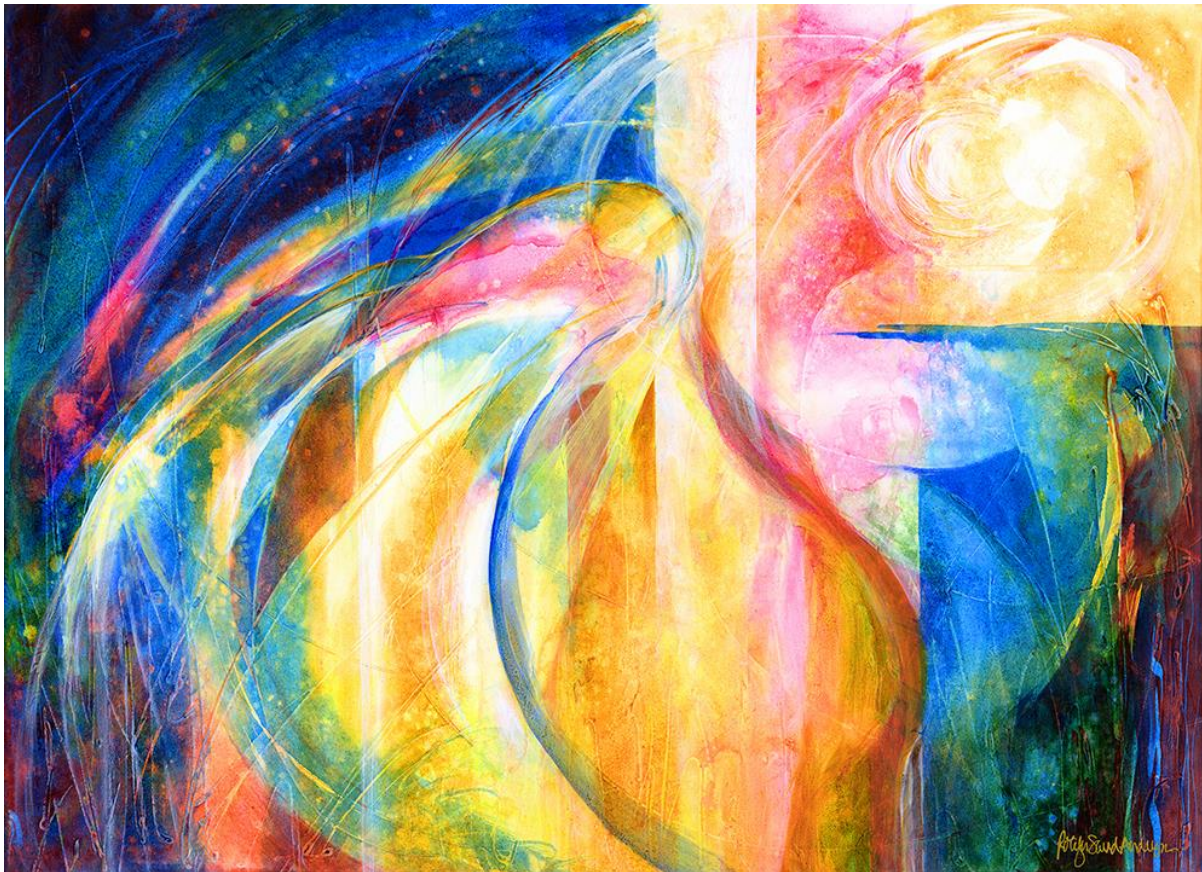




Central Presbyterian Church



Magnificat, Robyn Sand Anderson

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

Today's service will be livestreamed to Facebook (facebook.com/centraldenver)
and our website (centraldenver.com/livestream)

PRELUDE

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings of Zion

G.F. Handel
Katheryne Baker, soloist

WELCOME

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

Tim Mooney

GATHERING MUSIC

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Kirsten, Steve, Robbie, Jacob Simon-Schatz

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

*1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

*3 This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

BIBLE STORY

The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem
Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

Molly Brown

READING

Isaiah 61:1-4
Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

Birth Signs

Tim Mooney

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Louise Westfall

Central is now offering a way to join in Sunday morning worship without a smartphone or computer!

Congregation members may now phone in and hear just the audio of the service. Just dial the toll free number, 1.844.854.2222 at 10:30am to participate.

Join us after the service for our Zoom fellowship time. All are welcome!

Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvhz>

Adult Faith Formation | 11:30am on Zoom

For the Season of Advent our Faith Formation classes will focus on hearing, feeling, and experiencing music that reflects the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. You will hear familiar hymns, but you will also be surprised by popular songs from here, and across the world, inviting us to embody God's love in our lives. Join us! Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvhz>

Now is the time to commit your financial resources to Central's mission and ministries. View our 2021 Generosity Campaign materials and pledge online at centraldenver.com/generosity2021.

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

OFFERTORY

I Believe

Katheryne Baker, soloist

OFFERING

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

To give online, go to <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/-/give/CPC>

Christmas Joy Offering

The last of four special offerings we receive each year, the Christmas Joy Offering, may be sent directly to the church, given online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/joytext>, or by text (text "centraldenver joy" to 73256). By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Louise Westfall

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

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn

J.S. Bach