

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 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

My Lord, What a Morning!

traditional - arr. James Pethel

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God, who has done great things.

God's faithfulness endures forever.

Let us remember our history

and name our future.

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

***HYMN**

My Lord, What a Mornin'

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

We confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,
or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold
those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, we pray.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us to be beloved community, united in our diversity.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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

Psalm 69:9-18

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O God.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me
or the deep swallow me up
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶Answer me, O God, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

¹⁸Draw near to me; redeem me;
set me free because of my enemies.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 478 Save Me, O God; I Sink in Floods

SALVATION

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of God is upon me,
who has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,
who has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of God’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Briana Vaught

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Wayfaring Stranger

Michael Spencer, *baritone*

traditional - arr. Eva Cassidy / Joseph M. Martin

*I am a poor wayfaring stranger
While journeying through this world of woe
There is no sickness toil or danger
In that bright land to which I go*

*I know dark clouds will gather o'er me
I know my way is rough and steep
And beautiful fields lie just before me
And God's redeemed their vigils keep (Refrain)*

*Refrain: I'm gong there to see my Father
I'm going there no more to roam
I'm only going, going over Jordan
I'm only going, going over home*

*I want to wear that crown of glory
When I get home to that good land
Well, I want to shout salvation's story
In concert with the blood-washed band (Refrain)*

*Please rise in body or spirit

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 339** Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We Shall Overcome

traditional – arr. Carl Haywood

*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!



A Note on Ordinary Time:

The Sundays after Pentecost are sometimes referred to as Ordinary Time; this name comes from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). Diana Butler Bass writes: “Its liturgical color is green, representing the growing season. The readings for this verdant period include parables and instructions on spiritual practices. Ordinary Time invites mindfulness of the familiar. We learn to see miracles in the quotidian. In these months of growing, the garden requires attention that the harvest may be abundant.”

Announcements for June 21, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Sunday, June 28

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Matthew 25 Farm

We will be volunteering at the Matthew 25 Farm on Saturday, July 18. We will meet at the farm at 9:00. You can contact the office if you would like help arranging a ride. Please wear close toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. If you have gloves, please bring them! They also recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen, and water.

General Assembly

Every other year, our denomination – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – holds a national gathering called the General Assembly. People from every presbytery come together to be part of the decision-making process that governs our church. If you would like to follow along with the General Assembly, which begins tomorrow, check out pcusa.org/ga

Truly I Tell You

On July 5, we will begin a summer sermon series – “Truly I Tell You.” We will look at some often-used sayings that are actually nowhere to be found in the Bible. We’ll reflect on the remedy for these harmful phrases: the actual words of scripture.

Syracuse Mets Game

We will be attending a Syracuse Mets game in August! The sign-up sheet for this event will be in the Gathering Hall next month. Be sure to leave room on your calendar!

Community Cookout

Our annual cookout will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 11-2. Keep an eye out for more information on how to volunteer!

Sound Bath

The sound baths are on hiatus for the summer and will resume on September 15.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
Fellowship HourCarolyn Corriders

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.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from materials from
the Union of Black Episcopalians.

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