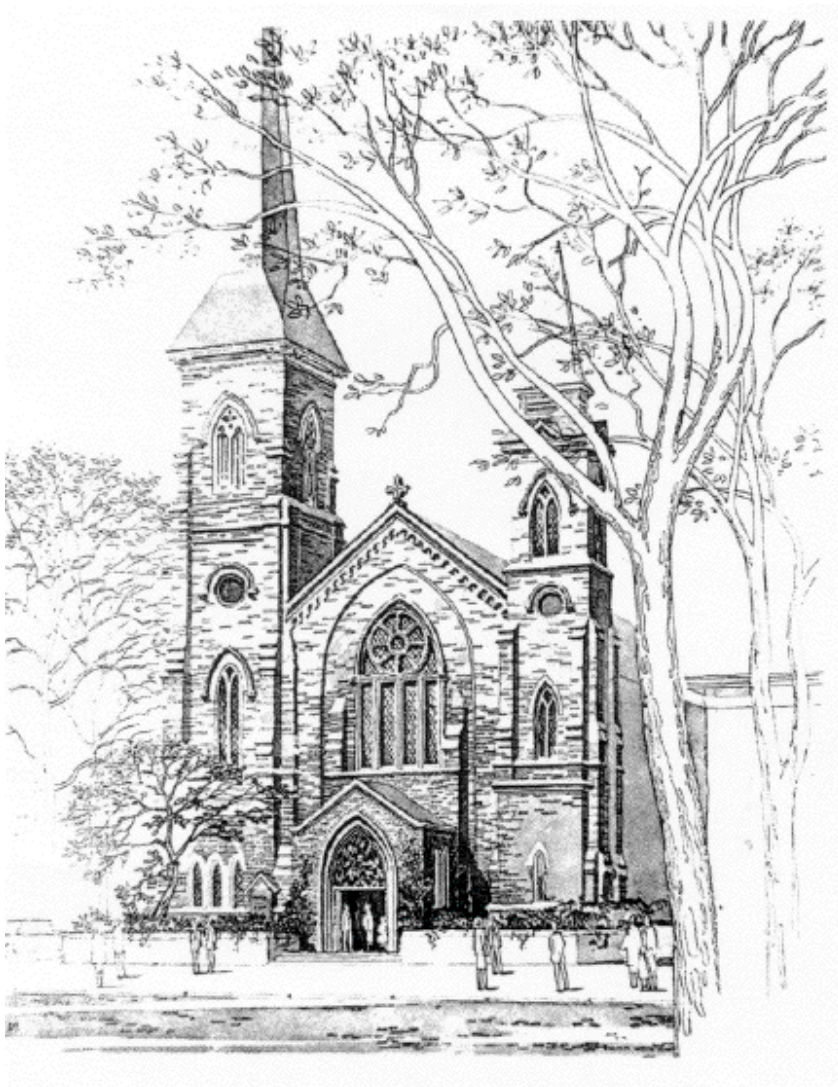


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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**FEBRUARY 8, 2026 10:30 AM**

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**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**

Only Trust Him

STOCKTON, arr. James Southbridge

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout aloud! Do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

**We come to seek God, desiring to know God's ways.**

God asks us: Is this not the fast that God chooses:

to loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free?

**We are called to reach out to our neighbors and welcome those in need.**

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly.

**God will guide us continually, and satisfy our needs in parched places.**

Come, let us become repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in.

**Let us worship the God of justice and peace!**

**\*HYMN 755** Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We confess that we often prefer the appearance of piety over the practice of justice. We fast for our own interests, yet ignore the hungry and the oppressed. We have been salt that has lost its flavor, failing to preserve what is good in the world. We have been a light hidden under a bushel, afraid to let your truth expose our own shadows.**

**Forgive us, O God. Break the yokes we lay upon others and upon ourselves. Pour your grace into our parched places, so that we may become like well-watered gardens, rebuilding the ancient ruins and living as the light you intended us to be. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*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

Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Most High?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of God shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and God will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>God will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN 459 O Word of God Incarnate**

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## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the realm of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the realm of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the realm of heaven.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Brigid Boyle

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Beth Langley, *contralto*

All Creatures of Our God And King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. Christopher Stevens

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God in all and cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Rushing wind that art so strong, clouds that sail in Heav'n along,  
Rising morn in praise rejoice, lights of evening, find a voice.  
All ye men of tender heart, forgive others, take your part.  
Praise the Farther, praise the Son; praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

# 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 767** Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

All Creatures Of Our God And King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. Larry Shackley

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

**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  
Fellowship Hour ..... the Langley family

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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Sandra Murphy.....Music Director  
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