

# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Seen" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity for A Sanctified Art

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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JULY 4, 2021 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.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

“Meditation on America”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*  
Noël Goemanne

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to come just as we are today.

**God invites us to come with our hurts and our joys.**

God invites us to come with our prayers and our dreams.

**All of God's children are welcome here.**

Let us worship God together.

### \*HYMN 278 Our God, to Whom We Turn

WAS FRAG' ICH NACH DER WELT

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

*Our God, to whom we turn  
When weary with illusion,  
Whose stars serenely burn  
Above this earth's confusion,  
Thine is the mighty plan  
The steadfast order sure,  
In which the world began,  
Endures and shall endure.*

*All beauty speaks of Thee:  
The mountains and the rivers,  
The line of lifted sea,  
Where spreading moonlight quivers,  
The deep-toned organ blast  
That rolls through arches dim,  
Hints of the music vast  
Of Thine eternal hymn.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion,  
we yearn to care for each other with deep kindness.  
We mean to ask...  
Did it get easier?  
What has your year been like?  
Were you ever able to sleep at night?**

**We intend to reach out with care, but sometimes we don't...  
because it's hard or  
because we are preoccupied or  
because we're not sure we can make a difference.  
Forgive us for our silence.  
Help us know that even our fumbling efforts  
can be a balm as we come beside each other with love.  
Give us grace and give us courage  
to reach out and ask where it hurts. 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

Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,  
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a maid  
to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Most High our God,  
until God has mercy upon us.

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

<sup>4</sup> Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**  
**O God Have Mercy**

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*  
Felix Mendelssohn

from: *Saint Paul*

*O God have mercy, have mercy upon me,  
and blot out my transgressions according to thy loving-kindness,  
Yea, even for thy mercy's sake!  
Deny me not, O cast me not away from thy presence,  
And take not thy spirit from me, O Lord.  
Lord! A broken heart and a contrite heart is offered before Thee;  
O God, have mercy upon me according to thy loving kindness,  
Yea, even for thy mercy's sake!*

*I will speak of thy salvation,  
I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee;  
Then open Thou my lips, O Lord!  
And my mouth shall show forth thy glorious praise!  
O blot out my transgressions, according to thy loving-kindness, Lord!  
And for thy mercy's sake, Lord! For thy mercy's sake.*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Samuel 1:1-18

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup> He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup> Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to God at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of God.

<sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though God had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because God had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of God, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before God. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of God. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to God, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> She made this vow: "O God, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember

me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before God, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup> So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, “No, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before God. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made.” <sup>18</sup> And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

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 426** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

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

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thine erring children lost and lone.*

*O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Sortie on ‘National Hymn’”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*  
Lani Smith

*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  
Soloist .....Kent Bradshaw

“In Hannah, I see a woman who has been mocked, shamed, diminished, and ignored. However, she refuses to be silenced.... I decided to render her body as fading into the scene to symbolize the invisibility she feels, and also the vulnerable transparency she exudes....

Where does it hurt? When I ask this question,  
I’ll remember to also say: ‘I see you.’”

From the artist’s statement for “Seen”  
by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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