

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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OCTOBER 11, 2020 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 while you are in the building.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Sarabande (Baroques)

Seth Bingham

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Through Moses, God said,

“Let my people go.”

In scripture, the law declares:

“In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”

With grace, Jesus said:

“Give one coat away.”

With honesty, Jesus taught:

“Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”

Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free,
dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us.

May we worship with open hearts,

so that we can walk freely with God.

***HYMN 281** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
It is not always easy to open our hands
and give what we have.
We count our pennies.
We weigh the pros and cons.
We calculate if we have already given enough.
Forgive us when we hold on so very tightly.
Give us the courage to practice releasing our grip on money.
Help us to trust that you can take our gifts and our lives -
however freely or reluctantly given -
and use them to build a world that is more loving and just.
In Christ's 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

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

¹ Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. ² And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because God's remission has been proclaimed. ³ Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. ⁴ There will, however, be no one in need among you, because God is sure to bless you in the land that your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, ⁵ if only you will obey your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. ⁶ When your God has blessed you, as God promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. ⁹ Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to God against you, and you would incur guilt. ¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sing with Grace in Your Heart

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

*Sing with grace unto the Lord,
Sing with grace in your hearts,
Singing praises unto our God;
Giving thanks, thanks to God,
Give thanks to God,
Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*All our blessings come from Him,
Praise our God, Praise the Lord;
Great is our God, gracious and kind;
Sing with thanksgiving unto the Lord,
Sing with thanksgiving unto our God.*

*Sing with grace unto the Lord,
Sing with grace unto our God.
Praise the Lord upon the harp;
Let all nations sing his praise.*

*Praise Him, sun and stars of light,
Singing songs, songs of praise unto our God.
Singing songs of praise and thanksgiving
Unto the Lord.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶ Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰ The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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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 414** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

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

*As those of old their firstfruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring,
The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.*

*A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering
To God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
All life in Christ made new.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Overture (Baroques)

Seth Bingham

*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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Briana Vaught
SoloistKent Bradshaw

Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth,
I therefore command you,
“Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.”

~ Deuteronomy 15:11

Our Money Story

During the coming weeks, we will explore the theme of *Our Money Story*. Through our worship together and times of reflection, we will be invited to 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

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