

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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AUGUST 7, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM:
AFFIRM PEOPLE WHO ARE MARGINALIZED

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.

Please maintain social distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Sonata, K. 332”
II. Adagio

W. A. Mozart

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of God is upon us!

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free.

Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

***HYMN** Jesus, Be with Us

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**you created each of us in your image and
call us to live and serve in community as one body.**

We confess that we often do not see each other equally or accurately.

**We tend to think that some are more gifted, more worthy,
even more godly than others.**

**Rather than claiming Christ's grace and love,
we often judge one another, even ourselves, by worldly standards.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Open our hearts to the beauty of your image
in each of your children and lead us to
follow the way of love together.**

We pray this humbly in Christ's name. 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

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in God's image,
in the divine image God created them;
male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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 free 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 all 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

Luke 4:16-19

¹⁶ When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of God is upon me,
who has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor,
who has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of God’s favor.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

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 332 Live Into Hope

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Holiday”

Gordon Young

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us,
so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.

Jesus calls us to serve "the least of these" - not as a group to be pitied,
but as people who are deeply loved by Jesus.

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.

Through this initiative, we have pledged to concentrate on
building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from
Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.

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