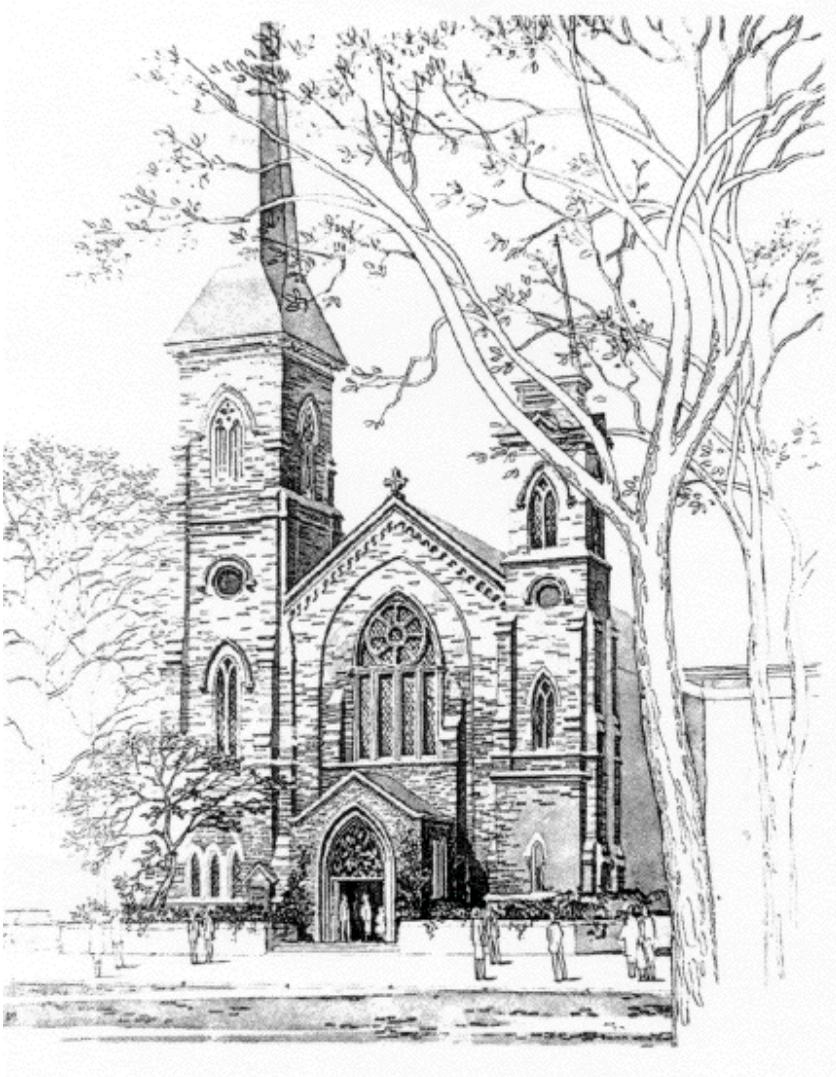


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday of Easter*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 18, 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**

“Allegretto”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*

Johann Rinck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and hear the good news!  
Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we have been given new life and a glorious future!  
Come into God's presence with praise and thanksgiving.  
Let us worship God with joy!

**\*HYMN 344 Christ of the Upward Way**

SURSUM CORDA (Lomas)

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

*Christ of the upward way, my guide divine,  
Where You have set Your feet may I place mine;  
And move and march wherever You have trod,  
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.*

*Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,  
That without fault or fear I may fulfill  
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,  
Like one who would not bring less than the best*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God,  
you know our hearts.

You know that we greet the good news of resurrection  
with joy and wonder and also disbelief.

We are often afraid to trust what seems impossible.

Yet, we know that you are the surprising God of new life.

Forgive us when we are slow to recognize your presence and power  
and quick to give in to fear and anxiety.

Surround us with your grace and peace once more.

Renew our faith

and fill us with joy and confidence

that we may be powerful witnesses of good news

as we follow the way of Jesus. 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**

Acts 3:12-19

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in Jesus' name, that name itself has made this person strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what God had foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Rejoice in the Lord

Richard Lane

*Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice!*

*Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,*

*Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,*

*Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,*

*Think on these things that ye may be blameless and harmless,*

*The sons of God, without rebuke,*

*In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,*

*Among whom ye shine as lights in the world,*

*And the peace of God shall keep you now, and always!*

*Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice!*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36b</sup> Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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 384**      O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go      ST. MARGARET  
*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller, be.*

*O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Alla Marcia”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*  
Thomas Adams

*Please maintain social distance as you exit through the Fayette Street doors.*

*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  
Soloist ..... Kent Bradshaw

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Romans 15:13

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Director of Music..... Robert Allen  
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