

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 24, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY:
PRAYER AND CONVERSATION

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Session Update

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.

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“Nocturne” in C# minor (Posthumous)

Frédéric Chopin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's unfailing love and mercy never cease,
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.
Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 247** I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart

HERR JESU CHRIST

MORNING PSALM

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
³ On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O God,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of God,
for great is the glory of God.

⁶ For though God is high, God regards the lowly,
but the haughty God perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your mighty hand delivers me.

⁸ God will fulfill God's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O God, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in glory with all the angels, then he will sit on the throne of glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and

you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Deep River

Michael Spencer, *baritone*
arr. H. T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel-feast?

That Promised Land, where all is peace?

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND 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.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 531** Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels

BRIDEGROOM

***BLESSING**

May the grace of God be with us all, now and always.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Decorative Duo”

John Bertalot

Following the postlude, you are invited to join members of the session in the Gathering Hall for informal conversation about congregational vitality. Please see the packet for a summary.

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Thank you to Ben Merchant and Briana Vaught for leading this morning prayer service.

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

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