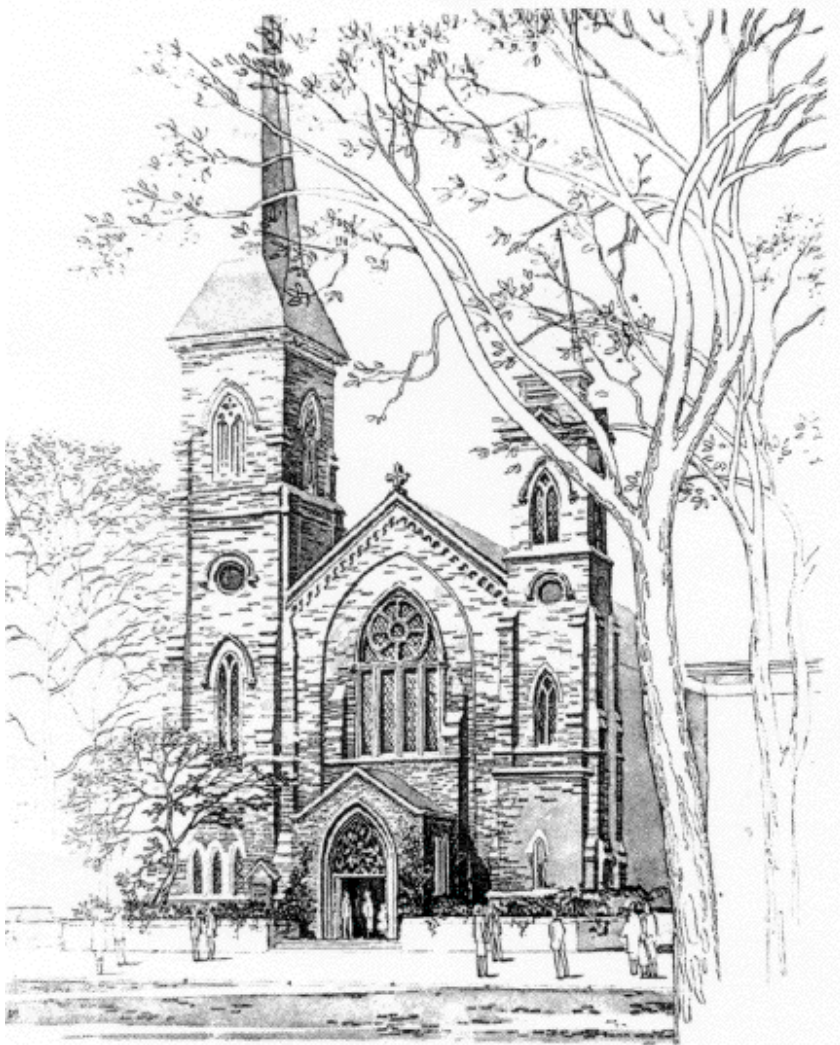


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 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

"Abide with Me" (EVENTIDE)

William Henry Monk
arr. Christina Harmon

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name!

Proclaim the good news of God's salvation.

Sing and give praise to God's name.

Tell the good news of God's love from day to day.

***HYMN 466** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are so patient and merciful with us.

You come to us again and again.

**You make yourself known in our daily lives
and in the simplicity of the bread and cup.**

We confess that we are not always ready for you.

We do not always recognize you among us or feel your presence.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We let so much crowd our lives and hinder our awareness.
Forgive us when we do little to prepare our hearts for you,
when we are too busy or agitated to listen to your word
or too focused on our agendas to leave space to notice your presence.
Soften our hearts and help us turn to you each day
that we may see you once more and
tell the good things you have done in our lives.
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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when those who were gathered heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Sisters and brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Most High our God calls.” ⁴⁰ And Peter testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

The Vigil Project

I Have Seen the Lord

Early in the morning as I journeyed to the tomb, there was nowhere else to go with eyes full of tears. When He spoke my name, we were standing face to face.

Chorus:

I have seen the Lord, I have seen the Lord. He's no longer dead, He is risen! I have seen the Lord, I have seen the Lord. He's no longer dead, He is risen up again!

For many days I've followed, these eyes have seen Him die, and these eyes have seen Him rise. He cast away my sin by the saving grace of God. It is Christ who changed my life. (Chorus)

I have seen, my eyes have seen the glory of our God. (Chorus)

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ Jesus asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then be glorified?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Elder Marissa Saunders

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 436** We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Carillon”

Gilbert Martin

*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.*

Announcements for April 23, 2023

Monday, April 24

7:00 pm Worship and Education meeting

Tuesday, April 25

7:00 pm Deacons meeting

Wednesday, April 26

12:00 pm Staff meeting

Sunday, April 30

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Lunch and service projects

Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets at the Fayette St. entrance for greeters and Fellowship Hour hosts. There are no requirements that must be met other than showing up! If you are interested in reading during worship, please contact the office.

Service Project Day

Don't forget, next Sunday after worship we are working with Emmanuel Congregation to pack Church World Service kits. All are welcome, and lunch will be provided! We will also have an alternate project of mulching the church grounds. Those who wish to take part in this project should wear or bring comfortable clothes to worship.

Jail Ministry Movie Night

Jail Ministry will be hosting their annual movie night at Park Central on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00. All are welcome to attend!

Tech Open House

On Sunday, May 7th, immediately following worship, Bob Allen will be hosting a "Tech Open House" for anyone who might be interested in volunteering to help with our current and future technological efforts. Plan to commit about 30 to 45 minutes to this introductory meeting.

Game Night

On Saturday, May 13, we will hold a board game night at Park Central! There will be plenty of games to play and snacks to enjoy. Not a board game fan? No problem! Come have snacks and enjoy the company of one another!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught
Fellowship Hour Briana and Justin Vaught

Lord,
you opened the meaning of the scriptures
to the disciples on the road to Emmaus
and set their hearts ablaze.
By the power of your spirit
kindle our hearts as we hear your word proclaimed,
that we may receive you with joy.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
and the *Book of Common Worship*

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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