

PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MATTHEW 25

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
AUGUST 14, 2022 10:30 AM  
MATTHEW 25: CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS  
DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM:  
WORK FOR LIBERATION WHILE CHALLENGING OPPRESSION

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**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**

"Adoration"

Florence Price  
arr. Elaine Fine

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN 334** When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save us.  
We confess that we stray from you  
and turn aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride.  
We have failed in love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive us.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

Numbers 27:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hopher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh, son of Joseph. The names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup> They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the congregation of those who gathered themselves together against God in the congregation of Korah but died for his own sin, and he had no sons. <sup>4</sup> Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.”

<sup>5</sup> Moses brought their case before God. <sup>6</sup> And God spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>7</sup> “The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father’s brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. <sup>8</sup> You shall also speak to the Israelites, saying: If a man dies and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. <sup>9</sup> If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. <sup>10</sup> If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. <sup>11</sup> And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest relative of his clan, who shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as God commanded Moses.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *piano and vocals*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Marty Haugen

### Canticle of the Sun

Refrain:

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
And all creation is shouting for joy!  
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,  
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

*Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,  
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne!*

*Praise to the rain that waters our fields,  
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;  
From death unto life her mystery revealed  
Springs forth in joy!*

*Sing to the earth,  
Who makes life to grow  
The creatures you made to let your life show;  
The flowers and trees that help us to know  
The heart of love.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:20-31

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus looked up at the disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you,  
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for  
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated

the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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**

**\*HYMN**

**We Shall Overcome**

MARTIN

*We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
We shall overcome some day.*

*We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
We shall overcome some day.*

*We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day.*

*We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe  
We shall overcome some day.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Standing on the Promises”

arr. Todd Beany

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from  
*Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.*

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