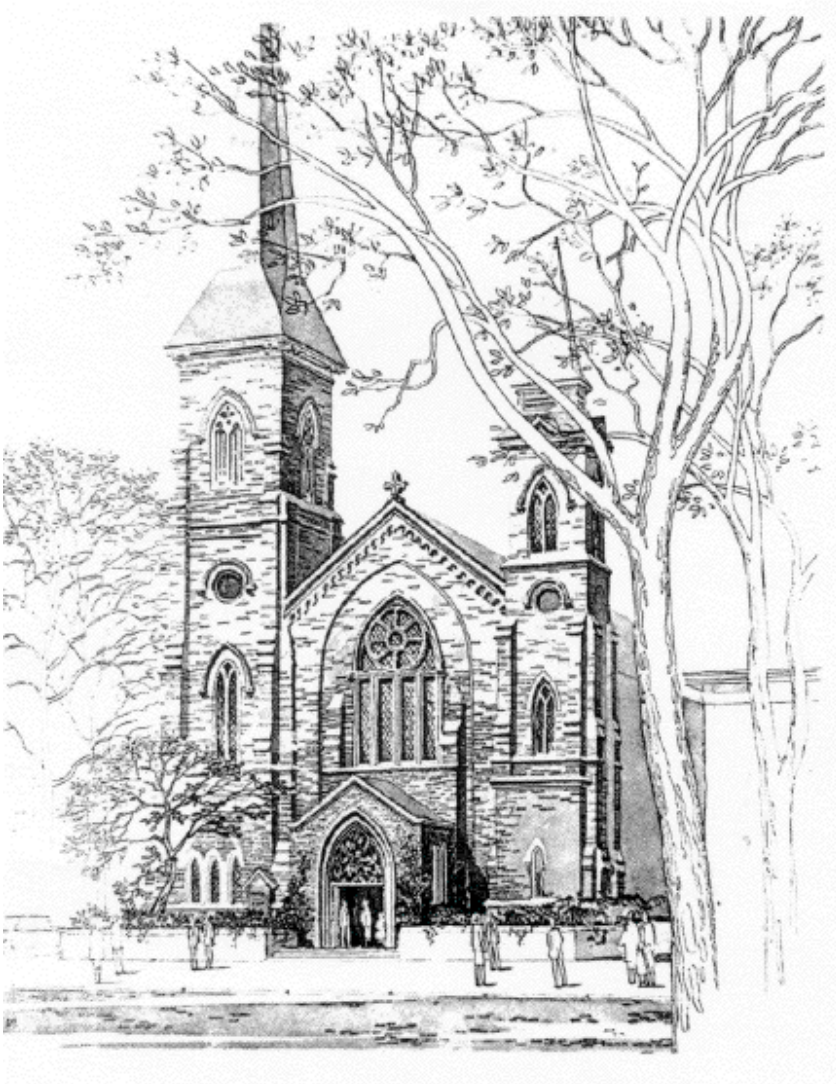


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10, 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

“Andante”

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
arr. Nicolaj Hansen

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where two or three are gathered together,

God is in their midst.

We gather to proclaim God's promises,

to tell the stories of faith,

and to remember who we are as people of God.

Let us worship together!

***HYMN 233** Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

RICHMOND

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119: 33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The 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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

In remembrance of your mighty self-giving in Jesus Christ...
 ...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ _____ has died _____ Christ _____ is ri - sen _____

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Christ will come _____ a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit ...
 ...both now and forever.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

Nulla in mundo pax sincero

Antonio Vivaldi

Megan Hook, *soprano*; Dan Blumenthal, *violin*; Sandra Murphy, *harpsichord*

*Nulla in mundo pax sincera
sine felle; pura et vera
dulcis Jesu, est in te.*

Nowhere else in the world is
there a sincere peace
without a fall. Pure and true
sweet Jesus, it is in you.

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious and loving God,
you have made us one in the body of Christ,
and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world.
Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil,
and to proclaim in all we say and do
your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Beth Langley, *alto*

Traditional

arr. Richard Walters

*I am weak, but Thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“He Leadeth Me”

William Bradbury
arr. Charles Callahan

Announcements for September 10, 2023

Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a congregational meeting today after worship. All are welcome to attend, and all active members are strongly encouraged to stay for the meeting so we can meet quorum and conduct our business! We will be receiving annual reports and electing officers at this meeting.

Arts at Park

Our next Arts at Park event will be a Sound Bath with Park Central soloist Megan Hook held in the sanctuary on September 18 at 7pm. There is more information in the Park Post and on the church website.

Book Buddies

We are hoping to once again be involved in a reading program at Dr. King Elementary School! Please contact Ben Merchant or visit cnybookbuddies.org for more information.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Marissa Saunders
Fellowship HourSara Hahne and David Aronson

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

~ Romans 12:9-13

Today's liturgy is 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

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Interim Organist
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