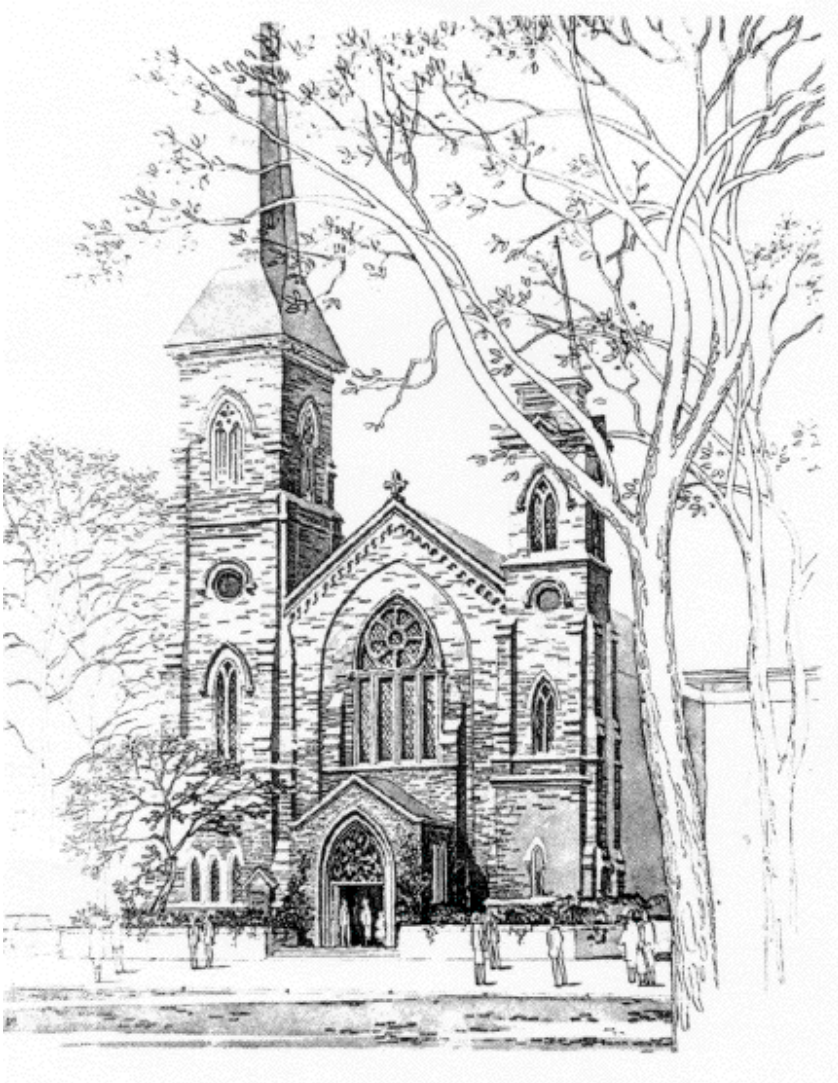


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 7, 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

“Peace of Dawn” (Opus 82)

Emil Krause

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God calls us together this day;

God brings us together as one people.

God hems us in, behind and before,

and lays God's hand upon us.

We listen for God's voice,

though we may not recognize it.

The God who calls us is the God who created us.

Let us bring the fullness of ourselves to worship today.

***HYMN 248** You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA (SMITH)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we know that in so many ways
we have run from you.**

We have ignored your call.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**We have doubted your mercy.
So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness.
Help us, we pray, that we will
hear and follow your voice,
have faith in your loving kindness,
and see the world with new and gracious eyes.
This we pray in Jesus' name. 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 139:1-18, 23-24

¹ O God, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O God, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the night shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² even the night is not without light to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for night is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Fuqua, Havens, and Ingram

Well Done

*What will it be like when my pain is gone,
And all the worries of this world just fade away?
What will it be like when you call my name,
And that moment when I see you face to face?
I'm waiting all my life to hear you say...*

Chorus:

*Well done, well done, my good and faithful one.
Welcome to the place where you belong.
Well done, well done, my beloved child.
You have run the race and now you're home,
Welcome to the place where you belong.*

*What will it be like when tears are washed away,
And every broken thing will finally be made whole?
What will it be like when I come into your glory,
Standing in the presence of a love so beautiful?
I'm waiting my whole life for that day,
I'm will live my life to hear you say...*

Chorus

*What will it be like when I hear that sound?
All of heaven's angels crying out:
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord."
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord."*

*Singing, "Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord."
Waiting my whole life for that day,
Until then I'll live to hear you say...
Chorus*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-19

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to God under Eli. The word of God was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of God, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then God called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ God called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know God, and the word of God had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ God called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that God was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if God calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, God, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now God came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then God said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of God. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that God told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that God told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is God; let God do what seems good to God."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, God was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Encore

Elder Tom Packard

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 419** How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“The Lively Trumpet”

Lani Smith

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.*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsSusan and Michael Barbour

Where I wander – You!
Where I ponder – You!
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!
When I am gladdened – You!
When I am saddened – You!
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!
Sky is You, Earth is You!
You above! You below!
In every trend, at every end,
Only You, You again, always You!
You! You! You!

Martin Buber, *Tales of the Hasadim: The Early Masters*

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from resources
written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good”

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.

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Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
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