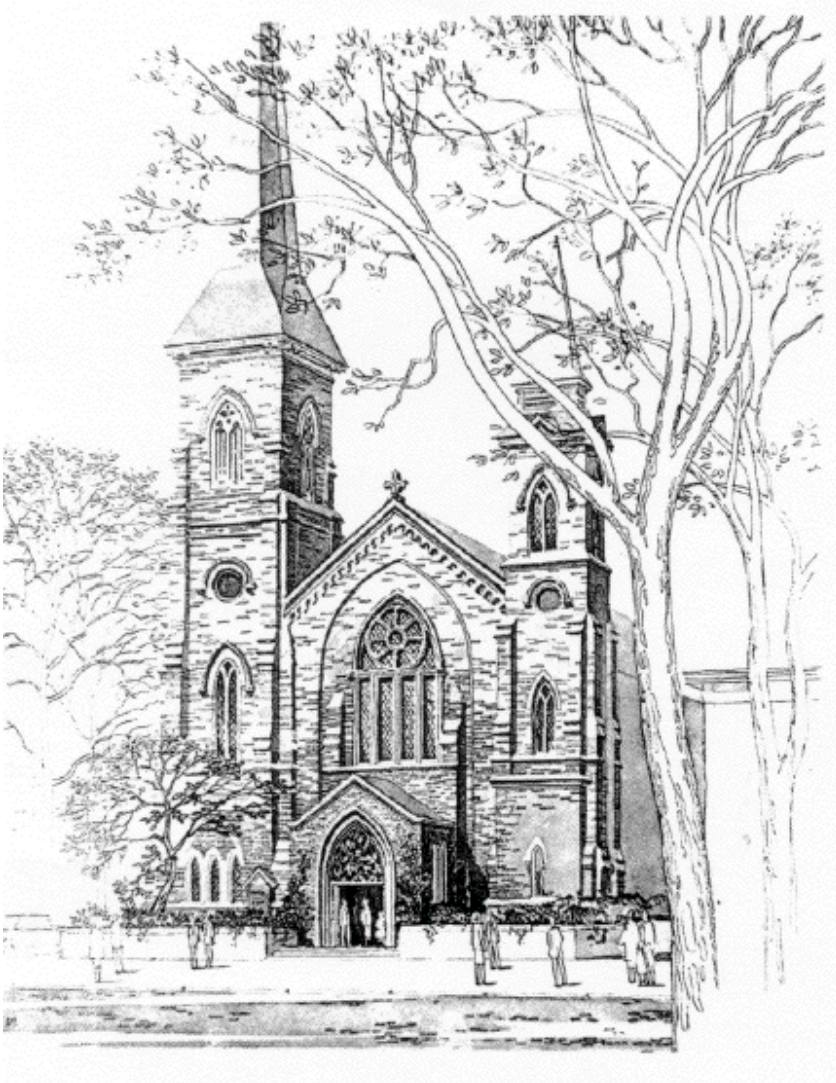


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday of Easter*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 1, 2022 10:30 AM**

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**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.*

*Please wear a mask and maintain social distance from other household groups.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Rêverie”

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Noel Rawsthorne

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

You who are faithful to God, sing praises;

**give thanks to God's holy name.**

For God turns our mourning into dancing.

**God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.**

Let us praise God and not be silent.

**Let us give thanks to God forever.**

**\*HYMN 181** Come Sing to God

*stanzas 1, 2, and 4*

ELLACOMBE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin,  
wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,  
and to the Spirit, One!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen!*

## **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 30

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O God, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O God my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.
- <sup>3</sup> O God, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.
- <sup>5</sup> For God's anger is but for a moment;  
God's favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."
- <sup>7</sup> By your favor, O God,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.
- <sup>8</sup> To you, O God, I cried,  
and to God I made supplication:
- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
- <sup>10</sup> Hear, O God, and be gracious to me!  
O God, be my helper!"
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O God my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Leader: This is the word of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Marty Haugen

### Gather Us In

*Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song*

### *Instrumental Interlude*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of Jesus Christ, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as Saul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup> The people who were traveling with Saul stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. Christ said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am.” <sup>11</sup> Christ said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> But Christ said to Ananias, “Go, for Saul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and rulers and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, Jesus Christ, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Sarah McTyre

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*\*Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## **SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 439** In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Cortège”

Malcolm Archer

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

Living God, you meet us in unexpected places  
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.  
Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may follow you this day and always;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from  
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