

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pentecost Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024 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

“Fantasie Prelude on ‘Veni Creator’”

(Sarum Plainsong, Mode VIII)

Dennis Eliot

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your church like a rushing wind.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts like a blazing flame.

Come, Holy Spirit, and give us your dreams and visions.

Come, Holy Spirit, and give us the power to transform the world.

***HYMN 131** Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you invite us to wonder.
We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.
We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing
as suspicious or even threatening.
We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain,
and we are willing to give up joy in exchange.
Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.
Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world
and give us the courage and will to follow you. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*

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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, they are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your children shall prophesy,
and your young people shall see visions,
and your old people shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon those enslaved to me,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of God's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Ensemble

You Sent Your Holy Spirit

Mary Rose Jensen

You sent Your Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost

With tongues of fire and tongues that told the Gospel to the lost.

You strengthened Your disciples through the mighty wind that blew.

O God, we ask that You would give the power that they knew.

You sent Your Holy Spirit to the frightened, weak and worn.

And of this poor assembly soon a sturdy church was born.

You made a faithful people who endured wild beasts and swords.

O God, we ask that You would give such love for You, our Lord.

You sent Your Holy Spirit

As promised, a Helper.

As promised, a Counselor.

As promised, He brings to mind the words that Jesus said.

You sent Your Holy Spirit to equip Your church to tell

The news that Jesus rose again, defeating death and hell.

You scattered your believers to all corners of the earth.

O God, we ask that You would give us ways to teach your worth.

Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of God came upon me and brought me out by the spirit and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ God said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Sovereign God, you know.” ⁴ Then God said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of God. ⁵ Thus

*Please rise in body or spirit

says the Most High God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am God.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then God said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Most High God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then God said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Most High God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am God when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, God, have spoken and will act, says the Most High.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Brigid Boyle

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God, you are the maker of all things...

... as we sing to the glory of your name:



We thank you for the blessing of this holy meal...

.... Great is the mystery of faith:



**Please rise in body or spirit*

As we entrust our prayers of gratitude and grief to you ...
... such a world not just possible, but present.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Let this meal set our hearts ablaze, O God.
As we experience the nourishment at your table,
we long for the bread and wine to transform us for the work of your love.
Just as you are always creating and re-creating, make us new.
And as we become more like the people you call us to be,
help us shape your Church for the greater work still to come.
Restore us with the hope that the Holy Spirit is—even now—
igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith, and thriving. Amen.**

***HYMN 127** Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit” - Traditional Spiritual
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Mark Hayes

*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 May 19, 2024

Monday, May 20

7:00 pm Sound bath

Thursday, May 23

5:00 pm Mission study team meeting

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Sound Bath

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held Monday, May 20, at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event! More information can be found on the Arts at Park page on the church website.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, June 16. All are welcome!

Pride Month

The Interfaith Pride Worship Service will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 7:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church.

We will be marching in the Pride parade on Saturday, June 22! We can carpool or meet at the staging ground near Destiny USA. Please contact the office if you would like to participate!

Park Central will also celebrate Pride during worship on Sunday, June 23.

Matthew 25 Farm

Mark your calendars for July 27! We will be heading down to the Matthew 25 Farm in Tully to harvest crops to distribute to area food banks. Please let the office know if you are interested and if you would like to carpool or meet at the farm. More details to come!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Greeter.....Ben Merchant

Send forth your Spirit, O God,
and renew the face of the earth.

Dwell among us,
even though your presence will startle and unsettle us.

~ adapted from *Touch Holiness*

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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
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