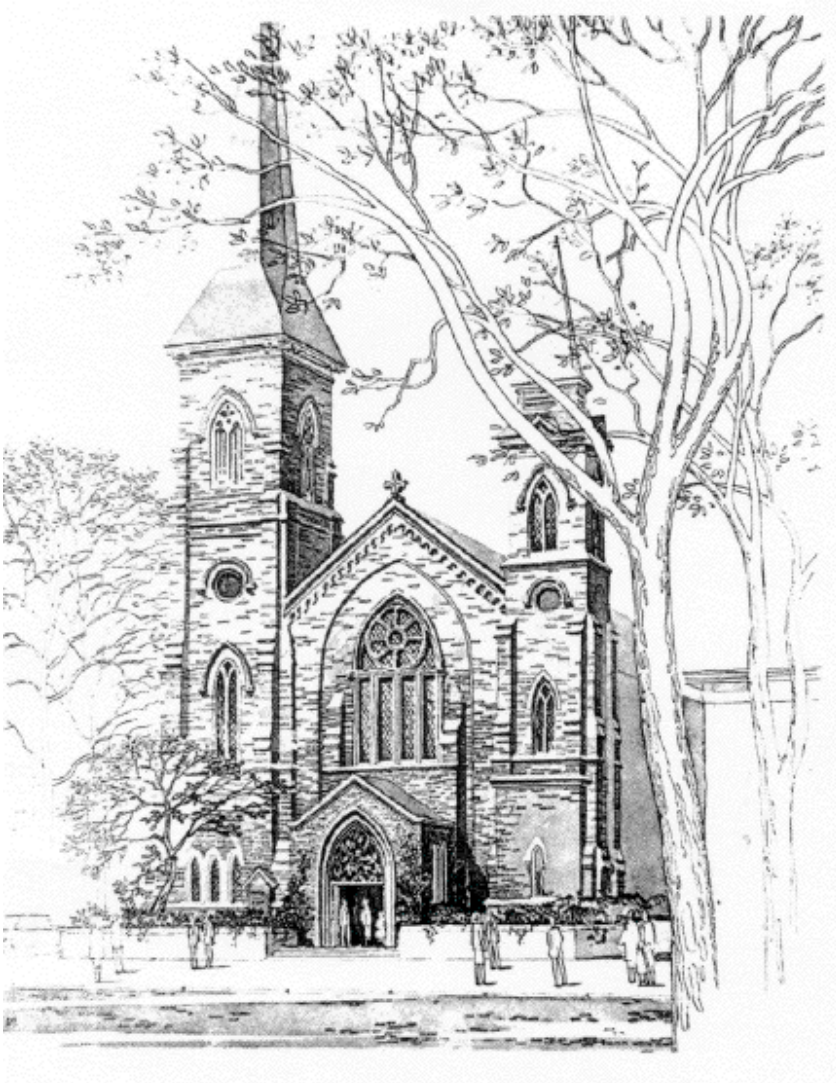


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

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OCTOBER 13, 2024 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.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Adagio Per Violino”

Marco Anzoletti

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were born,  
before you had formed the earth and the world,  
from forever in the past  
to forever in the future, you are God.**

Fill us full every morning with your faithful love  
**so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.**  
Let us worship God together!

**\*HYMN 483** Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**we confess that we often cannot let go  
of the things we think we need.**

**We bind ourselves to our possessions  
and are not free to follow you or love you  
with all our hearts, our minds, our strength.**

**Sometimes we cannot even imagine  
giving our whole selves to you.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Draw our hearts once again to the way of Jesus  
who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

*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!*

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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

Psalm 90:12-17

- <sup>12</sup>Teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.
- <sup>13</sup>Turn, O God! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!
- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- <sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.
- <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of God, our God, be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*  
Miklós Rózsa

Sunward I've Climbed

*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings,  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of.  
Wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence.  
Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along  
And flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark nor even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high un-trespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

\*Please rise in body or spirit

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was setting out on a journey, someone ran up and knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> He said to Jesus, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the realm of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the realm of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# 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**

Loving Friend, Who Walks Beside Us

BRADBURY

*Please see hymn insert*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Dignitate”

Andrew Moore

*During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.  
Others prefer to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.  
Please feel free to make the transition between worship and re-entering the world  
in whatever way is meaningful to you.*

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

## **Announcements for October 13, 2024**

### **Monday, October 14**

Church office closed

### **Thursday, October 17**

11:00 am Staff meeting

### **Sunday, October 20**

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

12:00 pm Election conversation

### **Sound Bath**

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm. This is a one-time Tuesday edition of the sound baths, and they will return to Monday evenings beginning in November! More information is available on the Arts at Park page on the website.

### **Movie and Discussion Night**

On Thursday, October 24 at 6 pm Park Central will host a community movie night. We'll honor LGBTQ+ history month with a showing of the documentary *1946*. From their website: "*1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture* is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946." All are welcome!

### **Election Conversations**

Our Worship and Education Committee has planned two opportunities for conversations about our national election. We will meet in the Gathering Hall at the end of coffee hour on October 20 and 27.

To guide our conversations, we will be using a short statement called Christian Faith and Democracy that was written and signed by a diverse group of scholars and religious leaders. The writers affirm our right and our call "to bring our faith to bear on the public square for the common good and the flourishing of all humanity." We hope these conversations will enable our congregation to do that with bravery and humility.

Copies of the statement are available in the Gathering Hall. You can also download the statement at [www.faihanddemocracy.net](http://www.faihanddemocracy.net)

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant  
Fellowship Hour.....Ben Merchant

I do not understand the mystery of grace -  
only that it meets us where we are  
and does not leave us where it found us.

~ Anne Lamott

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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