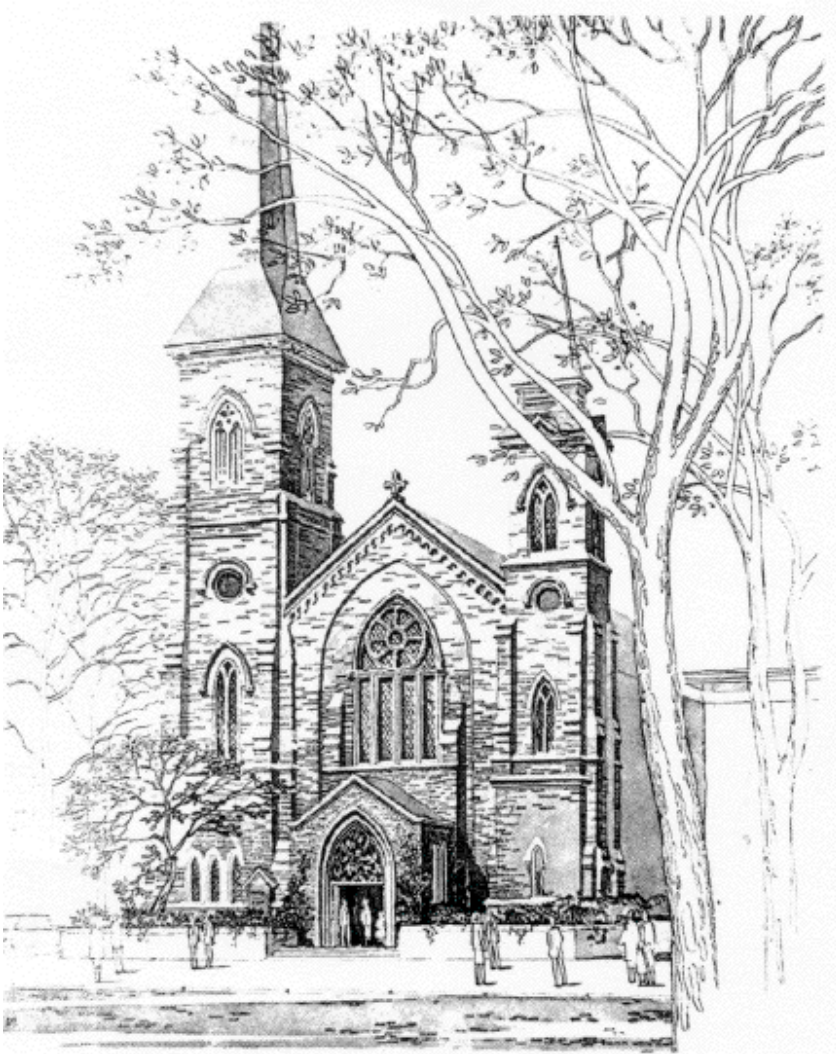


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
JUNE 16, 2024 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.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Near to the Heart of God”

Cleland B. McAfee, arr. Gary Lanier

Dan Blumenthal, *saxophone*

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is good to give thanks to God,  
**to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

It is good to declare God's steadfast love in the morning  
**and God's faithfulness by night.**

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;  
**at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

**\*HYMN 263** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed  
teaches us that a little faith  
can produce great work in your realm.**

**Yet we often walk by sight**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**and not by faith.  
Forgive us, O God.  
We often fail to uphold the poor or the oppressed  
and are sometimes reluctant to  
advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.  
Renew us with the love of Christ  
so that we live in ways that bring  
about your realm on earth now. 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

Psalm 92:1-4; 12-15

- <sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to God,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
<sup>3</sup> to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
<sup>4</sup> For you, O God, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

- <sup>12</sup> The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup> They are planted in the house of God;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
<sup>14</sup> In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
<sup>15</sup> showing that God is upright.  
God is my rock, and in God there is no unrighteousness.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Dan Blumenthal, *saxophone*; Sandra Murphy, *piano*

J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on, till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light;  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup> Jesus also said, “The dominion of God is as if a farmer would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without the farmer’s knowing how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once the farmer goes in with a sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the dominion of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to the disciples.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**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 473** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Improvisation on WE SHALL OVERCOME”

arr. Carl Haywood

*Our annual meeting will be held in the sanctuary  
immediately following worship. All are welcome!*

*There will be snacks and coffee in the Gathering Hall  
both during and after the meeting.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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## **Announcements for June 16, 2024**

### **Monday, June 17**

7:00 pm Sound bath

### **Wednesday, June 19**

Church office closed

### **Thursday, June 20**

12:00 pm Staff meeting

### **Sunday, June 23**

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

### **Flip Flop Drive**

This summer we will be collecting flip flops to send to Uganda with Marissa Saunders. Please bring flip flops of any size, color, and type (even Crocs!) to the church library by the end of July!

### **Sound Bath**

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held Monday, June 17 at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event!

### **Pride Month**

The Interfaith Pride Worship Service will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 7pm at Grace Episcopal Church.

We will be marching in the Pride parade on Saturday, June 22! We can carpool or meet at the staging ground near Destiny USA. Please contact the office or sign up in the Gathering Hall if you would like to participate!

Park Central will also celebrate Pride during worship on Sunday, June 23.

### **Matthew 25 Farm**

Mark your calendars for July 27! We will be heading down to the Matthew 25 Farm in Tully to harvest crops to distribute to area food banks. Please let the office know if you are interested and if you would like to carpool or meet at the farm. More details to come!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists .....Susan and Michael Barbour  
Fellowship Hour .....Ben Merchant

Holy God,  
from among the overlooked and forgotten,  
you call disciples to carry out your will.  
Enable us to regard each person  
not through the prejudices that have shaped us,  
but through the love of Jesus Christ.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship*  
and *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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
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Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician  
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