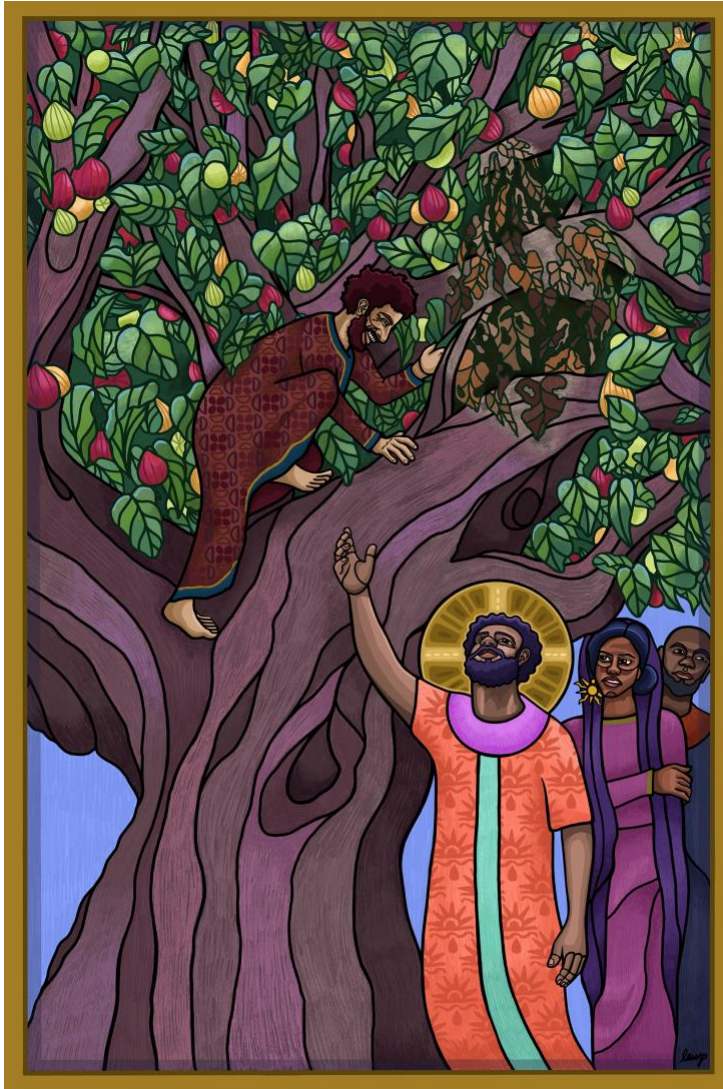


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in Lent

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025 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

“The Swan”

Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Alexandre Guilmant

Dan Blumenthal, *cello* and Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to draw near to the God of love

who has already drawn near to us.

We come to worship the God of grace

who embraces us with mercy and love.

We come to praise the God of salvation

who brings restoration and new life.

Let us gather with grateful hearts

and sing praise to God.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we are often quick
to cast blame or point fingers at others.
We label others as sinners and
resolve to have nothing to do with them.
Forgive us when we fail to be merciful
and lead us again to paths of righteousness.
Show us how acts of mercy
and compassion can spark the
mending of relationships
and the restoration of community. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, Lord!

ARGENTINE SANTO

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

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says God,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

It Is Enough

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Felix Mendelssohn

Aria from the oratorio “Elijah” Op. 70

*It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life,
For I am not better than my fathers!
I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity!
I have been very jealous for the Lord, for the Lord God of Hosts,
For the children of Israel have broken thy covenant, and thrown thine altars,
And slain all thy prophets, slain them with the sword.
And I, even I only am left; and they seek my life to take it away.
It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life,
For I am not better than my fathers;
Now let me die, Lord, take away my life.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man named Zacchaeus was there, a chief tax collector who was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “Jesus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to Jesus, “Look, half of my possessions I will give to those who are poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Sarah and Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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SERMON

Righteousness & Mercy

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

***HYMN**

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

Please see hymn insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Danse Joyeux”

Mark Hayes

Dan Blumenthal, *cello* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

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.*

Announcements for April 6, 2025

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Thursday, April 10

9:00 am Mission, Membership, and Outreach
Committee meeting

Sunday, April 13

9:30 am Spiritual practice
10:30 am Worship service
11:30 am Fellowship hour



Lent Offerings

Next Sunday will be our last spiritual practices session. Beginning at 9:30, we will reflect on the sessions and on our personal spiritual practices.

Next Sunday, April 13, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with palms and a recounting of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

We will host a service of shadows, called Tenebrae, on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. We will read scripture and follow Jesus from his betrayal to his burial.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will celebrate together with Emmanuel Congregation. We hope to see you at this joyful worship service!

Mission Report

Marissa Saunders will be sharing about her mission trip to Uganda during fellowship hour today.

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm. The sound bath is a time to allow your body and your mind to rest and recenter. All are welcome!

Volunteers Wanted!

Please let the office know if you are interested in helping to load kits for Church World Service onto the truck the morning of Wednesday, May 28.

The Pride parade is on Saturday, June 21, and we are registered as a group with a vehicle this year. If you have a truck we can use for this purpose, please let us know!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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.

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
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