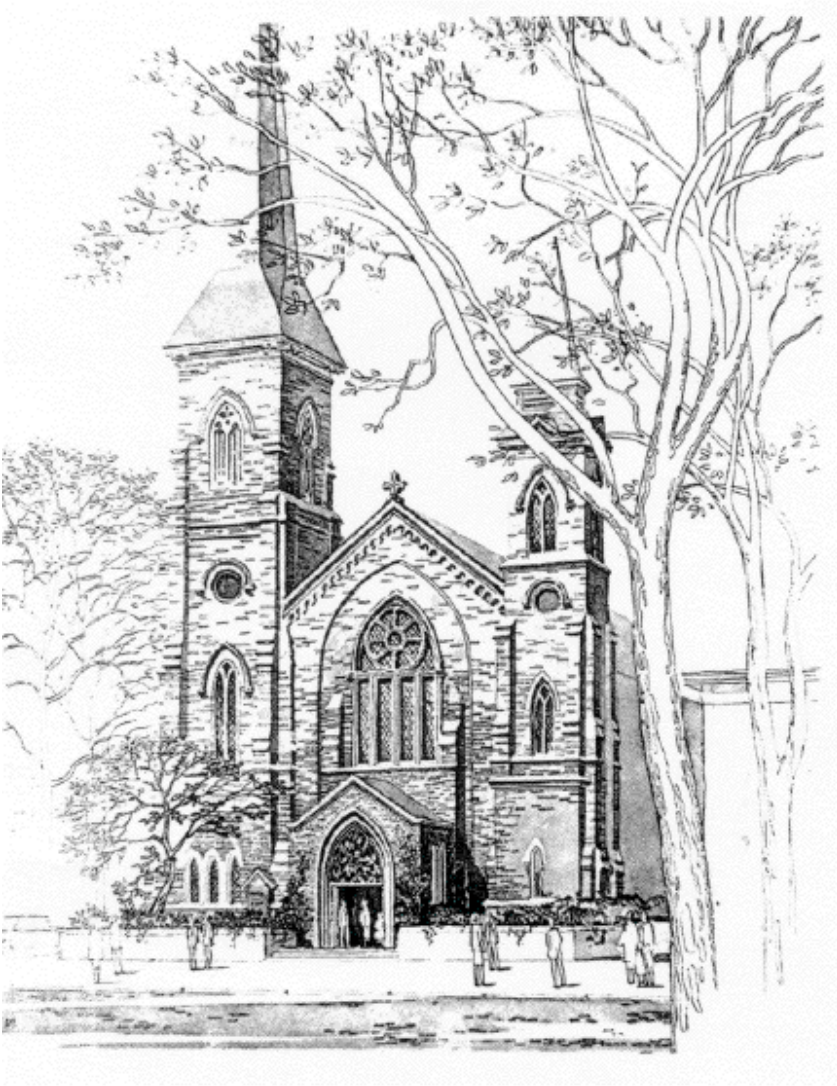


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday of Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 9, 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

“Flute Song”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*

Gilbert M. Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let everything that has being praise the name of the Lord
Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
shall praise the name of the Lord.

Young men and women alike, old and young together
shall praise the name of the Lord.

We shall praise your name, O God,
for your glory is above earth and heaven.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 473** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

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

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that too often we are taken in by the glitz and glitter of this world. Sometimes we set goals for ourselves because we are persuaded by others. We do not think ahead to their consequence though we pursue them desperately. Help us to seek perspective in our goal setting and to be guided always by the values that come from love!

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 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the Most High,
who made heaven and earth.

³ God will not let your foot be moved;
the one who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ The one who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ God is your keeper;
God is your shade at your side.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ God will keep you from all evil,
and will keep your life.

⁸ God will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Great Peace Have They

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
Jean Baptiste Lully
arr. Carl Fredrickson

*Great peace have they which keep Thy commandments,
Great peace have they which love Thy law,
And nothing shall offend them nor make them afraid.
Peace have they which keep Thy commandments,
Great peace have they which love Thy law,
For they shall see Thy kingdom, and dwell in peace with Thee.
I longed for Thy salvation, and loved Thy commandments;
Make Thy face to shine on Thy servant, and teach me, Lord to do Thy will.
Thy word is my delight, and Thy strength is my fortress.
Peace have they which keep Thy commandments, great peace have they which love Thy law.*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-12

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴ Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

What's Real?

William Porter, guest preacher

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 478** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.*

*Angels help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Giocosa”

Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*
Gilbert M. Martin

*Flowers on the altar given today by Billy and Melissa Porter
in loving memory of their mother, Carol Will Porter.*

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.*

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SoloistKent Bradshaw

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