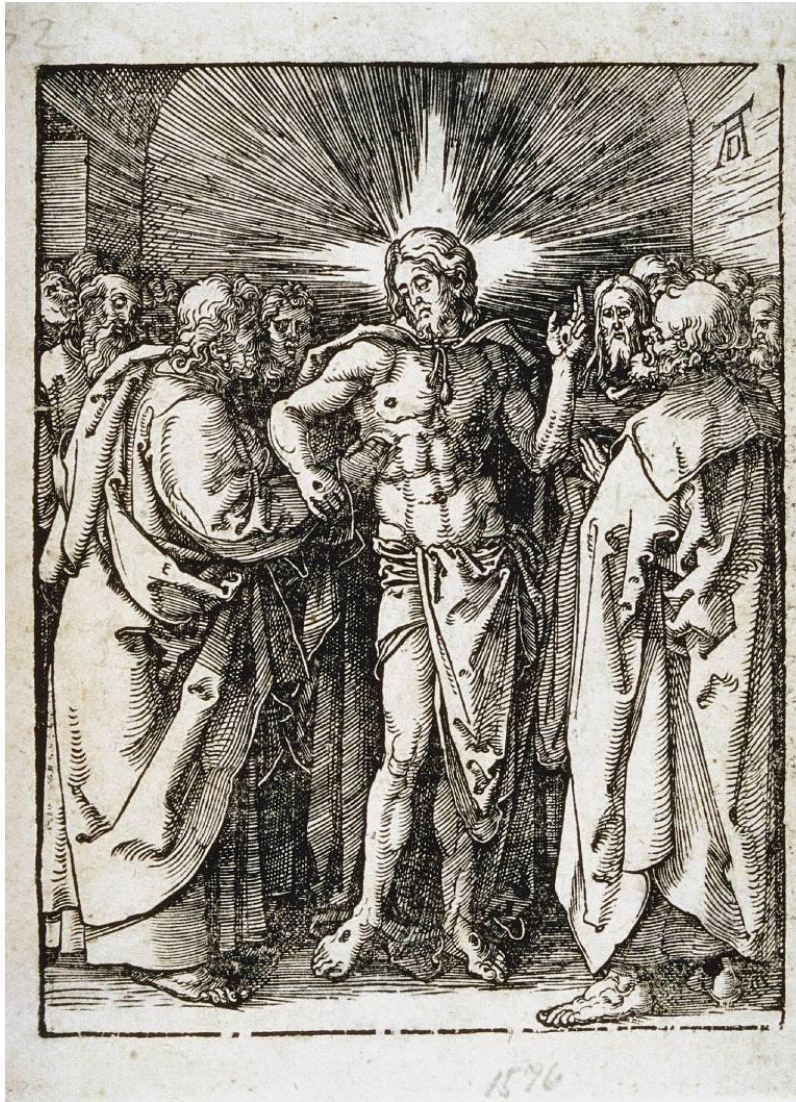


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dürer, Albrecht. The Incredulity of St. Thomas. 1511, British Museum, London.

Second Sunday of Easter

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 12, 2026 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

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY, arr. Chris Rice

Christian Oliver, *guest pianist*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN 254** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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 remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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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 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to God, "You are my Sovereign;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ God is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless God who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep God always before me;
because God is at my side, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your mighty hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in Jesus' name.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Brigid Boyle

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *baritone & guitar*;
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*; Christian Oliver, *piano*
John Finch

I Have Seen The Lord

*Early in the morning, as I journeyed to the tomb, there was nowhere else to go.
With eyes full of tears, and when He spoke my name, we were standing face to face.*

Refrain:

*And I have seen the Lord! I have seen the Lord! He's no longer dead. He is risen!
I have seen the Lord! I have seen the Lord! He's no longer dead. He is risen up again!*

*For many days I followed. These eyes have seen Him die. These eyes have seen Him rise.
He cast away my sin. By the saving grace of God. It is Christ who changed my life.
Refrain*

*I have seen, my eyes have seen, the glory of our God.
I have seen, my eyes have seen, the glory of our God.
Refrain*

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 817** We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What A Wonderful World George David Weiss & Bob Thiele
Christian Oliver, *guest pianist*

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Announcements for April 12, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Wednesday, April 15

3:00 pm Trustees meeting

Thursday, April 16

2:30 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach
Committee meeting

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am Bible study
10:30 am Worship service
11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear warm comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket.

LGBTQ+ Inclusion Workshops

All are welcome to join in a series of conversations about the LGBTQ+ community and the church. These will be held after worship on April 19 and 26 and May 3. Together we will discuss ways we can increase our welcome and inclusion! Even if you can't make it to all three, you're welcome to join.

Save the Dates

Park Central will be participating in the Interfaith Pride Worship Service on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at All Saints Church, and all are welcome!

This year's Pride parade will be held on June 13, and we look forward to marching together as we celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community!

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

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.

Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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