

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 3, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY:
UPLIFT THOSE IN NEED

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Joseph M. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, we know what God desires of us:

that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

We gather this morning to worship our God –

to remember who we are and whose we are.

Let us gather with gratitude and listen for God's call.

Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 352**

DAS NEUGEBORNE KINDELEIN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come together in prayer
confessing our failings.
We aim to seek justice,
but when it proves too hard or too exhausting,
we often rush to cheap grace.
We aim to embrace kindness,
but then snap at loved ones, shut out the stranger,
and remain ignorant of our neighbor's needs.
We aim to walk humbly on your way,
but find it easy to ignore how our path diverges from yours.
Forgive us, we pray.
By your mercy, set our feet again today
on the way of justice, kindness, and humility
as we follow Jesus together. 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

Deuteronomy 24:14-22

¹⁴ “You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. ¹⁵ You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to God against you, and you would incur guilt.

¹⁶ “Parents shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their parents; only for their own crimes may persons be put to death.

¹⁷ “You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. ¹⁸ Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Most High your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

¹⁹ “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widowed, so that the Most High your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰ When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widowed. ²¹ When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widowed. ²² Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Consecration

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

George Frideric Handel

Text: Frances R. Havergal

Adapted by: Carl Fredrickson

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments, take my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my love; O Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

I am Thine, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 6:1-7

¹ Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven people of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these people stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 429** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Once to Every Man and Nation”

arr. James Pethel

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner

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*.

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