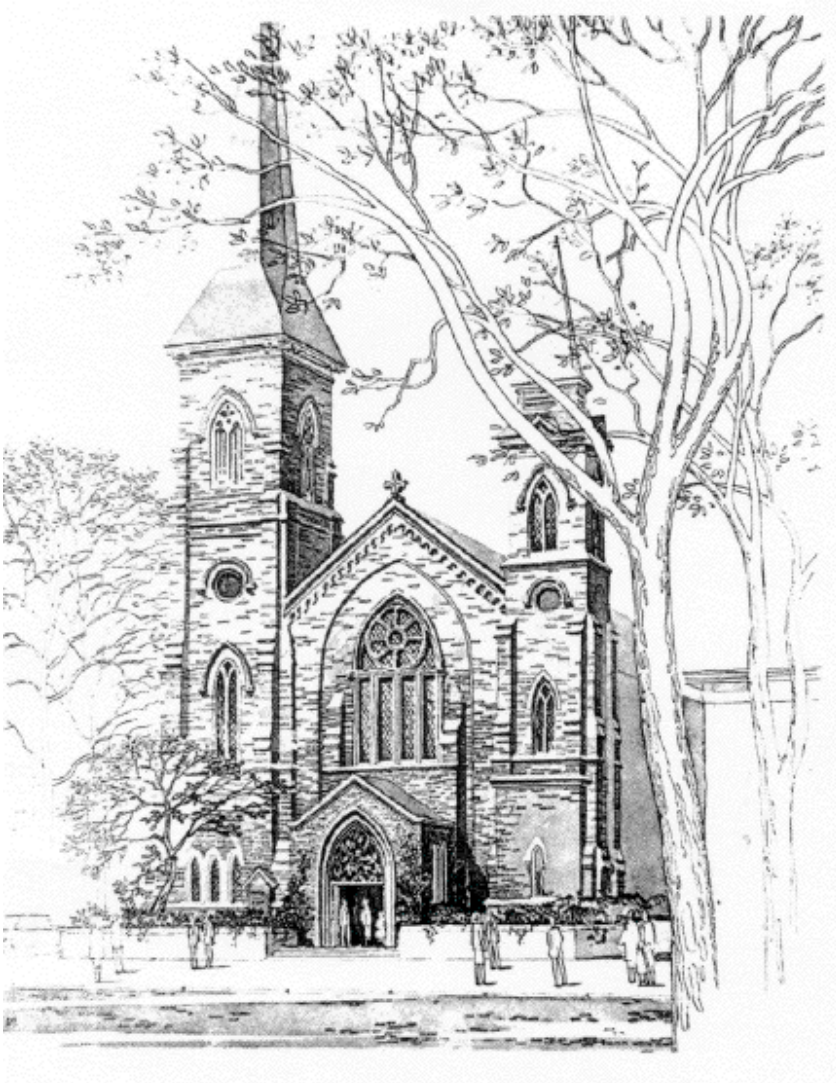


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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SEPTEMBER 29, 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**

“Andante in C major” Op. 13, No. 2

Otto Dienel

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*, Sandra Murphy, *organ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**A love that never ceases,**  
A creativity that designed the universe,  
**A hope that cannot be quenched,**  
A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:  
**These are the things that are of God,**  
Then let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 297** O Lord of Every Shining Constellation

VICAR

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of life, hear our prayer:**  
**Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,**  
**that lead instead to violence, hate, or fear,**  
**paths that lead to dread and death.**  
**Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,**  
**life that is abundant and eternal,**

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**life that began at the creation of all things.  
Forgive us, turn us toward paths of trust and courage,  
of grace and generosity, and let your love flow over us and the world.  
We pray 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 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar; the empires totter;  
God thunders; the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The God of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of God;  
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
God burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> The God of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Ensemble

Megan Cook, *soloist*

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning,*

*It's been a long hard fight, but I can see a new day a-dawning.*

*I've been looking for the sunshine, 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.*

*Everything's gonna work out fine.*

*Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.*

*I can see the light of a clear blue morning.*

*I can see the light of a brand new day.*

*Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and

said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the realm of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Brigid Boyle

## 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 386 O for a World

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## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"Joyful Processional"

Colin Mawby

*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.*

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

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