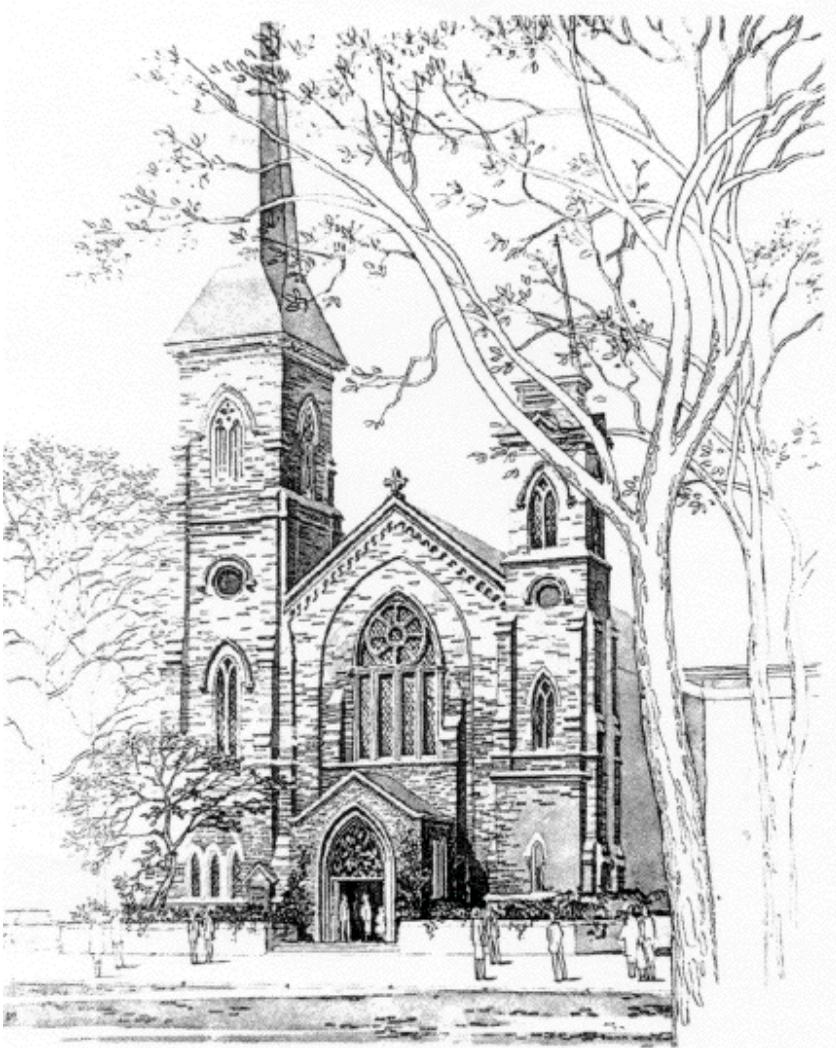


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 12, 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

“Largo”

Betty Roe

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to worship,
to hear the good news and sing our praise.
Happy are those who walk in the law of God.
Happy are those who seek God with their whole hearts.

***HYMN 233** Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

RICHMOND

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we confess that we bow down before other gods:
convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness.
We set life before us, and we often stray.
We turn our hearts away from you and wander from your ways.
Our love and loyalties become disordered.
Forgive us, God. Renew us and reorder our lives
that we may treasure your word in our hearts
and walk in your ways. Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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 119:1-8

- ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of God.
- ² Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart,
- ³ who also do no wrong
but walk in God's ways.
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,

when I learn your righteous ordinances.
⁸ I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandy Murphy, *piano*

Rolf Løvland and Brendan Graham

You Raise Me Up

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your sister or brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that any one of you who looks at another lustfully has already committed adultery in your heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into

hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to God.’ ³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is God’s footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

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.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ my heart, my heart a - dores you. _____ My

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heart is glad to say the _____ words: You are ho - ly God.

You are holy, O God of majesty,...

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ _____ has died _____ Christ _____ is ri - sen _____

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Christ will come _____ a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...
...both now and forever more.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Organ Music During Communion
"Choir's Wandering"

Quentin Thomas

Prayer after Communion

**O God, we give you thanks and praise
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN 508** For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Flourish"

Rosalie Bonighton

*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..... Briana Vaught

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.
~ Mother Teresa

Today's liturgy is adapted from *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

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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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