

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM:
PRAYER AND CONVERSATION

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.*

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

“Canto Religioso”

Max Donner

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to service,
rather than honor.
God calls us to love the unknown,
rather than the familiar.
We come to this time of worship,
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

***HYMN 374** Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in glory with all the angels, then he will sit on the throne of glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ Noticing how the guests chose the places of honor, Jesus told them a parable.

⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that upon your arrival, the host may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor and maimed and lame and blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

The Summer Choir
attrib. L. Chapin
arr. Moonyeen Albrecht

*Love consecrates the humblest act
And hallows mercy's deeds;
It sheds a benediction sweet
And hallows human needs.*

*When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
Of his disciples, he gave us
A sign of Love complete.*

*Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
What Christ in Love so true
Has freely done for one and all,
Let us now gladly do!*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND 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.**

DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
for they shall be filled.

The God who promises life, and that in abundance, invites us to the table -
**where we share in the abundance of life,
where we practice living in the Kingdom of God.**

This table is God's table.

This table is open to all who seek to follow the way of Jesus.

Here we meet friend and stranger and recognize all as family.

Come and taste the grace eternal. Come and see that God is good.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

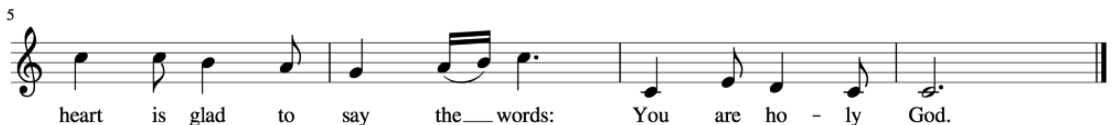
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

...joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as
we sing together:



Blessed are you, O God...
...ready to be your people in the world.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God,
thank you for gathering us together at this table,
one with each other and with all your children.
Bind us together as your one body,
that we may share your grace with all those we meet. Amen.**

***H**YMN Jesus, Be with Us
Please see hymn insert

***B**ENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Prologue”

Anton Bruckner

Following the postlude, you are invited to join members of the session in the Gathering Hall for informal conversation about dismantling structural racism. Please see the packet for a summary of this half of the summer sermon series.

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Nancy Moeur

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us,
so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these" - not as a group to be pitied,
but as people who are deeply loved by Jesus.

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.

Through this initiative, we have pledged to concentrate on
building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

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