

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025 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

“Adagio” (from Sonata No.3)

George Frideric Handel

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we could not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Cry out, people of faith! Your savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in God's name!

***HYMN 91** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

You call your people

to speak out against oppression,

to speak up for love,

and to speak words of hope rather than fear.

We confess that we are silent too often.

We worry that we will say the wrong thing,

so we say nothing at all.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**We fear the possible consequences if we speak up,
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.
We worry that our voices will not be heard,
so we stay silent.
Forgive us, we pray.
Spark faith and courage in us that
we may speak of truth, justice, and love. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, Lord!

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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

from: Messiah

*I know that my redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
The first-fruits of them that sleep.*

Megan Hook, *soprano*
George Frideric Handel

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:29-40

²⁹ When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Teacher needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Teacher needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing

their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As Jesus was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of God!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Shouting & Silence*

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.



You are holy, O God of majesty...

.... Great is the mystery of faith.



Gracious God...

...: now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Prayer after Communion

**God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger in this holy meal.
Give us courage to take up our cross and,
in full reliance on your grace,
to follow Jesus.
Help us to love you above all else
and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when, with the redeemed of all the ages,
we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.**

***HYMN 504** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Orgelstück” (from Vierundzwanzig Orgelstücke)
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

Carl Gottlieb Umbreit

*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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour.....Ben Merchant

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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