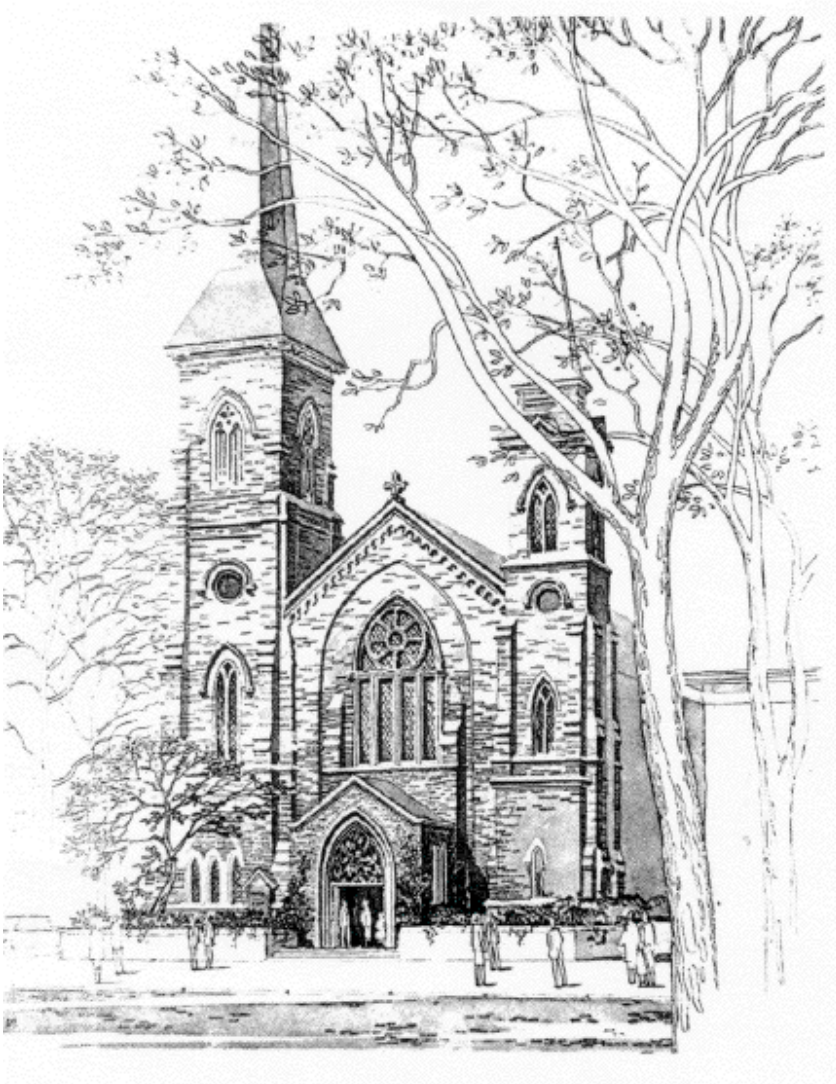


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Easter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025 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

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” based on a hymn tune by Louis D. Edwards,
arr. Darwin Wolford & quoting G.F. Handel
Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!
This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Alleluia! Amen.

***HYMN 481** Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
You call us to obey you above all else,
to speak truth even when it is hard,
and to bear witness to your power in our lives.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Yet we confess that we have often followed the easier path,
kept silent when we should have spoken,
and sought approval more than faithfulness.
We shrink back from risk,
we resist the cost of discipleship,
and we doubt that your Spirit can work through us.
Forgive us, O God.
Renew our courage, strengthen our resolve,
and send us again as witnesses to your love and mercy,
through the name of Jesus,
whom you raised and raised from the dead
and sent to bring new life. 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 and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 150

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise God in the sanctuary;
praise God in the mighty firmament!

² Praise God for God's mighty deeds;
praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

³ Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise God!
Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Amazing Grace

The Park Central Ensemble

Traditional American Melody, arr. Russell Mauldin

Chorus and additional lyrics: Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Chorus: *My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.*

And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this person’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted Jesus at God’s side as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey God.”

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

*HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP’S CREEK

Please see hymn insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Duke Street”

hymn tune by John Hatton, arr. Kenneth T. Kosher
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
GreetersMichael and Susan Barbour
Fellowship Hour the Langley family

We worship a God who exists beyond the bounds of language. We are part of a creation that is vibrant in its diversity. We hope that the language used in today's worship reflects those inclusive and expansive ideals. Some traditional prayers and hymns may contain gendered terms for God; please feel free to substitute more expansive terms.

As a member of the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 movement, Park Central works toward building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. 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.

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
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