

PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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**MARCH 17, 2024 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**

“Morning Has Broken” (BUNESSAN)

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

With my whole heart I seek you, O God.

**I treasure your word in my heart.**

Let your steadfast love become my comfort.

**Let your mercy come to me that I may live.**

May your word be a lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

**\*HYMN 475** O That I Had a Thousand Voices O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HATTE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious and loving God,  
you have forgiven us countless times.**

**Yet we still find it hard to practice forgiveness with each other.**

**You have loved us and called us into a new way of life together,  
and we often fall back into old ways.**

**Forgive us, we pray.  
Teach us to offer others the same grace and mercy  
that you have generously given to us  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**      NETTLETON

*Come, thou fount of every blessing;  
Tune my heart to sing the grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

## **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 119:9-16

- <sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.
- <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;  
do not let me stray from your commandments.
- <sup>11</sup> I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O God;  
teach me your statutes.
- <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.
- <sup>14</sup> I delight in the way of your decrees  
as much as in all riches.
- <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*  
Speed/Olgun

### Return to You

*I've read the stories  
Of heartache and of glory.  
I've prayed ev'ry prayer for you.  
And I've tasted glory  
Because you say we're worthy.  
I've sung ev'ry song for you.  
But I have a wandering heart  
And a fickle faith.  
Can you find me here,  
Can I see your face?*

### Chorus:

*Help me return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do.  
Than return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do.  
The storm may rise, the trumpet sound,  
the curtain tear, and even now,  
Return to you  
There's nothing I'd rather do  
Than return to you.*

*I'll leave the boat  
But when the storm comes, I'll let go  
And I'll sink faster than a stone.  
And I've called your name  
When the world is full of pain,  
But I still need to see your hands.  
Cause I have a wandering heart  
And a fickle faith.  
Can you find me here?  
Can I see your face?*

### Chorus

*Teach me to rend my heart  
Teach me to turn to you  
Teach me to rend my heart  
Teach me to love like you*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:15-22

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

The 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

Love Your Neighbor and Forgive

REDHEAD NO. 76

*Please see hymn insert*

### \*BENEDICTION

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## **POSTLUDE**

“The Kerry Dance”

traditional Irish, arr. Margaret Casson

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

*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.*

## **Announcements for March 17, 2024**

### **Sunday, March 24**

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

Lenten gatherings will continue every Wednesday, online only, through March 20.

### **Sound Bath**

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held Monday, March 18, at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event!

### **Save the Date**

We will be packing kits for Church World Service after worship on April 14. All are welcome, and a simple lunch will be provided!

### **Get Involved!**

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall for greeters and Fellowship Hour hosts. If you are interested in reading during worship, please contact the office. Don't hesitate to ask questions about these roles. Another great idea is to partner with someone else to host Fellowship Hour!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Sara Hahne

Forgiveness cannot happen in isolation  
and certainly neither can reconciliation nor restoration.  
The movement toward wholeness is the movement toward one another.

~ Lauren Wright Pittman

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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology  
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