

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



World Communion Sunday

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1, 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

"Aria" from *Die Zauberflöte*

W. A. Mozart
arr. Nicolaj Hansen

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From north and south,
from east and west, we come:
**God's people called to the table
where simple grace and forgiveness nourish us.**
From down the street and across the globe,
**God calls us into community,
where we love and serve one another.**
Let us come, trusting in our God.
Let us worship, singing God's praises.

***HYMN**

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you are the source of unlimited mercy.
We come before you in need of grace and healing:
the healing of our bodies and souls,
the healing of our relationships,
the healing of our pride and fear and apathy.
We forget to rely on your power and grace,
but we know that with you, nothing is impossible,
not even our healing,
not even the restoration of the whole world.
Forgive us, mend us, and heal us,
so that we will be freed to daily serve and love
as Christ calls us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Most High,
who created you, O Jacob,
who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Motet “Ave Verum Corpus” K. 618

The Park Central Ensemble
W. A. Mozart

*Ave, ave verum corpus
Natum de Maria virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine.*

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,

*Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis prae gustatum
In mortis examine.*

From whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 5:2-9

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Liminal Space*

Rev. Kathy Dain

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God...

...joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place, saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ my heart, my heart a - dores you. _____ My

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heart is glad to say the _____ words: You are ho - ly God.

O God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ...

...Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ _____ has died _____ Christ _____ is ri - sen _____

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Christ will come _____ a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...,
... O God of peace, now and forever.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**O God, through this bread and this cup,
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table
be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world.
Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace,
will always be with us. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Come, Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

Please see hymn insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Promised Land”

Joseph Martin

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

*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..... Briana Vaught

God of joy,
May every meal we share
look more and more like your heavenly feast;
everyone welcomed,
everyone fed,
everyone nourished.
~ adapted from a prayer by Molly Spangler

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

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