

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Mary &

Martha” by

Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art

Second Sunday in Lent

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025 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 Will Arise And Go To Jesus" - RESTORATION
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Heather Sorenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are invited to come into God's house
just as we are.

If we have deep faith

or our faith has run dry,

if we know every scripture

or none at all,

if we have calloused hands

and live our faith through good works

or if we kneel at God's feet

with a million questions,

we are invited to come.

This is God's house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

***HYMN 336** As a Chalice Cast of Gold

INWARD LIGHT

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we long to do the “right” thing.
We hope to make the “right” choices.
We need to stand on the “right” side of dividing lines.
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss your presence right in front of us.
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.
Forgive us when we lose our way.
Show us how to live with grace and love
as we listen to the teachings of Jesus and
follow his example of service.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, Lord!

ARGENTINE SANTO

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 27

¹ God is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of God,
that will I seek after:
to live in God's house
all the days of my life,
to behold God's beauty,
and to inquire in God's temple.

⁵ For God will shelter me
in the day of trouble,
and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;
God will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to God.

⁷ Hear, O God, when I cry aloud,
 be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek God’s face!”
 Your face, God, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
 you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
 O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
 God will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O God,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of God
 in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for God;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for God!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Lowell Mason, arr. Brenda Portman

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away.

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee

Pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Faith & Works

Rev. Sarah McTyre

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 335** Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Sortie”

Marcel Dupré, transcribed by David A. Stephen
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

*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

Liturgist.....Michael and Susan Barbour
Fellowship HourDavid Aronson and Sara Hahne

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.

Today's liturgy is adapted from A Sanctified Art.

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