

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Son, Rise” by T. Denise Anderson | A Sanctified Art

Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 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

“23rd psalm”

Bobby McFerrin

Members of the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble
Jeff Welcher, *conductor*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holy God, bring us into your presence today.

Bring us again and again into your light

until your ways become visible to us

and bear fruit in our lives.

Let us worship our God who gives us all we need.

***HYMN 83** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we are people in need of grace and light.

Our ways are flawed,

but your ways are true.

We like to see ourselves as good people,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**but we are quick to pass judgment on others.
We want to stand firmly
with those who are vulnerable,
but often find ways to step back and protect ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us into your light
that we may see ourselves rightly.
Bring us into your light
that we may know ourselves loved.
Bring us into your light
that we may live more abundant lives.
Shine upon us with your grace
and lead us in the way of Jesus,
the light of the world. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Peter Pindar Stearns

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 9:1-41 (pg. 976)

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER CAROLYN CORRIDERS

QUESTION TO NEW MEMBER

Do you promise to be a faithful member of Park Central Presbyterian Church by sharing in the worship and service of this congregation, by nurturing your faith in prayer and study, and by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ wherever you may go?

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We pledge to give you our support and care as you enter the membership of this church. We will pray with you and for you. We will worship with you and serve with you. We will share your burdens and joys, so that together we may all grow in faith and love as followers of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

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** 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLOMBA

***BENEDICTION**

“Never Wanted Broken”

Leonard Patton
arr. Matt Falker

Members of the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble
Jeff Welcher, *conductor*

POSTLUDE

“Ag Críost An Síol” (Christ's Is The Seed)

Seán Ó Riada

Dan Blumenthal, *fiddle*

*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.*

Special thanks to the members of the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble
for their contributions to our worship today:

Soprano

Bernadette Castilano
Sandra Murphy
Ceara Windhausen

Tenor

Bruce Keplinger
Matthew Martin

Alto

Caryn Patterson
Jenna Sherry
Connie Walters

Bass

C. J. Oliver
Bruce Ward
Jeff Welcher, conductor

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Marissa Saunders

The man born blind has an encounter with Jesus
that raises him to a new life
and offers the whole community a new understanding of God's works.
It's a new day for everyone, though that proves to be a difficult gift to receive.

~ Rev. Denise Anderson

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*

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.....Interim Organist
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
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