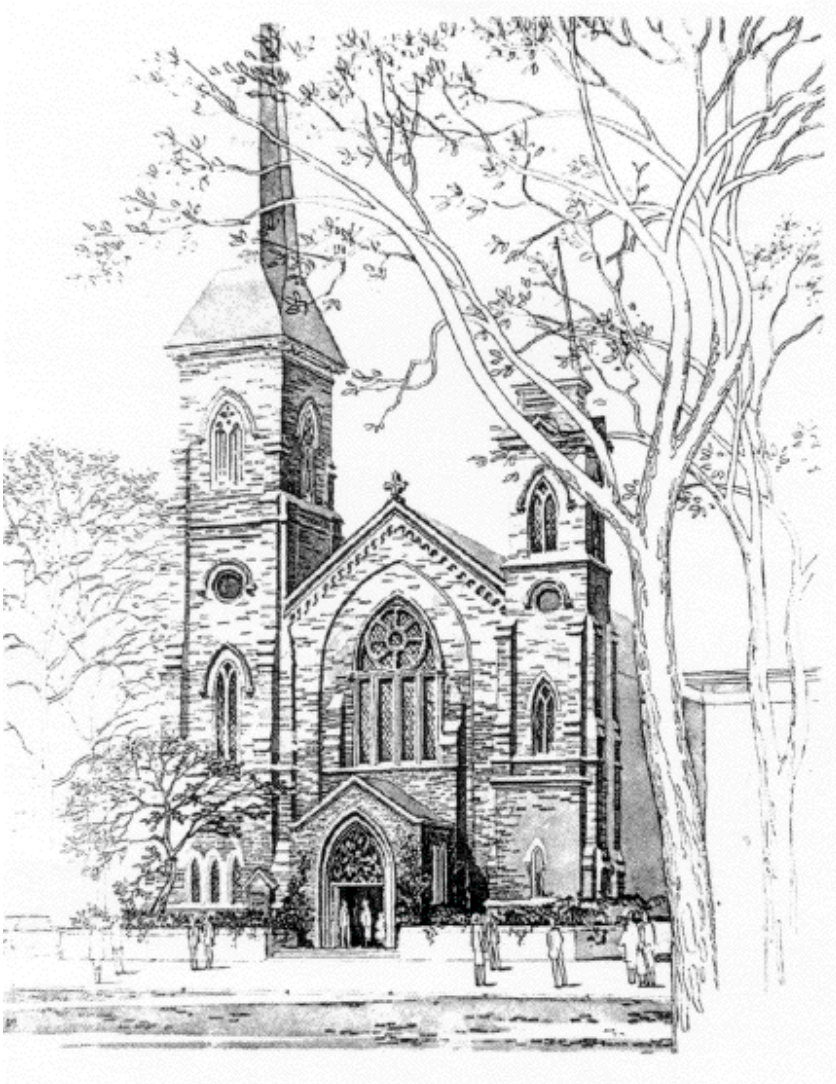


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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NOVEMBER 14, 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

“Prelude and Fugue in e minor” (BWV 555)

attrib. J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let our hearts exult in God!

Our strength is exalted in God.

God raises up the poor from the dust;

God lifts the needy from the ash heap.

There is no Holy One like our God;

there is no Rock like our God.

Let us worship God together!

***HYMN 349** Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught

CHESHIRE

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

*Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught
First clear the cluttered heart.*

*Make room to breathe the living thought
Those well-worn words impart.*

*Refine and test each passing aim
Against this final one:*

*Has your life hallowed heaven's name
And has God's will been done?*

*By faithful discipline prepare
An inward holy space
That when you offer Jesus' prayer
Your heart may fill with grace.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
too often we settle for the way things are.
We embrace what we know
and hesitate to engage the work of necessary change.
We fail to hope for a new day and a new world
because our present reality feels good enough or safe enough.
Have mercy upon us.
Forgive us.
Fill us with the passion to live and work
towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹ Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in God;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

² “There is no Holy One like you,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for our God is a God of knowledge,
and by God actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but the one who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ God kills and brings to life;
God brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ God makes poor and makes rich;
God brings low, and also exalts.

⁸ God raises up the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with royalty
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's,
and on them God has set the world.

⁹ “God will guard the feet of the faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰ God’s adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

God will judge the ends of the earth;
God will give strength to God’s king,
and exalt the power of the anointed.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *keyboard and vocals*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

David Haas

The Servant Song

*Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too*

*We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load*

Violin Interlude

*I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through*

*Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant too*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

¹ As Jesus came out of the temple, one of the disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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 343** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

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

*Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Concluding Voluntary"

R. G. Thompson

*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

...prayer is not asking for what you think you want
but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine.
To be made more grateful,
more able to see the good in what you have been given
instead of always grieving for
what might have been.

~ Kathleen Norris

Portions of today's service were adapted from liturgy
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