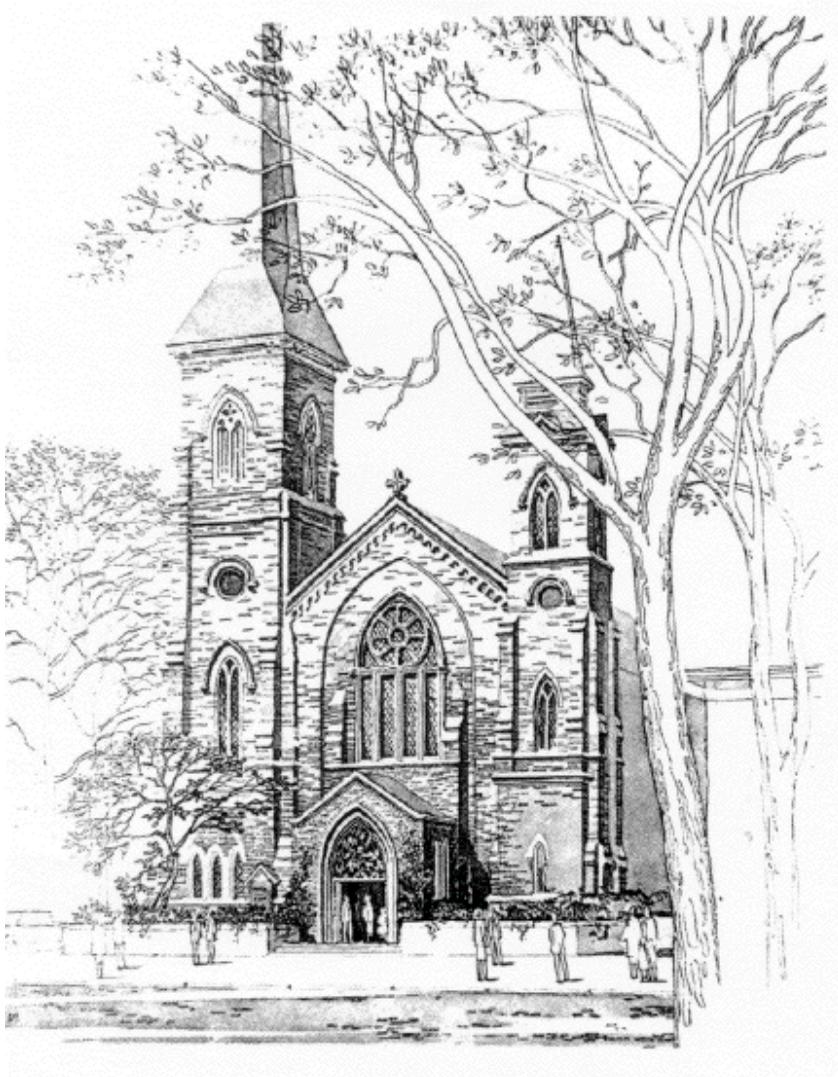


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 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

“Pastorale per l'Elevazione”

Vincenzo Petrali

Dan Blumenthal, *violín*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will praise God as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Most High their God.

Our God reigns forever,

for all generations.

Let us worship God together!

***HYMN 256** Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sinned, O God.

**We often hoard what we have, grasp for more,
and ignore those who hunger and thirst.**

**We tend to stay with our own kind and
sometimes become complacent
in the face of systems that oppress.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Forgive us, we pray.
Reveal to us again the true riches
of compassion, generosity, and a desire to serve
that we might share the abundant goodness
of your love through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul!
² I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in royalty,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Most High their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry;
who sets the prisoners free.

⁸ God opens the eyes of the blind,
lifts up those who are bowed down,
and loves the righteous.

⁹ God watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow,
but brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

¹⁰ God will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Thanks Be to God

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Christoph von Gluck

text adapted by Carl Fredrickson

Thanks be to God for all His blessings; O thanks be to God for His great love.

Peace be to them who walk in the Spirit; O peace be to them who live in Christ.

Thanks be to God for the blessed gift of His Son.

Christ overcame death and the grave.

Thanks be to God, who gives the victory; thanks be to God for His beloved Son.

Thanks be to God; Oh, thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades,

where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ The rich man called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send Lazarus to my parents’ house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ The rich man said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 391** Take My Life

HENDON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“The Four Seasons”
Excerpt from ‘Autumn’

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Alan Ridout

Dan Blumenthal. *violin*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsMichael and Susan Barbour

Park Central has accepted the invitation 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.

Gracious God, you have invited us
to feast on the abundance of your house
and drink from the river of your delight.

We give you thanks and praise
for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Lead us forth from this place
to extend your faithfulness and love to others—
offering welcome to strangers,
justice to the oppressed,
liberation to those who are captive,
and sanctuary to those who are persecuted,
until all people may know
the wonder of your saving work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
and from Worship Ways website.

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