



Central Presbyterian Church



Still Life with Bible, Vincent van Gogh

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

Live streamed from Facebook ([facebook.com/centraldenver](https://www.facebook.com/centraldenver)) or website ([centraldenver.com/livestream](https://www.centraldenver.com/livestream))

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Wil Smith

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE/WELCOME

Tim Mooney

Please feel free to post comments, greetings, and prayer requests in the “Facebook comment” section throughout the service.

GATHERING MUSIC

*God be the love to search and keep me;
God be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me;
O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me (2x)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!**

READING

Romans 13:1-7

MESSAGE

How to read the Bible

Louise Westfall

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Blessing for the School Year

Molly Dowling Brown

In Person Worship Begins September 27

Central will begin offering in-person worship at 9:30am on Sunday mornings for 50 or fewer people on September 27. All worshippers will need to pre-register. Stay tuned for more information on how to sign up.

To give by text, please text “centraldenver” to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card and donation amount.

To give to Central’s COVID-19 Relief Fund Text “centraldenver COVID” to 73256 or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/COVID>

For more ways to worship and connect this week, check our website: centraldenver.com/stayconnected

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Wil Smith

PRAYERS

Tim Mooney

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.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

[Share signs of peace with those around you or by adding a greeting in the Facebook comments.]

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Charles W. Ore