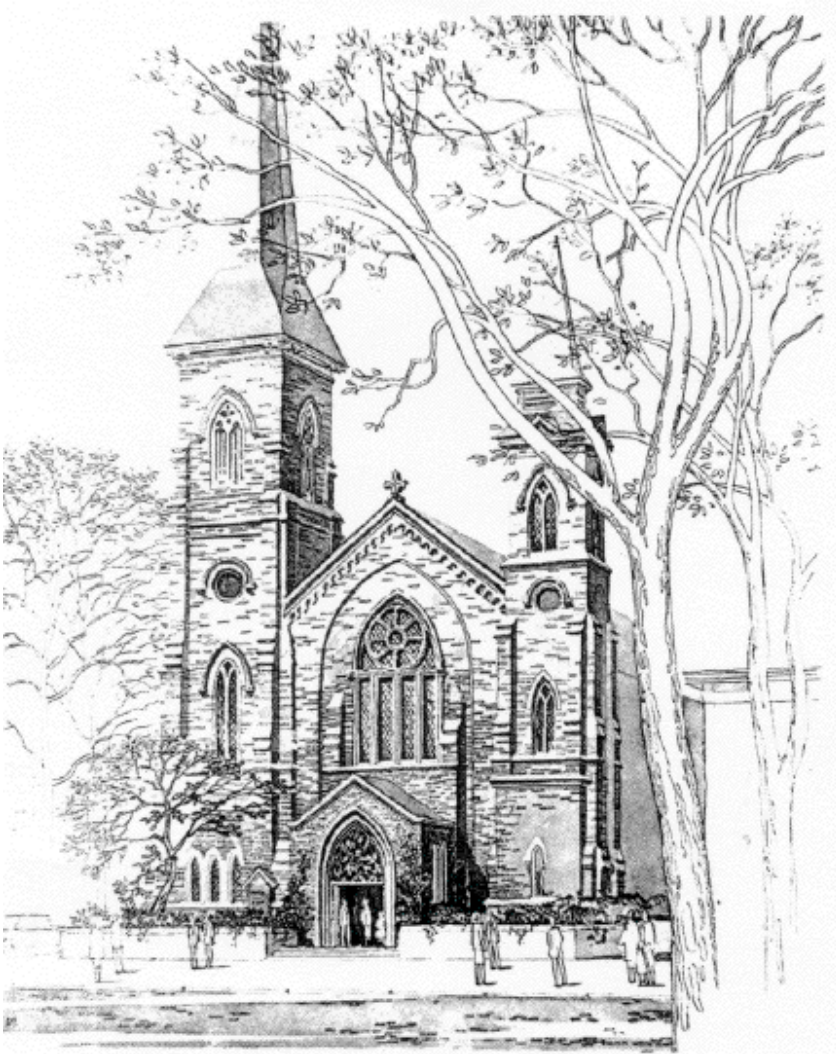


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 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

"Sing Praises!"

David Paxton

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us worship our God,
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Parent of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**Forgive us and, by your grace,
help us to grow in every way
into him who is our head, 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

Joshua 1:1-6

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of God, God spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, ² "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was

with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Tree Song

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Ken Medema

*I saw a tree by the riverside
One day as I walked along
Straight as an arrow
And pointing to the sky
Growing tall and strong
"How do you grow so
straight and tall?"
I said to my riverside tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me:*

*I saw a tree in the winter time
When snow lay on the ground
Straight as an arrow
And pointing to the sky
And winter winds were blowing
all around
"How do you grow so straight
and tall?"
I said to the wintertime tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me:*

*I saw a tree in the city streets
Where buildings blocked the
sun
Green and lovely, I could see
It gave joy to everyone
"How do you grow so straight
and tall?"
I said to my downtown tree
This is the song that
My tree friend sang to me:*

Chorus:

*I've got roots growing down to the water
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine
And the fruit I bear is a sign of the life in me
I am shade from the hot summer sundown
I am nest for the birds of the heavens
I'm becoming what the Maker of trees has blessed me to be
A strong young tree*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Jesus, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another Jesus said, “Follow me.” But that one said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the realm of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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my home.”⁶² And Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the realm of God.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Stay the Course*

Elder Marissa Saunders

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 436** We Are Your People

WHITFIELD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

*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 Caryn Patterson as our
Guest Keyboard Artist today.*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Creator of unity,
Body of peace,
Spirit of community,
bind us together around your Word
and send us out to do your justice,
show your mercy,
and embody your redeeming love.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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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