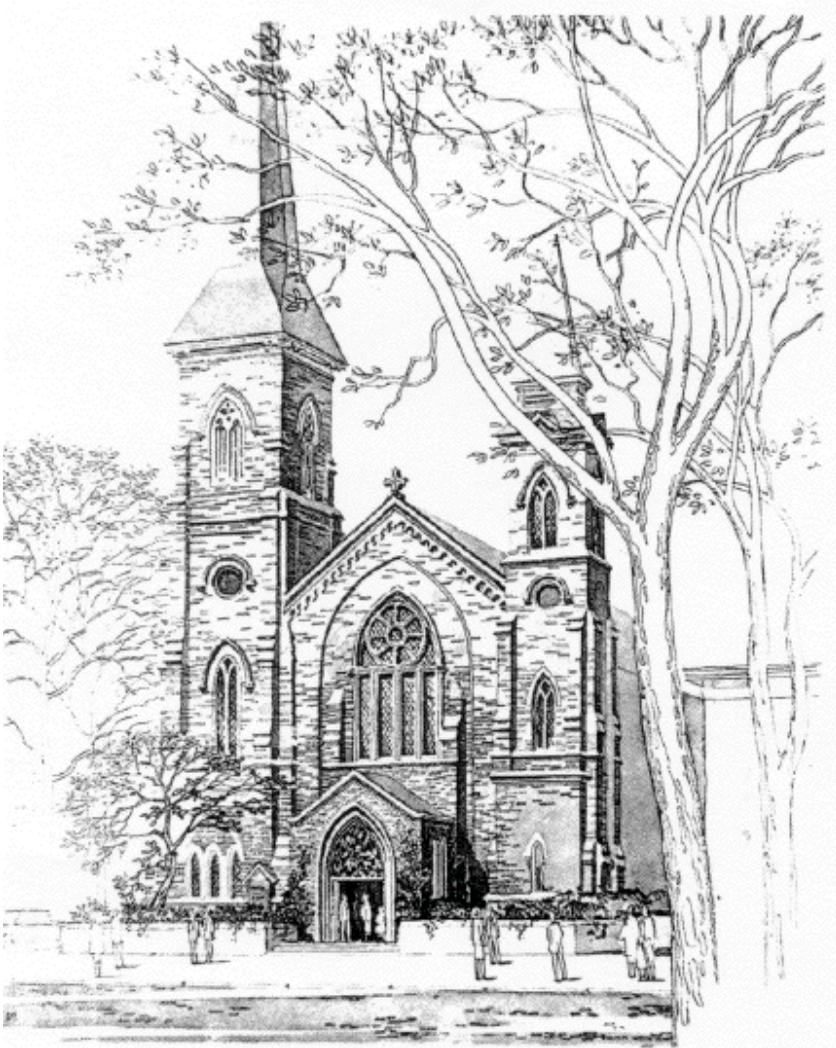


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 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.

Please wear a mask and maintain social distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Pavane”

Brian Glyncannon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God from the heavens!

Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Praise God, all creatures, great and small!

Praise God, all people, young and old!

Let all the earth bring praise to God,
at whose word creation came into being.

We gather to praise and worship our God!

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

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
your command to love one another
across all differences**

**Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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can open us to new horizons.
Yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your intentions for our life together.
Forgive us, we pray,
and awaken in us a true repentance
that leads to abundant life.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
and to the Spirit, One!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen!*

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 148

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise God from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
² Praise God, all you angels;

praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

³ Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise God, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Most High,
for God commanded and they were created.

⁶ God established them forever and ever;
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
royalty and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of God,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ God has raised up a horn for God's people,
praise for all the faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to God.

Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
by “A beautiful gathering of spirits”

Stories

Written and composed by Carrie Newcomer and
participants in a song writing workshop at Park Central, April 29, 2017

*It's a cup of coffee when you arrive
A warm embrace and a grateful smile
It's a meal together and candle light
It's doing the dishes when it's not your night.*

*Small things grow, in the simple things we do.
This I know, it's a seed you carry with you.
Small things grow.*

*Blossoms falling from apple trees
Fireflies and bumblebees
An autumn frost and chrysanthemums
The first snow day when the winter comes*

*Small things grow, in the simple things we do.
This I know, it's a seed you carry with you.
Small things grow.*

*Telling your story and being heard
Listening without a word
A ripple of light in a shadowed place
Joining hands making sacred space*

*Small things grow, in the simple things we do.
This I know, it's a seed you carry with you.*

*Small things grow, in the simple things we do.
This I know, it's a seed you carry with you.
Small things grow.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the believers who were under the law criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to those who

were outside the law and eat with them?”⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me.⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, my God, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three people, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six friends also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of Jesus Christ, who had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ If then God gave to them the same gift as to us when we believed in Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Keith Cieplicki, Jail Ministry Executive Director

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

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 411** Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Davis”

arr. Gilbert Martin

Hymn tune from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner

Generous God,
each day we awaken to your goodness
and our hearts cry out in praise
as you set us to tasks for the life of the world.
Do not let us hinder your love,
but strengthen our will,
as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. Amen.

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

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