

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

Second Sunday after Pentecost

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 19, 2022 10:30 AM
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS
WEEK 2: BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY:
GATHER ACROSS DIFFERENCES

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

“Improvisation on ‘Balm in Gilead’”

arr. Joseph Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From north to south, from east to west.

God gathers us in.

From joy and sorrow, from plenty and want.

God gathers us in.

From young to not so young, from every skin color and identity.

God gathers us in.

From those confident in their faith to those struggling to believe.

God gathers us in.

Come now and worship our God!

***HYMN 386** O for a World

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CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought,
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded
and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive the divisions we nurture,
guide us to your way, keep us in your care,
and lead us into faith.
We trust your word
that the Spirit of truth will show us all things
and grant us courage and peace. 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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Most High your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of your God, for God will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to your God; you shall not do any work—you, your child, your slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore God blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honor your parents, so that your days may be long in the land that your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *piano and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Andrae Crouch

Soon and Very Soon

*Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.*

*No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.*

*No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.*

Instrumental interlude

*Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, siblings, by the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my siblings. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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***HYMN 563** Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“A City Called Heaven”

arr. Joseph Martin

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists Michael & Susan Barbour

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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