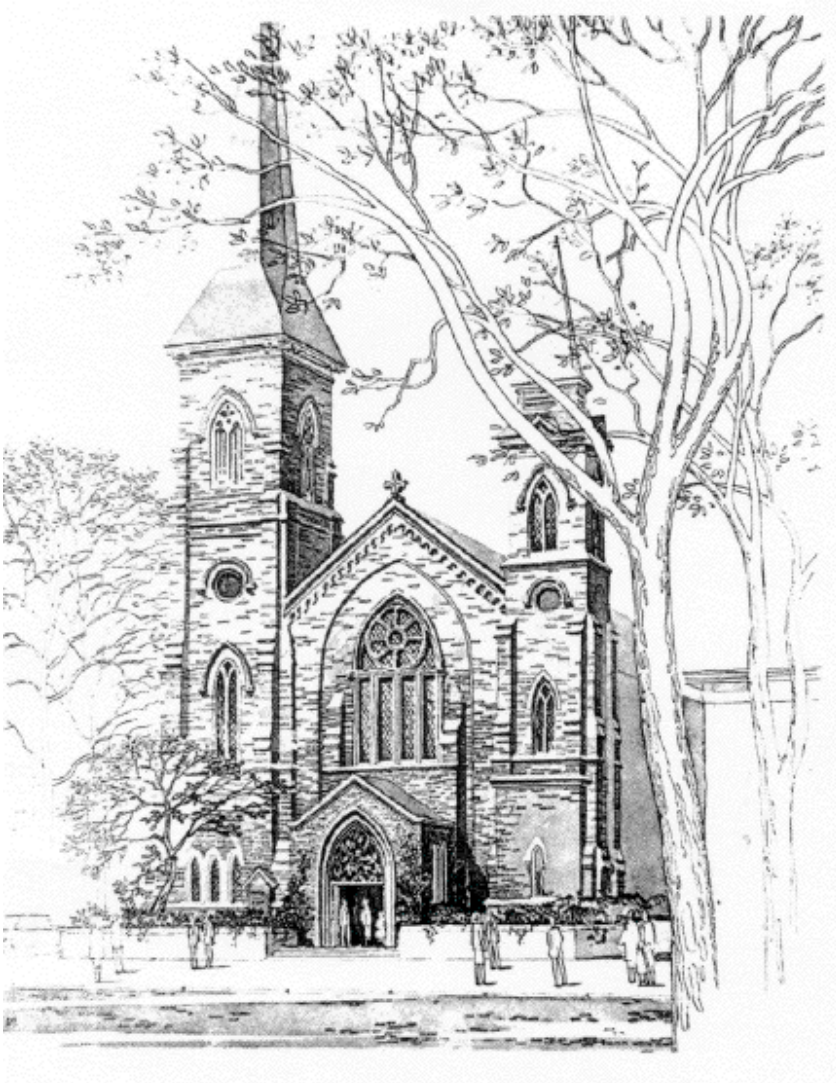


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 14, 2024 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,
and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 460** Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

**you create new life by the power of your Spirit
and reveal your radical, surprising love.**

Forgive us when we close our minds to your power.

**Have mercy on us when we block off
the flow of love that you pour into our world
through Christ Jesus.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**Come to us through your holy word today.
May we hear your voice and
feel the mystery of your presence among us.
Fill us with your grace and love
that we may be bold witnesses of good news. 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

Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

¹⁴ But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely, and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender voice I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears,
Tho' by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When song gives way to sighing, when hope within me dies.
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

Beth Langley, *alto*
Charles H. Gabriel

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The 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 354** Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

*BENEDICTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

POSTLUDE

*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.*

*We welcome Carin Reeve as our
Guest Keyboard Artist this morning.*

Announcements for April 14, 2024

Kits for Church World Service

We will be packing kits for Church World Service after worship today! This year we will be packing hygiene kits and period packs. The kits will provide hope as well as essential items for neighbors in need. All are welcome, and a simple lunch will be provided!

Our church is also serving as a depot to receive kits from other organizations during the second half of April. A truck will be coming to pick up the kits on April 30 between noon and 2:00. Please let Sarah or Kenneth know if you can help as we load the truck that day.

Joy and Justice training begins on April 15

Our congregation received a ReKindle Grant in 2023 from the Columbia Theological Seminary. The grant has allowed us to provide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) training for our congregation and to offer the training again this spring for our congregation as well as congregational leaders from other local Presbyterian churches.

The trainings will be in-person at Park Central for five weeks, ending with an all-day in-person retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Syracuse. There is required reading of two books, *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. Additionally, participants are required to take the online Intercultural Developmental Inventory Assessment that identifies their individual level of cultural awareness. You can read more about this assessment at <https://www.idiinventory.com>.

The sessions, which will be held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. with dinner provided at 6:30 p.m., will start on April 15th and end on May 13th. The retreat will take place on May 18th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Light refreshments and lunch will be included.

To register for the training, please talk to Marissa Saunders or send her an email at niaministriesworldwide@gmail.com. Please indicate if you will need the books.

Please do not think that you have to ‘be ready’ to do this work. You will not be alone in this as other believers and followers of Jesus will be with you.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Sara Hahne
GreetersMichael and Susan Barbour
Fellowship Hour Mission, Membership, and Outreach Committee

We are witnesses to what God has done for us in Christ.

It's not fancy, nor is it complicated.

We are to tell the story of Jesus,
which leads to a change of mind and a proclamation
that in Christ we find forgiveness.

~ Jacob Myers

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship*.

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
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