

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pentecost Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 8, 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

“Sacred Currents”

Connor Chee (b. 1987)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of God comes like the wind of heaven, unseen and free.

The Spirit of God comes like fire, vibrant and powerful.

The Spirit of God fills us with new life.

The Spirit of God comforts us.

The Spirit of God strengthens us and gives us courage.

**Let us worship with joy as we celebrate
the work of the Holy Spirit among us.**

***HYMN 127** Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come to us, Holy Spirit!

Come as a raging fire!

**Burn down the barriers within us
that keep us from addressing wrong
that we may do justice in the world.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**Come to us, Holy Spirit!
Come as a fierce wind!
Blow us into paths of righteousness
that we may walk humbly with our God.**

**Come to us, Holy Spirit!
Come as a fresh spring of water!
Cleanse us and wash away our sin
that we may rise up refreshed
and aim our hearts towards
loving-kindness all our days. 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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 104:24-35

- ²⁴ O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- ²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ May the glory of God endure forever;
may God rejoice in God's works—
- ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to God as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to God, in whom I rejoice.
- ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
- Bless God, O my soul.
Praise God!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Call

Robert Allen, *tenor*
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, they are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your children shall prophesy,
and your young people shall see visions,
and your old people shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon those enslaved to me,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of God’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved.’”

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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.

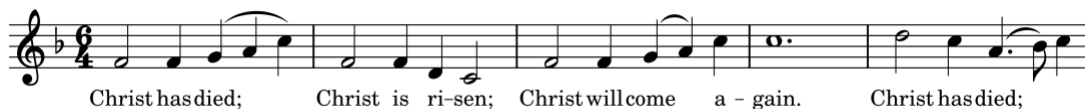
Blessed are you, O Lord our God ...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.



Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior....

....as we share this joyful feast.



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

... we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Organ Music During Communion

Murmurations

Adrian Foster

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

Prayer after Communion

**Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit
you have nourished and filled us.
Send us out with joy to share the vision
of the new creation you have begun
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF BLESSING

***HYMN 555** Now Thank We All Our God

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in G Major”

Wilhelm Hieronymus Pachelbel, ed. Jon Spong
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

*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 June 8, 2025

Scan here to donate!

Sunday, June 15

9:00 am Bible study
10:30 am Worship service
11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be on Tuesday, June 17 at 7 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. The sound bath is a time to allow your body and your mind to rest and recenter. All are welcome!

Pride Month

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! All are welcome to walk or ride with us in the parade. Please sign up in the Gathering Hall!

Park Central is part of the planning and leadership of the Interfaith Pride Worship Service. It will be this Tuesday, June 10 at 7 pm at May Memorial UU Society. All are welcome!

Juneteenth

Park Central is sponsoring a booth at the Juneteenth Festival downtown on June 13 and 14. Two local businesses will share the tent. If you attend, be sure to stop by!

Support for Immigrant Neighbors

The Syracuse Immigration and Refugee Defense Network will be holding trainings this month for those who would like to meet transportation needs for immigrant neighbors. They ask that prospective drivers participate in a SIRDN Transportation Training. To find out more, send an email to sirdn315@gmail.com.

Save the Dates!

We will show a documentary about Christian nationalism, *God and Country*, on Tuesday, July 8. Time is TBA.

Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets for a Syracuse Mets game in July and volunteering at the Matthew 25 Farm in August.

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
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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