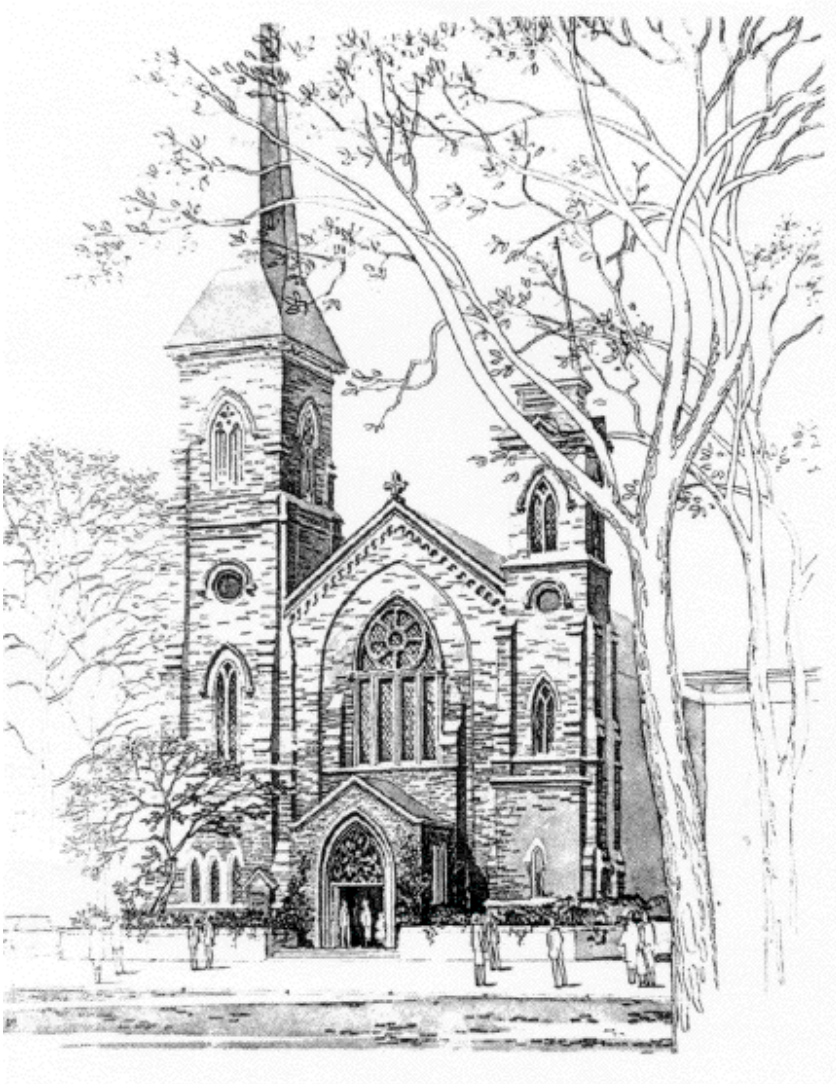


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026 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

Pastorale

Dennis Eliot

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to God; call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing praises to God and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

***HYMN 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA No. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**you have come among us with great love
in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us when we do not recognize you
in the faces of strangers, enemies, or even friends.**

**Forgive us when we are slow to share
our tables and our lives with others.**

**Forgive us when we forget
that we need you and each other.**

**Come to us again as we open our hearts and
listen for your word.**

Come to us as we break bread together in your name.

**Come to us and call us deeper
into the way of life and love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when those who were gathered heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Sisters and brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Most High our God calls.” ⁴⁰ And Peter testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 252 Day of Arising

RAABE

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13–35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ Jesus asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some

women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then be glorified?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

You'll Never Walk Alone

*When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark*

*At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Megan Hook, *soprano*

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

*Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown*

*Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone*

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 748** Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*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!



Announcements for April 19, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 pm Sound bath

Sunday, April 26

9:00 am Bible study

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear warm comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket.

LGBTQ+ Inclusion Workshops

All are welcome to join in a series of conversations about the LGBTQ+ community and the church. These will be held after worship on April 19 and 26 and May 3. Together we will discuss ways we can increase our welcome and inclusion! Even if you can't make it to all three, you're welcome to join.

Save the Dates

Park Central will be participating in the Interfaith Pride Worship Service on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at All Saints Church, and all are welcome!

This year's Pride parade will be held on June 13, and we look forward to marching together as we celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Sara Hahne

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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