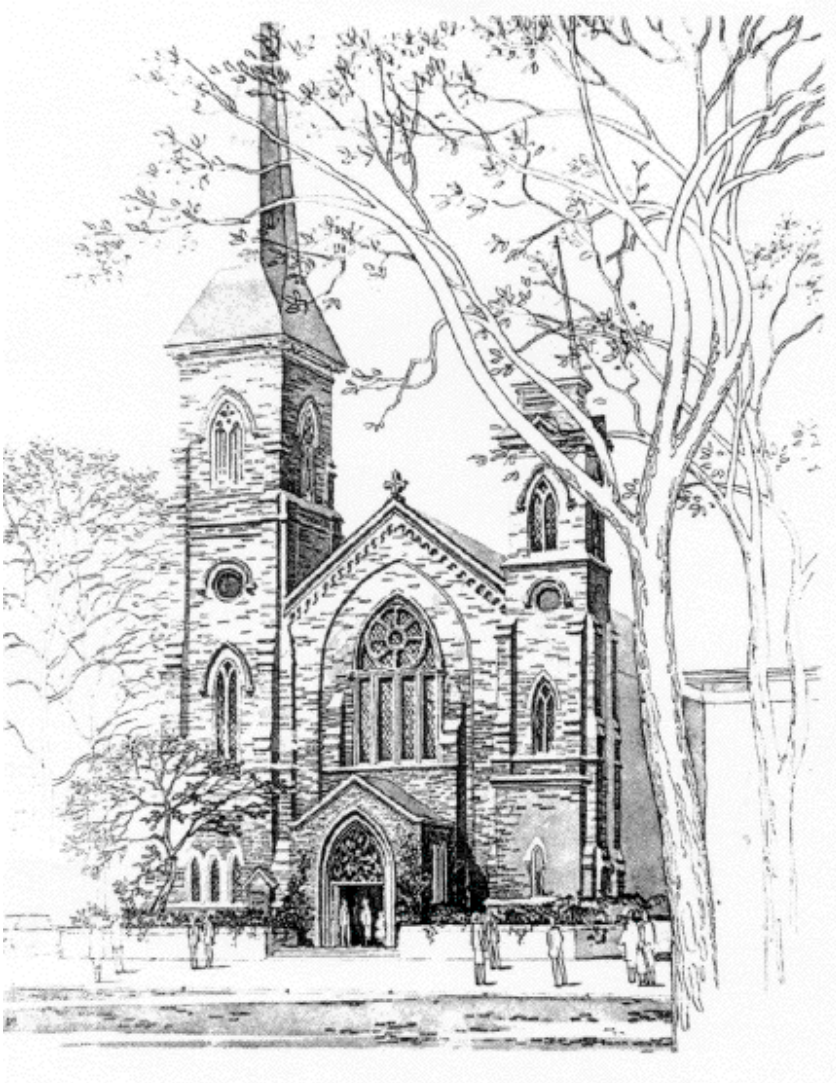


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 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 & 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

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED, arr. Mark Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In you, O God, we seek a place to belong.

Be a rock of safety for us, a strong house where we can be protected.

Be our shelter and our strength.

Lead us and show us the way.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 463** How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we confess that we are often afraid to trust you. We hold on tight to our worries and our plans, forgetting that our lives are in your hands. We let our hearts grow cold and our spirits grow weak. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from your light to follow our own shadows. Be our refuge today. Calm our fears, heal our regrets, and help us to stand firm on the solid ground of your love. Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O God, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**Please rise in body or spirit*

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O God, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 214** You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

MORNING SONG

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Brigid Boyle

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Panis Angelicus

Megan Hook, *soprano*

César Franck

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum;
O res mirabilis! manducat dominum
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.*

May the Bread of Angels become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish
The poor, the poor, the servile, and the humble.
The poor, the poor, the servile, and the humble.

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

The Lord 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

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

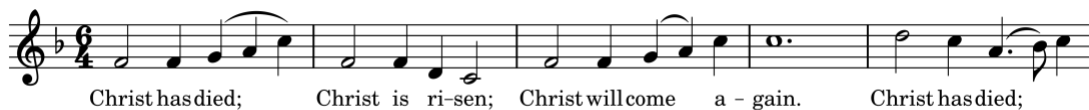


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord_ God of pow - er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty...
... Great is the Mystery of Faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died;



Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

Angel's Serenade

Gaetano Braga

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

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament that makes us new and strong and ready to serve. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

***HYMN 686** God of Our Life

SANDON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION, arr. Todd Beaney

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

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught

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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Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
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