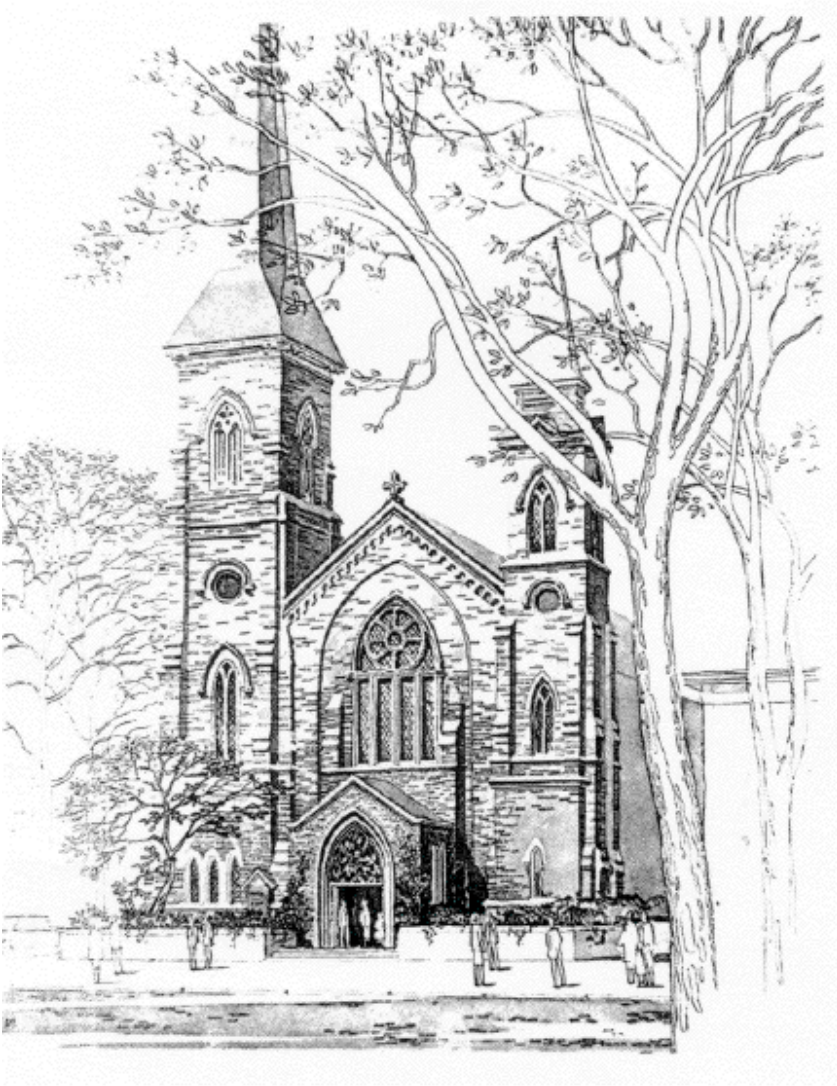


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Kyrie, God Father in Heaven

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, bless God's holy name.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love for us.
God satisfies us with good as long as we live.
Let us worship God together!

***HYMN 223**

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTTGART

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

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not
All God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions,
All diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction,
And with you so kindly deals.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion;
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
you have been merciful to us over and over again.
You have always been ready to forgive us,
but we have not always been ready to forgive each other.
You have loved us steadfastly,
and we have often not loved ourselves or our neighbors.
Take pity on us once more and forgive us, God.
Help us to practice forgiveness with each other
and teach us to love more deeply
as we follow the way of Jesus together. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung by soloist)*

The Lord's Prayer

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Albert Hay Malotte

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-13

- ¹ Bless God, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.
- ² Bless God, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ God works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ God made known God's ways to Moses,
God's acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ God will not always accuse,
and will not be angry forever.
- ¹⁰ God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As parents have compassion for their children,
so God has compassion for those who revere God.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

VOCAL SOLO

Every Day Will I Give Thanks

from *Chandos Anthem No. 5*

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

George Frideric Handel

*Every day will I give thanks, thanks unto Thee,
And praise Thy Name forever and ever.
For the Lord is good to all,
His tender mercies are over all His Works.
Oh praise Him forever.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

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

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello

*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..... Michael Barbour

Forgiveness is a form of gratitude.
When we forgive others, we show them the mercy
that we have often received and been thankful for.

~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

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Organist.....Will Headlee
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