

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jubilee

Lauren Wright Pittman inspired by Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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OCTOBER 18, 2020 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 while you are in the building.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Aria in F Major

George Frideric Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,
with impromptu meals around the table and laughter late into the night?
Can you imagine faith like a compass
that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;
that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?
Can you imagine a world where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?
A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?
Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.
And pay attention, for God is here as we hope, pray, and imagine.
Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 457 I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

TOULON

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

*I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou, and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.*

**Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace,
You invite us to dream of a better world,
but we are afraid to recognize how much must change.
More often than not, many of us maintain the status quo
and passively allow things to stay the same.
We form logical arguments about what will and will not work.
Forgive us when we allow ourselves to believe
that some things will never change.
Show us your ways. Teach us to dream.
Open our hearts to imagine once again.
Humbly we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am your God.

⁸ You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not

sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹²For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Could It Be?

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Michael Card

based on 1 Corinthians 1:19-25

*In the ebb and flow of living, as we wander through the years
We're told to listen to a voice we can't hear with our ears.
They say to live by something, that you can't see with your eyes.
Is there really any purpose to this foolish exercise?*

*Could it be You make Your presence known so often by Your absence?
Could it be that questions tell us more than answers ever will?
Could it be that You would really rather die than live without us?
Could it be the only answer that means anything is You?*

*In our words and in our silence, in our pride and in our shame.
To the genius and the scholar, to the foolish and insane.
To the ones who care to seek you, to the ones who never will.
You are the only answer, even still.*

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Could it be that questions tell us more than answers ever will?
Could it be that You would really rather die than live without us?
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THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to

them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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SERMON

J. Andrew McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 282** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
To bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move.*

*Only be still and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.*

***BENEDICTION**

Annual Meeting

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott (*Orgelbüchlein*) (Hymn 282)

J. S. Bach

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Susan Barbour
SoloistMichael Spencer

Sabbath is not simply a pause in time, but a way of reimagining life.
Rather than being driven by consumerism and consumption,
the Sabbath reminds us that we are called to a life of solidarity and compassion.

~ Amanda Kerr

Our Money Story

During this month, we are exploring the theme of *Our Money Story*. Through our worship together and times of reflection, we will remember, release, reimagine, and restore our money stories so that we may live more fully in God's story.

Pieces of the liturgy for today's worship have been adapted from *Our Money Story: Words for Worship*, written by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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