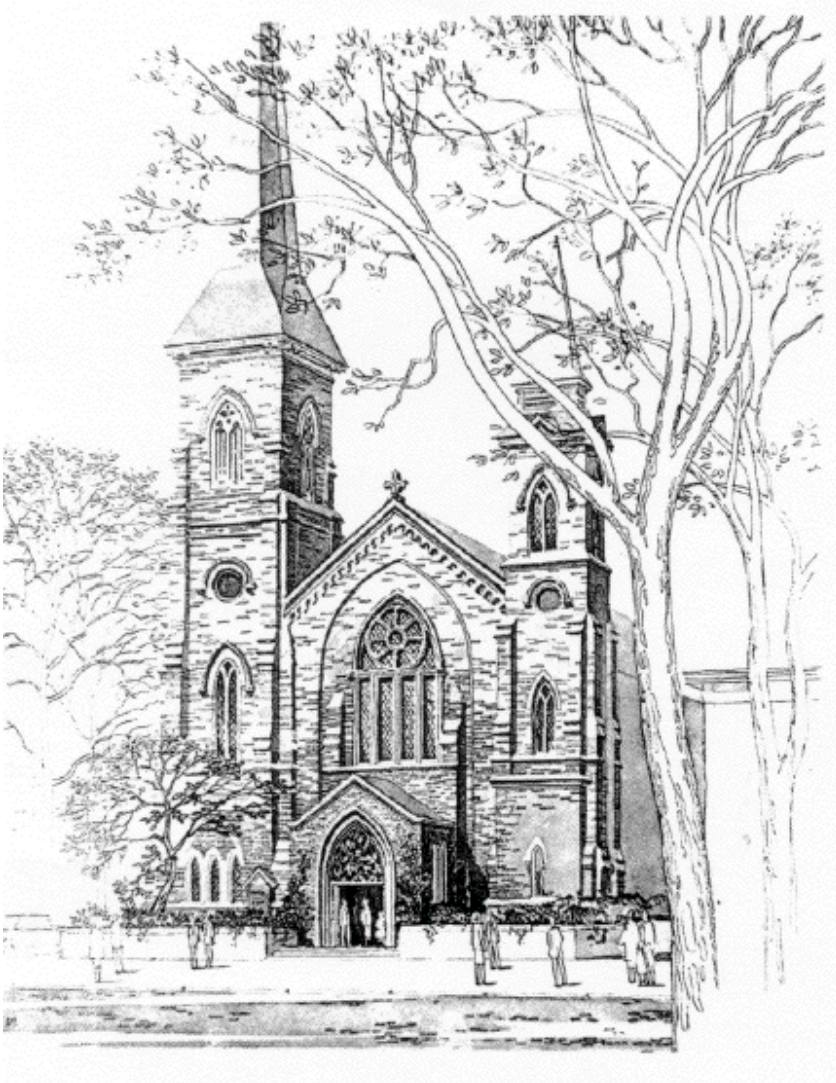


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday of Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 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

“Seasons of Life”

Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless our God, O people!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Come and hear what God has done.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

***HYMN 315** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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

Matthew 21:12-22

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ Jesus said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'
but you are making it a den of robbers."

¹⁴ Those who were blind and lame came to Jesus in the temple, and he healed them.

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶ and said to Jesus, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

¹⁷ Jesus left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

¹⁸ In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then Jesus said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. ²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?” ²¹ Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Sandy Murphy, *piano*
Keith and Kristyn Getty,
and Stuart Townend
arr. Paul Campbell

Holy Spirit (*with Gabriel’s Oboe – Ennio Morricone*)

*Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen I all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth; cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask God, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in God, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by God, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 374** Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Alan Ridout

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught
Fellowship Hour Susan and Michael Barbour

If you are going to be compassionate,
be prepared for action!

~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
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