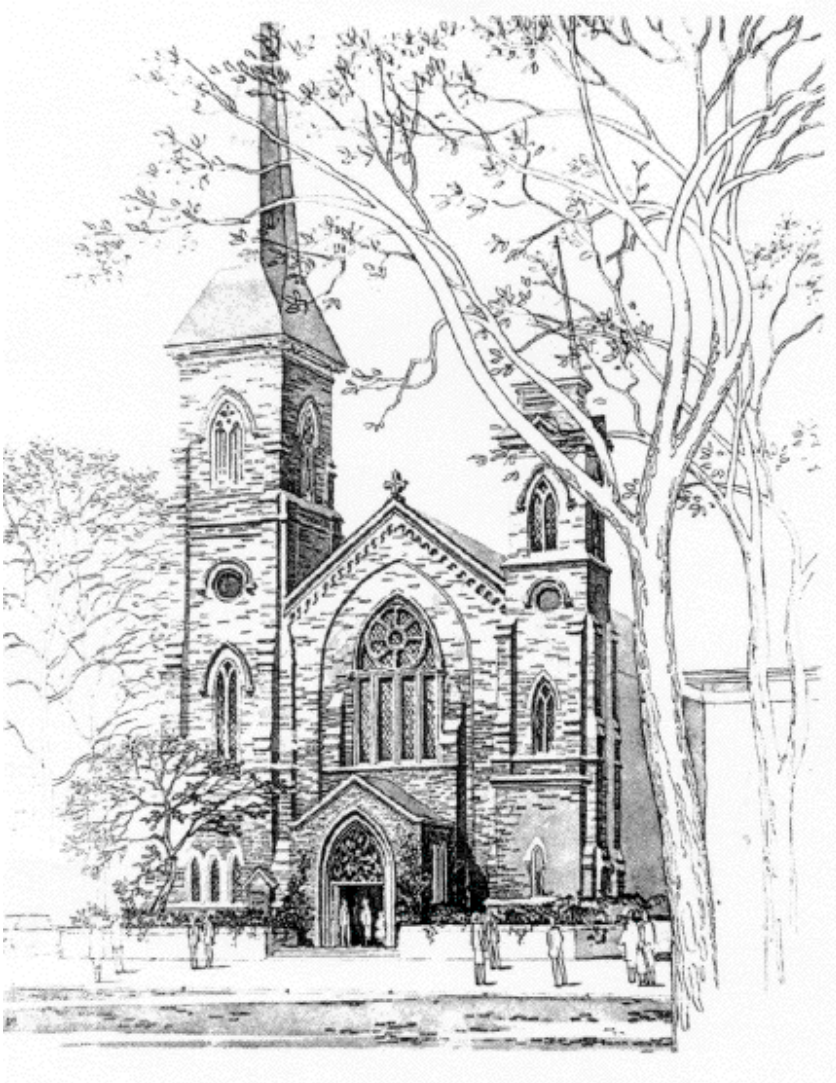


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 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

“Wondrous Grace” (quoting WONDROUS LOVE and NEW BRITAIN) Mary Ann Fritz
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship with joy,
trusting God's holy word will inspire us.
**We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**
May God hear our praise!
May we be counted among the great congregation.
**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

***HYMN 517** We Come as Guests Invited

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, you are the true vine,
and you have made us your branches.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**In your grace, we find strength,
In your love, we are set free.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who have been freed
and when we act as if the Easter story
did not turn the world upside down.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who are your branches
and when we forget that we are rooted in you
and bound to one another by your spirit.
Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine,
and teach us to abide in you. 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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who revere God.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek God shall give praise.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to God;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before God.

²⁸ For dominion belongs to God,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹ To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before God shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for God.

³⁰ Posterity will serve God;
future generations will be told about God,

³¹ and proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that God has done it.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God

When I, in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds, Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Megan Hook, *soprano*
Swedish Folk Melody

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 15:1-8

¹“I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vinegrower. ²God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Abba is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

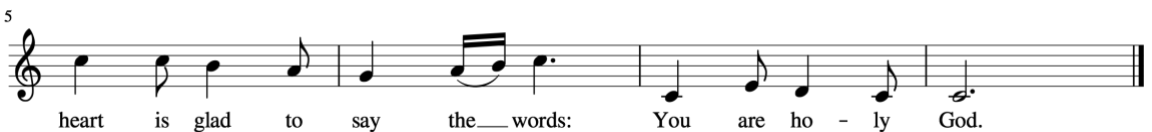
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God...

... the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:



Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...

.... Great is the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
... now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, O God, for giving us communion
with our risen and glorious Lord.
Now send us out to be a sign
of the new life that has come into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 514** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Variation on 'Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele”

Johann Pachelbel

*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 for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour David Aronson & Sara Hahne

Wondrous Vinegrower,
you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.
Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship*

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

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