

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM:
USE ADVANTAGES TO OVERTURN INEQUALITY

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 maintain social distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Walking in Grace”

Todd Beany

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice, and be glad:

for the ground on which we stand is holy ground.

Come from all walks of life to gather here:

for the ground on which we stand is even ground.

Here we are one body, none greater than any other:

for here, we are made one.

***HYMN 440** In Christ There Is No East or West

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us,

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,

hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.
Set us free from greed and fear.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Teach us to trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer. Amen.**

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

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to those

who are poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the realm of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Give Me an Understanding Heart

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Arthur Rubenstein

arr. Carl Fredrickson

*Give me, O Lord, I pray, an understanding heart,
That I may know Thy love and share it with Thy children;
O let my words confess Thy glorious works and wisdom,
And let my life show forth the bounty of Thy goodness.
For all Thy blessings, Lord, I praise Thy glorious name;
I praise Thee evermore for all Thy kindness.
In showing love to all, I show my love for Thee;
In living love, I give my love to Thee.
Give me, O Lord, I pray, an understanding heart,
That I may know Thy love and share it with Thy children;
O let Thy love shine forth in all I think and say.
O let Thy love appear in all I do; Thy love shall ever be my shield and stay,
To guide me through the gloom to cloudless day.
O give me of Thy wisdom, Lord, that I may ever glorify Thy name forevermore.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "Jesus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions I will give to those who are poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Sarah and Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 436 We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Holiday"

Gordon Young

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Briana Vaught

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us,
so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these" - not as a group to be pitied,
but as people who are deeply loved by Jesus.

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.

Through this initiative, we have pledged to concentrate on
building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from
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