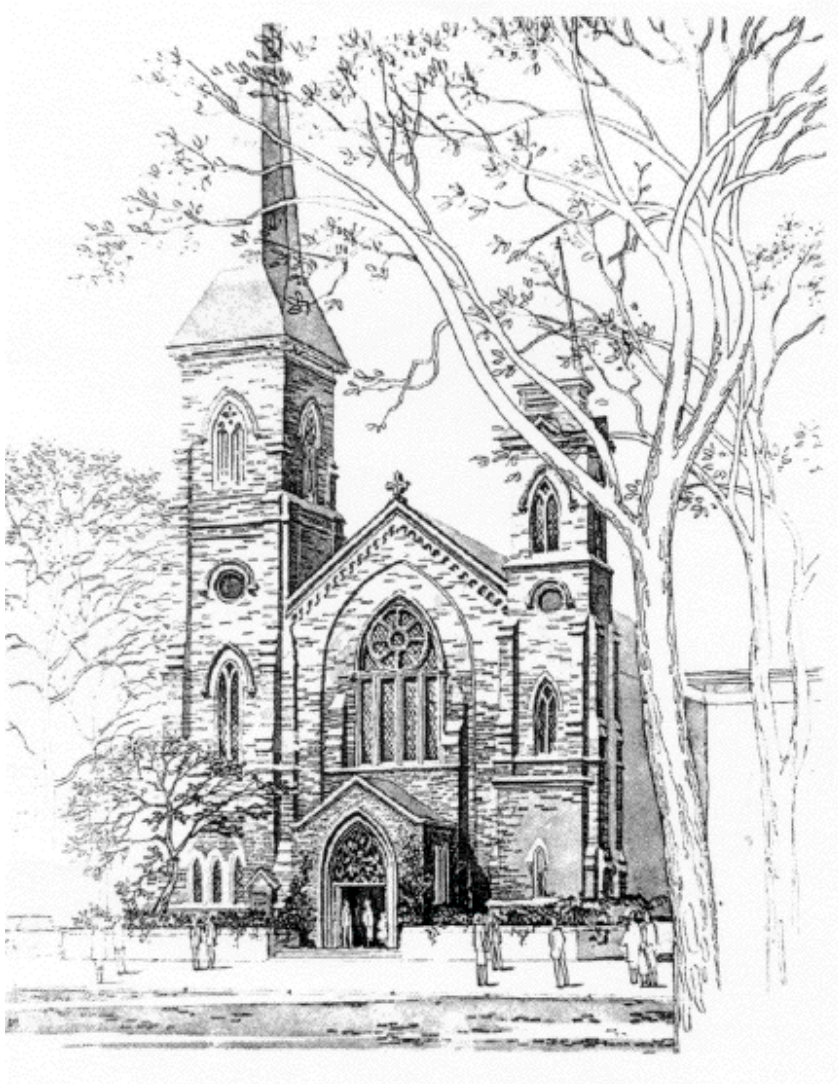


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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OCTOBER 8, 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

“Abendlied”

Robert Schumann
arr. Nicolaj Hansen

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us come to praise.

Let us come to witness.

Let us come to repent.

Let us come to change course.

Let us come to worship God.

***HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth,
out of your great love for the world
you sent us your beloved Son
who showed us how to live in your ways.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We confess that we have not always yielded
the good fruit that you expected or desired.
We are overgrown with sin,
choked with violence and injustice.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us, renew us, and restore us
so that we may be the people of your vineyard
and bear good fruit for your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Most High

is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are God's cherished garden;
God expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Ensemble

Blest Are They

Haas/Joncas

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you,
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. Refrain*

*Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. Refrain*

*Blest are they who seek peace. They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. Refrain*

*Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then the owner leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, the owner sent slaves to the tenants to collect the produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized the slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again the landowner sent other slaves, more than

the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then the landowner sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was God’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the realm of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 343** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Heeding the Call”

Tom Birchwood

*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.*

The Park Central Ensemble is:

Megan Hook, soprano | Beth Langley, alto

Michael Spencer, tenor | Kent Bradshaw, bass

Sandra Murphy, keyboards | Dan Blumenthal, violin

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsMichael and Susan Barbour

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

~ Romans 12:9-13

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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