

# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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*Reformation Sunday*

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 25, 2020 10:30 AM**

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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 wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from other household groups.*

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

Glenn Armstrong, *guest organist*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In worship we tell a story:  
a story of God's boundless love.  
In worship we tell a story:  
a story of how we live and how we long to live.  
In worship we tell a story  
because we are forgetful people.  
Today may we remember who we are.  
May we release the narratives that trap us.  
May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.  
And may we work toward restoration.  
Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

REGENT SQUARE

*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And our confidence alone.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,  
to restore is to bring back;  
so today we bring our hearts back to you,  
our thoughts back to love,  
and our prayers back to peace.  
We try to stay in this place,  
but we confess that it is never easy for us.  
We yearn for reconciliation and then back away.  
We come face-to-face with an opportunity to do justice,  
but we get scared.  
We are offered a chance to re-write our story,  
but we tend to lose our way.  
Bring us back to you in this moment.  
Bring us back to your story.  
Forgive us.  
Restore us.  
Gratefully we pray,  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*\*Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 33:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. <sup>2</sup> He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother.

<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. <sup>5</sup> When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.” <sup>6</sup> Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; <sup>7</sup> Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. <sup>8</sup> Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company that I met?” Jacob answered, “To find favor with my lord.” <sup>9</sup> But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Jacob said, “No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. <sup>11</sup> Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want.” So he urged him, and he took it.

<sup>12</sup> Then Esau said, “Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you.” <sup>13</sup> But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds, which are nursing, are a care to me; and if they are overdriven for one day, all the flocks will die. <sup>14</sup> Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

<sup>15</sup> So Esau said, “Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me.” But he said, “Why should my lord be so kind to me?” <sup>16</sup> So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. <sup>17</sup> But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his cattle; therefore the place is called Succoth.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**  
Powerful Guardian

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*  
George Frideric Handel  
arr. Carl Fredrickson

*Powerful Guardian of all the nations,  
O preserve Thy children!  
Save Thy children from all thine enemies.  
Blessed is the man whose hope is in the Lord.*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon

son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

J. Andrew McTyre

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN 260** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

*That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill,  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Glenn Armstrong, *guest organist*

*During the postlude, we will have a controlled exit through the Fayette Street doors.  
There will be no fellowship hour for the foreseeable future.*

*Please fill out the contact tracing slip and place it and the pen in the box as you exit.  
Take this bulletin with you when you leave.*

*The Chancel Flowers are given by Will Headlee  
in gratitude and honor of some important people in his life.  
Julie Pretzat, compatriot, born October 25,  
Jim Headlee, brother, died October 25,  
Richard Pitifer, partner, born October 29.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Susan Stinson  
Soloist .....Kent Bradshaw

Holy God,  
We are not sure what restoration for this world will look like,  
but we are pretty sure it will feel like this—  
a meal where all are fed,  
a place where all are welcomed,  
and a table with a seat saved for each and every one of us.  
Remind us of this truth in the coming day  
and continue to restore all of us to you.  
Gratefully we pray.  
Amen.

### Our Money Story

During this month, we are exploring the theme of *Our Money Story*. Through our worship together and times of reflection, we will remember, release, reimagine, and restore our money stories so that we may live more fully in God's story.

Pieces of the liturgy for today's worship have been adapted from *Our Money Story: Words for Worship*, written by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

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