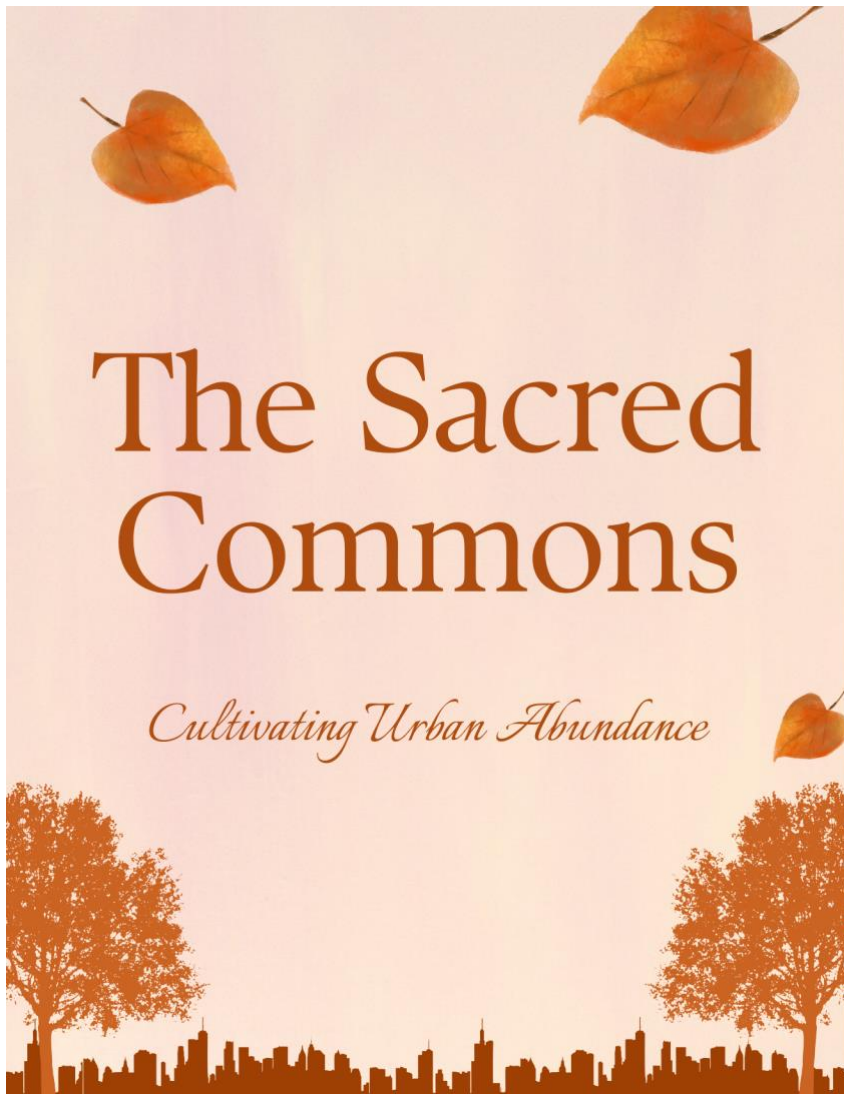


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 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

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

Meditation

Frank Bridge

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of many paths, we arrive in this sacred space.

We gather to worship, to listen, and to grow together.

We are called to love our neighbors, near and far,
and to seek justice in our communities.

Let us open our hearts to the stories, songs, and spirit of one another.

Come, let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN 33** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

COMMUNITY REFLECTION AND MUSIC

BeeJay Washington

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, we give thanks for this day.

We give thanks for the gift of gathering.

We come with open hearts and open hands.

Bless the stories shared in this space.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Bless the songs offered in our midst.
Teach us how to listen deeply to one another.
Help us break down the walls between us.
Inspire us to act with courage and care.
Fill us with your spirit of compassion.
Guide us to build a world where all belong.
Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-13

- ¹ Bless God, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.
- ² Bless God, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ God works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ God made known God's ways to Moses,
God's acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ God will not always accuse,
and will not be angry forever.
- ¹⁰ God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God;

**Please rise in body or spirit*

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
¹³ As parents have compassion for their children,
so God has compassion for those who revere God.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 652 A Grateful Heart**

ROCKINGHAM

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “God says vengeance is mine; I will repay.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Brigid Boyle

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Together

Sandra Murphy, *piano/vocals*
words and music by Ken Dosso

*Brother, here I am. Let me lend a hand. Let us start together.
Let's all bear the load. It's not for one to hold, side by side, yes, together.
Together we can move the mount before us. Together we can do more than apart.
Together, as we reach up to our Father, he puts the fire in our hearts, together.*

*Sister, share your soul. Let your tale be told. Let's live our lives together,
In community for all the world to see, side by side, yes, together.
Together we can pierce the dark around us. Together we can do more than apart.
Together, as we reach up to our [Mother, she] puts the fire in our hearts, together.*

*Together we can truly make a difference. Together we can do more than apart.
Together, as we reach up to [the Creator, who] puts the fire in our hearts,
A rising hope, a place to start, together.*

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The God of grace be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks for the gift of life and community.

It is right to offer our gratitude and praise.

We give thanks, Creator God...
...as we lift our voices in praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might,



5 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pour out your Spirit...
... we sing the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died;



6 Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

By your Spirit, unite us...
...as together we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God,
may we who have received this sacrament
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

***HYMN 761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER, arr. Joel Raney

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Briana Vaught

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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Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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