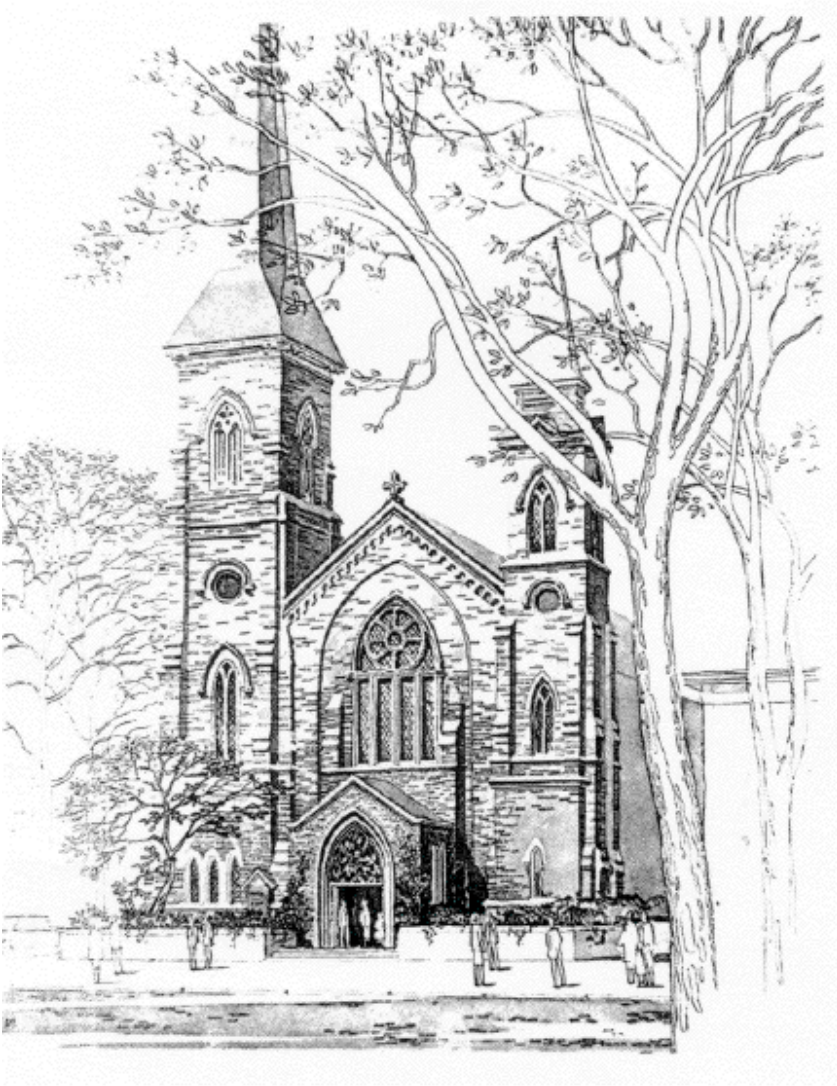


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 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 while you are in the building.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

Reverie

Will C. Macfarlane

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our generous God comes to us again and again,  
calling to us,  
gathering us in,  
giving us good work to do.  
Let us worship our God with glad and grateful hearts.

**\*HYMN 455** All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Alleluia!*

*And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise god, and on him cast your care,  
Alleluia! (setting by David N. Johnson)*

*All creatures your creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia!*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of abundant goodness,  
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves  
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.  
We are quick to judge the efforts and motives of others  
while ignoring our own faults and weakness.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we let jealousy overtake us.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.  
Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.  
We ask for your great mercy once again.  
Open now our hearts to be more merciful toward one another.  
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus,  
by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them, and did not do it.

<sup>1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to God and said, "O God! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

<sup>3</sup> And now, O God, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And God said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup> Then God said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## VOCAL SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Dale Wood

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.*

*No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor mem'ry find a sweeter sound than  
Thy blessed Name; O Savior of mankind!*

*O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art,  
How good to those who seek!*

*But what to those who find?  
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is,  
None but his loved ones know.*

*Jesus, our only joy be Thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup> “For the dominion of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive

more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 298      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BARONITA

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

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is greater  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Processional (*from The Syracuse Collection, 1991*)

Robert Paoli

*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.....Anita Wagner  
Soloist .....Kent Bradshaw

God is so generous that God gives us  
    grace that we do not deserve,  
love that we cannot comprehend,  
    and mercy that we cannot resist.

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Director of Music.....Robert Allen  
Organist.....Will Headlee  
Parish Associate for Christian Education.....Sarah McTyre  
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