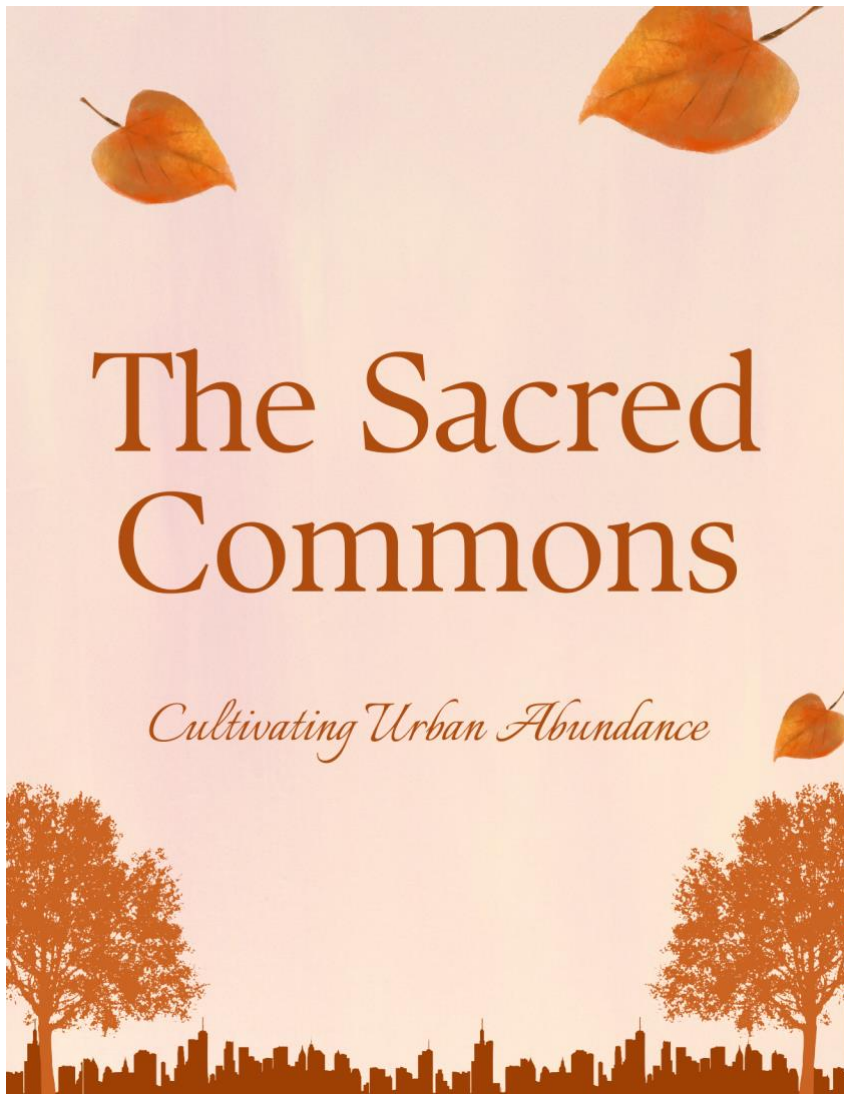


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



World Communion Sunday

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026 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

*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

Berceuse

Harry Hoffman, arr. Irwin Hoffman

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of many paths, we arrive in this sacred space.

We gather to worship, to listen, and to grow together.

We are called to love our neighbors, near and far,
and to seek justice in our communities.

Let us open our hearts to the stories, songs, and spirit of one another.

Come, let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN 505** The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

THE FEAST IS READY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

as we gather on this World Communion Sunday,

may your Spirit awaken new hope in us.

As we break bread together,

unite us as people who are grateful

for your welcoming mercy,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**for each other's companionship,
and for your guiding presence.
Grant us the vision to see the coming of your realm.
Grant us courage to join in your great work of love
so that peace and justice may flourish.
Amen.**

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Most High
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are God's cherished garden;
God expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 5** God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then the owner leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, the owner sent slaves to the tenants to collect the produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized the slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again the landowner sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then the landowner sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was God’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³"Therefore I tell you, the realm of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

The Park Central Ensemble
RENDEZ À DIEU, arr. Carlton Young

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken. Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and gracious God...

...sing to the glory of your name:



Holy God, blessed is Jesus Christ...
... Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...
...eternal God, now and forever.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks
for meeting us at this table and feeding us with your grace.
Having received the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
strengthen us to become what we have received:
the body of Christ for the world.
Send us out with grateful hearts, courageous spirits,
and lives shaped by your love,
until all creation is gathered into
the flourishing and fullness of your peace. Amen.**

***HYMN 372** O for a World

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

A Festive Trumpet Tune

Gilbert M. Martin

**Please rise in body or spirit*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Fellowship HourBen Merchant

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.

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