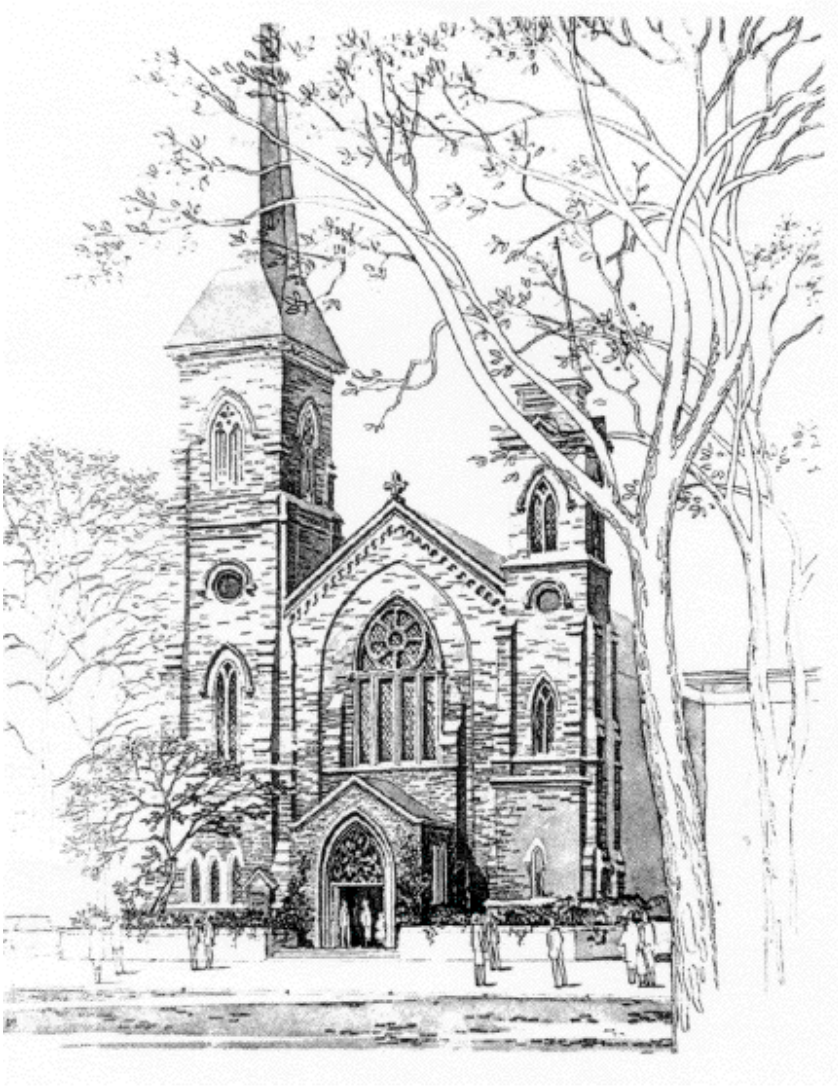


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUNE 1, 2025 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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Ruth Coleman

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that God has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather to worship the God who created us and calls us,

the God who equips us and sends us.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***HYMN 218** New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ À DIEU

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we often live as if

we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We become anxious and make ourselves too busy
to tend to the poor and the hungry.
We are not brave enough to sit with those who mourn.
We get overwhelmed by the cries of the oppressed
and become too numb to hear calls for justice.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to set us free and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ. 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

Psalm 97

- ¹ God reigns! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around God;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.
- ³ Fire goes before God
and consumes God's adversaries on every side.
- ⁴ God's lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before God,
before the God of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all the peoples behold God's glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before God.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments, O God.
- ⁹ For you, O God, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ God loves those who hate evil,
and guards the lives of the faithful,
and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in God, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Live Like That

Beth Langley, *alto*
James Nichols, Kristen Chenoweth
Kellys Collins and Matt Wynn

*A childlike faith is all it takes for a miracle,
And, God, I pray you wash away my cynical.
Let worry give way to wonder, let my heart dare to dream
That nothing is impossible if you believe.*

Chorus:

*I wanna live like that, I wanna go back to that place of seeing more good than bad,
Back when I wasn't so afraid to let love lead the way,
Live day by day and not hold back;
I wanna live like that, I wanna live like that.*

*Look through eyes that look at life as one big adventure
Through every low and every high, Lord, help me surrender.
I don't wanna miss a moment.
Let my fears turn into faith and soar on wings like eagles and dance through the rain.
(Chorus)*

*Knowing I will never be alone, and freedom comes the moment I let go.
I wanna live like that, I wanna live like that.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed savior, I surrender all.
I wanna live like that, I just wanna live like that.
He died so I could live like that.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These people are enslaved to the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of God to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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 411** Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Rhosymedre”

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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.*

Our annual meeting will be held after worship. All are welcome.

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following the meeting
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsSusan and Michael Barbour

We worship a God who exists beyond the bounds of language. We are part of a creation that is vibrant in its diversity. We hope that the language used in today's worship reflects those inclusive and expansive ideals. Some traditional prayers and hymns may contain gendered terms for God; please feel free to substitute more expansive terms.

As a member of the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 movement, Park Central works toward building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. 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.

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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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