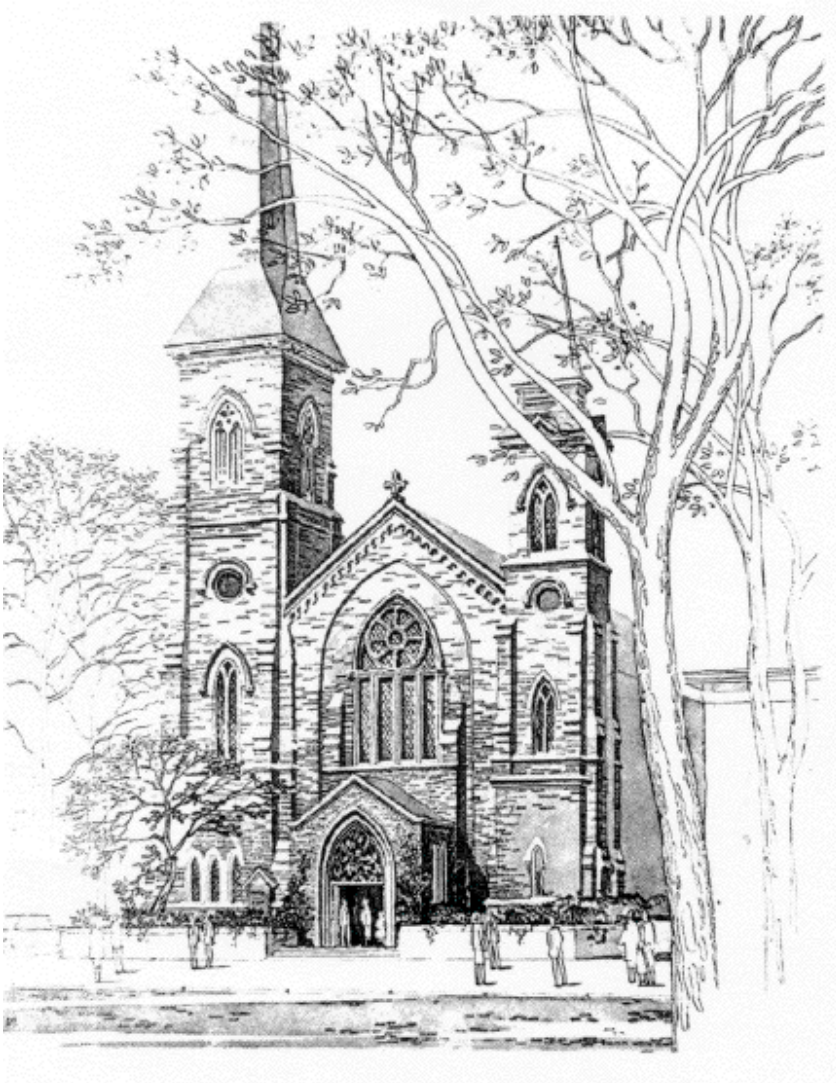


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday of Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 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

“Holy Manna”

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

William Moore
arr. Joseph M. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to our God!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

***HYMN**

Sister Spirit, Brother Spirit

HOLY MANNA

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, whose love knows no bounds,
forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.
When we turn away from the goodness of your love,
call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend.
When we stumble over the gift of your grace,
lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.
When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world,
shower us with peace like a gentle rain.
Forgive us, risen Christ, and turn us once again
to the way of love in the world. 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

1 John 5:1-6

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey God's commandments. And God's commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
And all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord.
Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God,
But that he loves us and sent his only Son to frere us from our sin.
How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God?
He sent his only Son to die for our sins.
Is there greater love than this?
Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all men,
And live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.
Let us love one another.*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

⁹ As God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept God's commandments and abide in God's love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Abba. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

***HYMN 398** There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“A Trumpet Fancy”

Leon Nelson

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
Fellowship Hour.....Ben Merchant

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me,
for others, and for the world.
Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things
you are doing around and within me today.
Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus and his confidence in me.
Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree,
bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the
Word Worship Companion* and *Call to 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

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
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