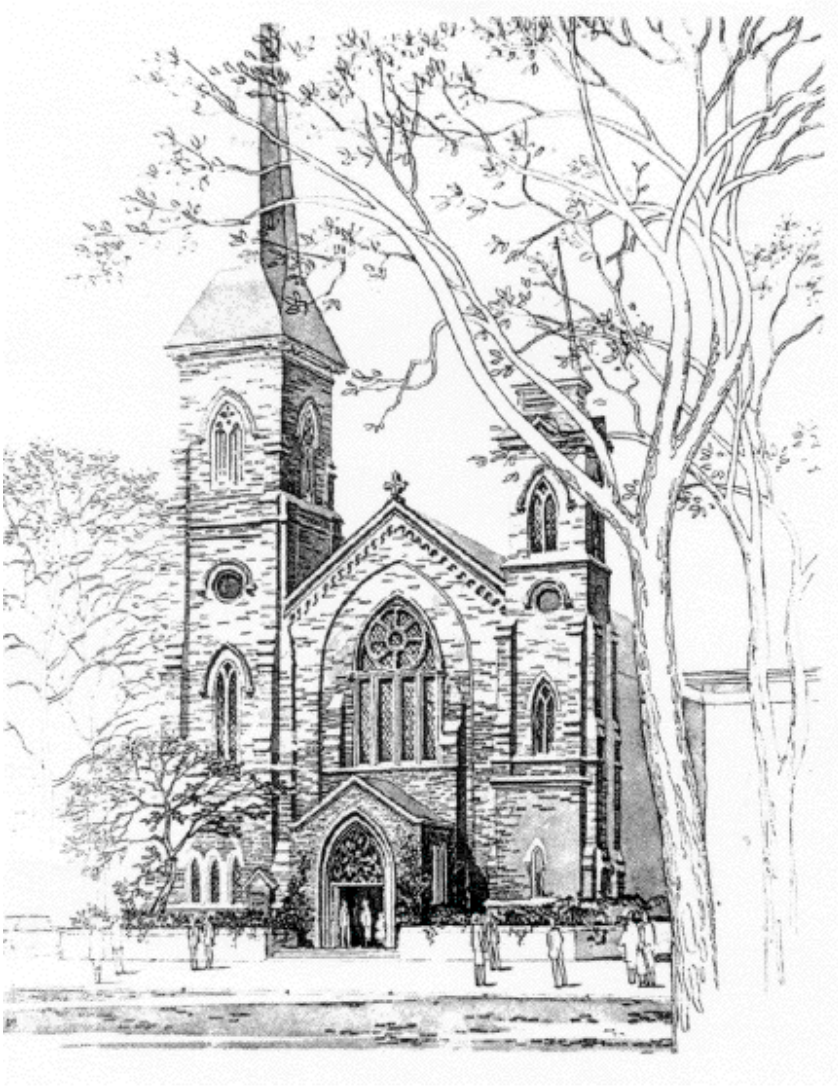


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021 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.

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium"

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the midst of the congregation,
we will worship and sing praise
because God has rescued us.
Glorify God! Stand in awe of God!
Let us proclaim God's steadfast love
and deliverance together.

***HYMN 418** God, Bless Your Church with Strength! ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL
There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*God, bless your church with strength!
Wherever we may be,
Upbuild your servants as we work
In common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling fait
To venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise
Of Christ whom we adore.*

*God, bless your church with hope!
Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light
A pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim,
And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk,
Assured our God is there!*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that our lives
have not always borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have love us.
Sometimes we have even cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us and restore us
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

John 15:1-8

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vinegrower. ² God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Abba is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Pilgrim on Earth, *Spanisches Liederbuch* No. 3

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
Hugo Wolf

*Dear pilgrim on earth, find thy heaven within, away from vain shadows thy journey begin.
Have courage, be strong, for 'tis God doth move thy heart and will to conform to His love.
Then take up thy bed, and lift thine eyes, for Christ's mighty power calls thee to rise,
Forgetting all things that lie behind thee, releasing all the burdens that bind thee.
Hope on! Thy Savior is come to thee, His tender love bids thee know thou art free.
Pilgrim on earth, find thy heaven within, away from shadows true life begin.
Love's angels are near, lighting the way.
The darkness is fading. Rise! Welcome the day.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Psalm 22:25-31

- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who revere God.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek God shall give praise.
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to God;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before God.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to God,
who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before God shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for God.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve God;
future generations will be told about God,
- ³¹ and proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that God has done it.

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 275** God of Our Life

SANDON

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

*God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.*

*With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee;*

*When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our refuge be.*

*Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Gavotte” from *Sonata No. 5*

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*

Thomas Arne
arr. Colin Hand

Please maintain social distance as you exit through the Fayette Street doors.

*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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
SoloistKent Bradshaw

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples. (John 15:7-8)

What is your deepest desire?
Spend time in this season asking yourself at evermore profound levels
what you most devoutly wish for in this life.
Then ask for it.

Portions of today's liturgy have been adapted from
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