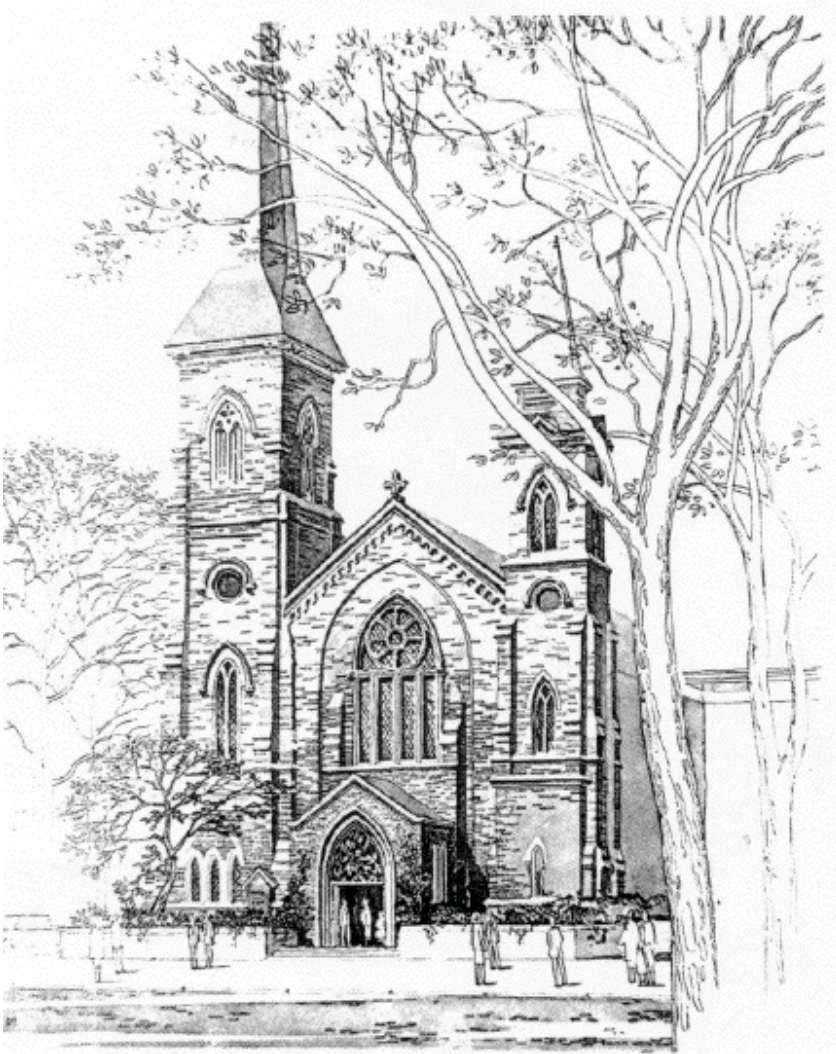


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 15, 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

“Walking in Grace”

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Todd Beaney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have been gathered in this place for this time,
**that we might hear the good news
we cannot help but share.**
On this day and each one to come,
**may the words of our mouths,
the meditations of our hearts,
and the actions of our lives
proclaim our faith.**

***HYMN 288** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be who you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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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 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like an athlete runs the course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of God is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the decrees of God are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of God are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of God is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the reverence of God is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of God are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O God, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*
Dan Blumenthal, *flute*; Sandra Murphy, *piano*
Marty Haugen

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

*Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carried the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne. Refrain*

*Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest
breeze;
they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord. Refrain*

*Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
from death until life her mystery revealed springs forth in joy! Refrain*

*Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright, he sings of you! Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with the disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And Jesus sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and

began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at the disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ Jesus called the crowd with the disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of God with the holy angels.”

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

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 God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God....

... the heavenly host, who sing to your glory:



Thank you, O God...

.... Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ...
... almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us out in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue to walk together
in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen**

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

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (ELLACOMBE)
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Todd Beaney

*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.*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Announcements for September 15, 2024

Monday, September 16

1:00 pm Trustees meeting

7:00 pm Sound Bath

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 pm Deacons meeting

Wednesday, September 18

2:00 pm Trustees meeting

Sunday, September 22

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour and Household Closet move

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be tomorrow, September 16 at 7 pm. More information is available on the Arts at Park page on the website. All are welcome!

Household Closet

We will be moving the Household Closet to its new home next Sunday, September 22 after worship. Please stay to help if you are able!

Age Well Day

Park Central is partnering with other area organizations to host an Age Well Day on the topic of eating well. It will be held here on Tuesday, September 24 from 1-3 pm. All are welcome to attend, and we would love for people to volunteer to provide hospitality. Please contact the office if you are interested!

Church Clean-out Day Scheduled!

We will be renting a dumpster and cleaning out the church on Saturday, October 5! We have also selected October 12 as a rain date. Please come if you are able. There are jobs for all!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship HourBeth and Dean Langley and Megan Hook

O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
~ Psalm 34:8

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from our *Book of Common 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
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
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