

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Beseeching”
Hannah Garrity – A Sanctified Art

Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2024 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

“Pavane”

Maurice Ravel
arr. Alan Ridout

“Lament”

Philip Moore

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us give thanks for God's wonderful works.

Let us tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.

***HYMN**

The Way

RATHBUN

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

We often find ourselves moving through a world
that does not make sense.

We see no justice, and we want to make things right.

Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"

Forgive us when we forget that you hold the world in your hands.

Forgive us for arguing and acting before we listen
for your voice and for your plan.

Forgive us for the moments when we lead
with declarations instead of humility.

Teach us again to listen for your calling
and to follow as you lead us to do justice,

love kindness, and walk humbly on your way. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing;

Tune my heart to sing the grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of God's unchanging love!

NETTLETON

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹ O give thanks to God, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of God say so,
those redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹ Then they cried to God in their trouble,
and were saved from their distress;

²⁰ God sent out God's word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

²¹ Let them thank God for steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

²² And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The PCPC Ensemble

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

*The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.*

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My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Title Italics

Elder Marissa Saunders

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

***HYMN 384** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Variation on 'Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele”

Johann Pachelbel

*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 March 10, 2024

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 pm Lenten study

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Wednesdays in Lent

Lenten gatherings will continue every Wednesday, online only, through March 20.

Sound Bath

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held Monday, March 18, at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event!

Save the Date

We will be packing kits for Church World Service after worship on April 14. All are welcome, and a simple lunch will be provided!

Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall for greeters and Fellowship Hour hosts. If you are interested in reading during worship, please contact the office. Don't hesitate to ask questions about these roles. Another great idea is to partner with someone else to host Fellowship Hour!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Peter's faith journey reminds us that
faith doesn't always shield us from hardship.
As we reflect on Peter's journey and the challenges of our own faith,
let us remember that unraveling can lead to profound growth.

~ Terence Lester

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from
Wandering Heart: Words for Worship by Sarah Are Speed

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.

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
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