

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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OCTOBER 22, 2023 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

String Quartet Op. 76, No. 3 "Emperor"
II. Poco Adagio

Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Nicolaj Hansen

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all the earth.
Sing to God and bless God's name.
Tell of God's saving power from day to day.
Worship God in holy splendor.
Tremble before God, all the earth.

***HYMN 216** O Sing a New Song to the Lord

GONFALON ROYAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and truth,
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.
If we are honest,
we know that we hold so much back.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We have promised you our obedience,
but we often fulfill other desires first.
We have promised you our worship,
but we tend to give our hearts to other priorities.
We have promised to do your work in the world,
but we are frequently too anxious or scared
to commit ourselves with all that we have.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Teach us each day to live more and more
as your grateful and trusting people
through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 96:1-13

- ¹ O sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all the earth.
- ² Sing to God, bless that holy name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Most High and greatly to be praised;
indeed, to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Most High made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before God;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to God the glory due that holy name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts.
- ⁹ Worship God in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "God is sovereign!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
God will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before God, who is coming to judge the earth,
and who will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with truth.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Marissa Saunders and the Park Central Ensemble

Savior

Tiphani Montgomery

*Savior, the girl you saved has come to worship you,
The man you saved has come to worship you.*

*Helper, the girl you helped has come to worship you,
The man you helped has come to worship you.*

*Healer, the girl you healed has come to worship you,
The man you healed has come to worship you.*

*Jesus, the girl you love has come to worship you,
The man you love has come to worship you,
The child you love has come to worship you,
The church you love has come to worship you.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left Jesus and went away.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS: Tom Packard, Marissa Saunders, Craig Williams
DEACONS: Elberta Bradshaw, Cindy Wilcox

Questions for Church Officers:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(for Elders) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of

Jesus Christ?

(for Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for the Congregation:

Do we, the members of Park Central Presbyterian Church, accept the people before us as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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** Everyone Is Worthy
Please see hymn insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Kentucky Celebration”

Early American Melody
Arr. Joseph Martin

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship HourBriana and Justin Vaught

Holy God,
you have made us in your image,
and we belong to you alone.
We offer ourselves to you,
in love, praise, and service.
Use us for the glory of your realm
and the good of your people.
Amen.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* and
Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts

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
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager

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