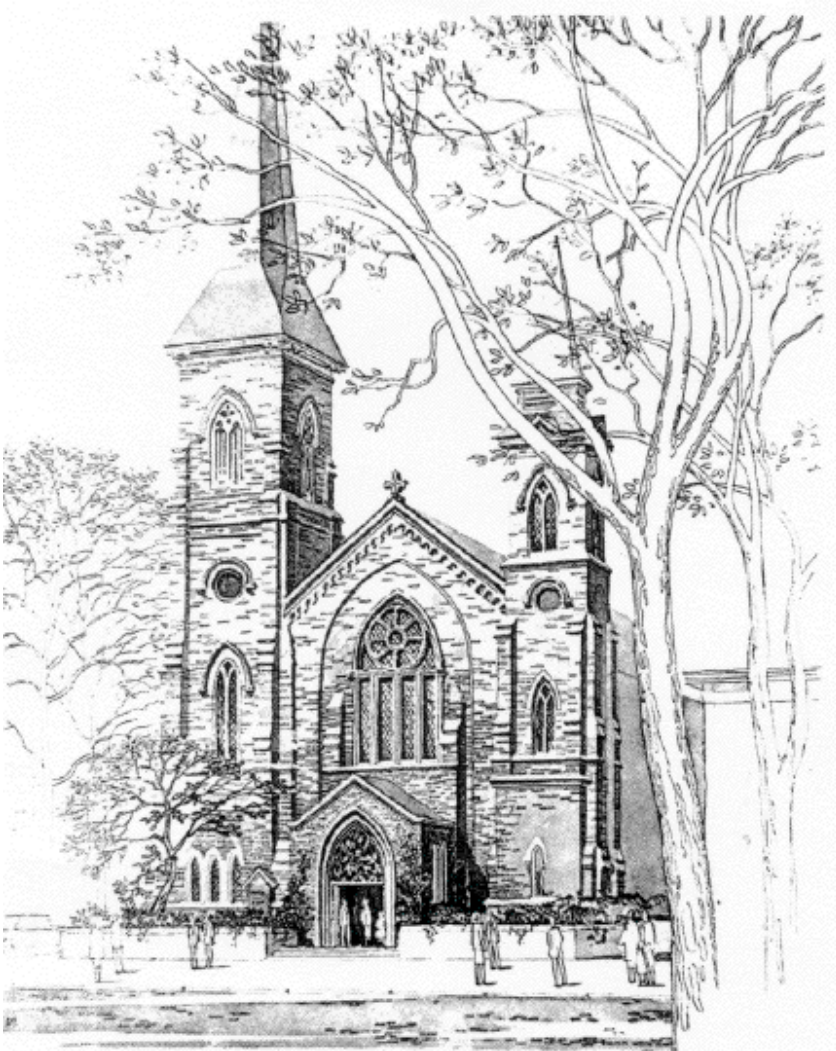


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 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

“There Is a Balm In Gilead”

arr. Charity Book Putnam

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Happy are those who delight in God's teachings

Happy are those who meditate on them day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

Let us worship God with delight and wonder.

***HYMN 275** God of Our Life

SANDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
though you call us to delight in
your teachings,
we can become fearful and full of doubt.
Do not turn away from us,
but heal us
and restore us to you.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Guard us and protect us from evil
and sanctify us in truth;
in Jesus' name. 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 1

¹ Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked

or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,

² but their delight is in the law of God,

and on that law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees

**Please rise in body or spirit*

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶for God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

He That Keepeth Israel

*He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.
He will give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.*

*Put thy trust in him, and call upon him,
For his ears are open unto thy prayers.
He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.*

Beth Langley, *alto*
Adolphe Schlösser

THE SECOND LESSON

John 17:6-19

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to

be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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 387** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Festive Scherzo”

Malcolm Archer

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen,
we can hear the whisper of the heart
giving strength to weakness, courage to fear,
hope to despair.

~ Howard Thurman

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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Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
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