

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Easter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 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

“The Swan”

Camille Saint-Saëns
arr. Alexandre Guilmant

Dan Blumenthal, *cello*
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We see God in the wide reach of sky,
in the towering height of mountains,
in the depths of the sea,
and in the vividness of flowers.

**We see God in early morning sunrises,
in the quiet after a snow,
in the reaching of rivers and tributaries,
and in the stars that light the night.**

Let us worship our good God,
the God of all creation!

***HYMN 420** God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we have lost our way.

In the beginning, humanity was instructed to care for creation.

**However, in pursuit of our own wealth and efficiency,
we have done the opposite.**

The oceans are heavy with plastic.

The ice caps are melting by the hour.

Animals and plants are treated as a means to an end.

Corporations fill the atmosphere with pollution.

Policies and practices are slow to change.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to see your fingerprints

in every glimpse of the natural world.

Fill our hearts with compassion for your creation

and show us where we can make a difference. 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.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
³he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 my whole life long.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Have Seen the Lord

Michael Spencer, *tenor*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
The Vigil Project

*Early in the morning as I journeyed to the tomb,
There was no where else to go
With eyes full of tears,
When He spoke my name, we were standing face to face*

Chorus:

*I have seen the Lord, I have seen the Lord
He's No longer dead, He is risen!
I have seen the Lord, I have seen the Lord
He's No longer dead, He is risen up again!*

*For many days I've followed,
These eyes have seen Him die, and
These eyes have seen Him rise
He cast away my sin by the saving grace of God
It is Christ who changed my life (Chorus)*

*I have seen
My eyes have seen
The glory of our God*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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

***HYMN** Blue Boat Home HYFRYDOL
Please see separate hymn sheet

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
“Danse Joyeux” Mark Hayes
Dan Blumenthal, *cello*
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

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 April 21, 2024

Kits for Church World Service

We packed almost all the kits for Church World Service last Sunday, and there is an opportunity today during fellowship hour to complete the work. We have about 72 more hygiene kits to put together.

Our church is also serving as a depot to receive kits from other organizations during the second half of April. A truck will be coming to pick up the kits on April 30 between noon and 2:00. Please let Sarah or Kenneth know if you can help as we load the truck that day.

Sound Bath - April 22 at 7:00 pm

The next dates for the monthly Sound Baths are April 22, May 20, and June 17 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar and invite someone who needs a bit of care to join you for this peaceful and meditative time in the sanctuary. Come comfortable! You are welcome to bring a yoga mat, blanket, and pillow.

Jail Ministry Movie night - Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 pm

Jail Ministry, our community partner, will be screening "Attica," a 2022 award-winning documentary about the 1971 prison riot that took place in Attica, New York. This is a free event in our sanctuary on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 pm. Jail Ministry will be receiving donations at the screening to support their ongoing work.

Matthew 25 Farm

We have an opportunity to volunteer at the Matthew 25 Farm during the growing season. Please check out the dates on the sign-up sheet during fellowship hour and mark the Saturdays when you are available so that we can select the best date for our service. You can talk with David Aronson if you have any questions.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....David Aronson
Greeter.....Ben Merchant

In the beginning God filled the formless void
with color, texture, light, flavor, time, and life...
These are the images of a tender, imaginative God
who loves Creation limitlessly.

~ Bulletin cover art: *In Our Hands*
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