

# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Living Water” by Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 12, 2023 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**

"Mélodie" Op. 10, No. 4

Serge Rachmaninoff

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together -

**the seekers, the dreamers, the curious, hoping to meet God.**

We gather together -

**the hungry, the loving, the lonely, hoping to find peace.**

We gather together -

**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, hoping to create justice.**

So come to the well.

**In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN 243** We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good

WAS GOTT TUT

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,  
you know who we are.  
You know everything we have done.  
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.  
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.  
We worship things that will never bring salvation.  
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.  
Still, you offer us the gift of abundant life.  
Forgive us, O God,  
and give us this living water,  
so that we may never thirst again. 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**

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandy Murphy, *piano*  
Brian Johnson

By the Grace of God

*I rest my soul on Jesus  
When the mountains shake  
I put my trust in Jesus  
The moment I awake*

*And when my soul is lost at sea  
He will be my rock  
My vision be in Christ alone  
This grace is all we've got*

*His love is like the mighty ocean  
His love for me will never stop  
Oh, His arms are strong enough to carry me  
Through it all, by the grace of God*

*So I, upon His shoulders  
Safely brought this far  
Helper of my helpless soul  
The King of broken hearts*

*His love is like the mighty ocean  
His love for me will never stop  
Oh, His arms are strong enough to carry me  
Through it all, by the grace of God*

*You are the passion of my life  
Lord Jesus  
You are the song within my soul  
My strength  
My hope  
My all in all is You  
Jesus, You*

*Thank You, Lord*

*When breath grows still and night draws  
near  
I will not be afraid  
I know the plans He has for me  
Don't finish at my grave*

*His love is like the mighty ocean  
His love for me will never stop  
Oh, His arms are strong enough to carry me  
Through it all, by the grace of God  
Through it all, by the grace of God*

*By Your grace, I stand*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42 (pg. 969)

**Leader:** This is the word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Elder Marissa Saunders

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

03/12/23

pg. 4

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## 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.**

**\*HYMN 313** Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Venite”

Norman Warren

*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.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists .....Michael and Susan Barbour

Jesus needs water to drink, and the woman needs living water.  
In this image, their body positioning is mirrored, with their eyes on the same plane.  
Where their arms overlap becomes a vibrant blue,  
creating a water drop with a dove in it,  
representing the living water that springs forth from their mutual need and relationship.

~ Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman, artist statement for “Living Water”

Today’s liturgy is adapted from *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*  
and *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology  
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor  
Sandra Murphy.....Interim Organist  
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager  
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager  
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager

Church Office Phone: (315) 475-1677 • 504 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202-1922

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, M-Th

Church Office Email: [office@parkcentralchurch.org](mailto:office@parkcentralchurch.org)

Website: [www.parkcentralchurch.org](http://www.parkcentralchurch.org) • Facebook: Park Central Presbyterian Church

Instagram: [parkcentralsyr](https://www.instagram.com/parkcentralsyr) • TikTok: [parkcentralchurch](https://www.tiktok.com/@parkcentralchurch)