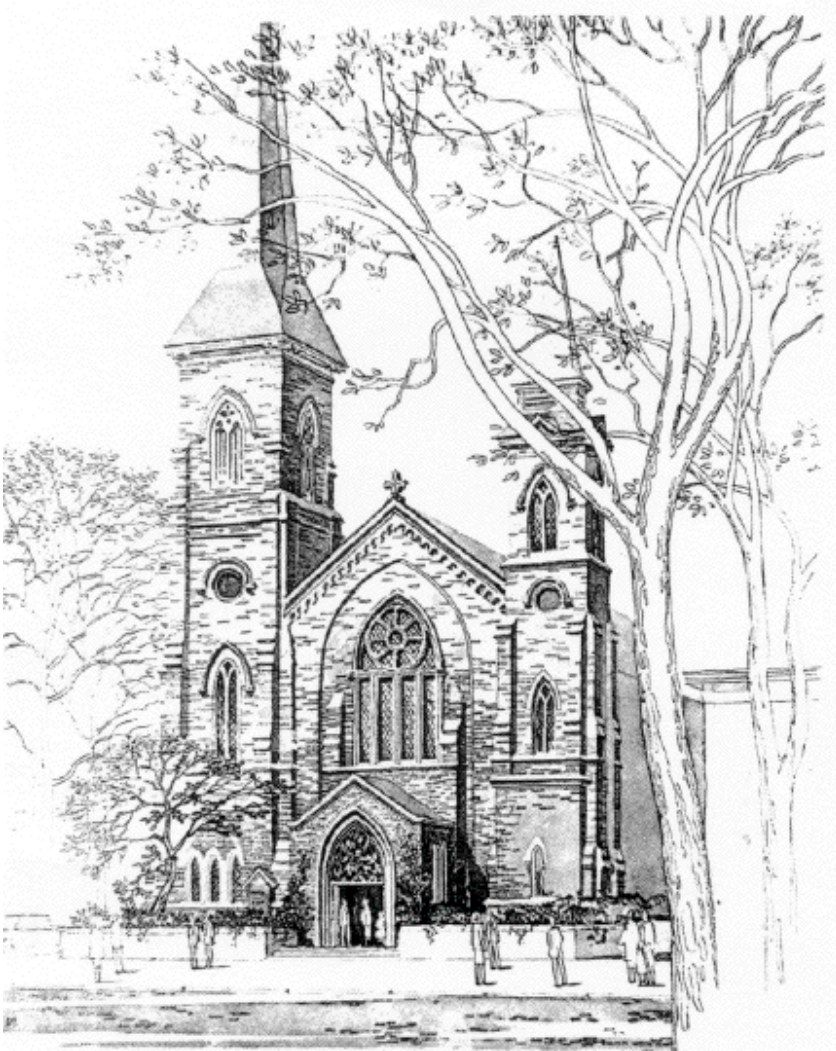


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 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

"Immortal, Invisible"

arr. Joseph Martin

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love for us.
God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
and satisfies us with good as long as we live.
With all that is within us, let us bless God's name.

***HYMN 263** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God,
You have forgiven us countless times,
and we still find it hard to forgive others.
You have loved us and called us into a new way of life together,
and we often fall back into old ways.
Take pity on us and forgive us, God.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Help us to forgive.
Help us to show others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown to us
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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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 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;
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.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
Irish Melody
arr. Brenda Portman

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the realm of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When the king began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents (more than a lifetime’s wages) was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the king ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the king released him and forgave the debt. ²⁸ But that same person, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii (a few months’ wages), and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then the latter fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to the king all that had taken place. ³² Then the king summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked person! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your own debtor, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger the king handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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 358** Help Us Accept Each Other

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Psalm of Trust”

David Paxton

*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 September 17, 2023

Monday, September 18

6:00 pm Arts at Park – Sound Bath

Tuesday, September 19

4:00 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach Committee meeting

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

2:00 pm Book club

Book Buddies

We are hoping to once again be involved in a reading program at Dr. King Elementary School! Please contact Ben Merchant or visit cnybookbuddies.org for more information.

Arts at Park

Our next Arts at Park event will be a Sound Bath with Park Central soloist Megan Hook held on September 18 at 7pm. There is more information in the Park Post and on the church website.

Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets at the Fayette St. entrance for greeters and Fellowship Hour hosts. There are no requirements that have to be met other than showing up! If you are interested in reading during worship, please contact the office. Don't hesitate to ask questions about these roles. Another great idea is to partner with someone else to host Fellowship Hour!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Gracious and loving God,
thank you for this day.
Strengthen my resolve to love
and show mercy throughout the day.
Lead my feet to your paths
and guide the work I have to do for today.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

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