



Central Presbyterian Church



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021 | 9:30am

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, a community where **you** belong. Whether you're with us for the first or thousandth time, whether you're in doubt or are devout, no matter who you are, what experience you bring, or what questions you have, you are welcome here. God welcomes us all.

Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. Worshipers are invited to hum along if they like.

Please silence electronic devices during the service.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth.

Bold signifies congregation participation.

*Rising as able

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude

The Right Hand of God

Charles Moore, tenor

Noel Dexter

Gathering & Welcome

Tim Mooney

Call to Worship (from Ps. 116)

Jacque Howard

I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because the Holy One inclined to hear me, therefore I will call on the Almighty as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, save my life!"

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, God saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

[Please remain seated for the hymn & refrain from singing.]

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Love, we are truly grateful for so much. Yet we confess that we become confused about your presence in the world. We are afraid to voice our anger at your seeming absence in the world, and in our lives. We are afraid to say, "Where are you, God?" We know we all fall short, but too many suffer to the extreme, and for too long. It does not feel right, we are angry about it, and it scares us to be honest with our feelings.

This is not simply a complaint, O God. We desire to see your love for this world in this world. Open our eyes, open our hearts, move our hands.

Silent Prayers

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!

Glory to God the Creator

Wil Smith

Glory to God the creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

[You are welcome to greet one another with the peace of Christ verbally without touch.]

Bible Story

Who is the Greatest?

Molly Brown

Mark 9: 33-37

This is the story of God's people, for God's people:

Thanks be to God!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Thank you, God, for new opportunities to learn and grow. Be with our teachers, leaders, caregivers and administrators as they guide us into the new school year. Give them the tools and energy to create engaging ways to explore, discover, and connect with one another. May we continue to prioritize the health of our community and cheerfully follow practices that will keep us safer. Bless every student and nurture each with curiosity and kindness. May every one of us be a blessing and light in the classroom, playground, athletic field, and in the wider world. We pray in your name. Amen.

[Those worshipping online, bring your backpack, laptop, or Chromebook into your worship space. Those in person are invited to come forward for a blessing from Tim, Molly, or Pastor Louise.]

Scripture Reading

Genesis 6:11-13 p. 5
Job 1:8-12, 20-21 p. 444
Luke 13:1-5 p. 950

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sometimes ... Tim Mooney

Song

Riptide Tim Mooney

Moments for Silence

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Green Prayer Request Cards and Welcome Cards are located in the pew racks. Please bring them and your offering to the collection plates at the front of the sanctuary.

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

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Tom Trenney

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Louise Westfall
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God of compassion,
we offer these prayers to you.

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

Postlude

The Storm is Passing Over Spiritual

Worship time returns to 10:30am

Sunday, September 12

We will return to our regular worship time of 10:30am beginning September 12. *Zoom Fellowship Time and Faith Formation options following the service will also resume.*

Our beloved organ is currently undergoing repairs.

Worshippers can expect to hear it once again in October!

A service of witness to the resurrection for John

Stamper will be held at Central on Wednesday, September 1, 10am.

Men's Night Out at the Rockies

Thursday, September 2, 5pm

Once again the Central Men will gather for an evening of 'resurgent Rockies' baseball at Coors Field vs. the Atlanta Braves September 2. The game tickets are at no charge. Game time is 6:40pm, with a no-host pre-game dinner gathering at the Cherry Cricket Ball Park (2220 Blake St.) at 5pm. Contact Larry Armstrong: Larry@LarryDArmstrong.com; or call 303.875.7808.

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Free Sunday Parking | 8:00am – 12:30pm

Key Park (formerly Star Park) is across the street, entrance on 16th Avenue. Please fill up spaces 91-149 first.

Elderly and differently-abled individuals may park in the three staff parking spaces and the three handicapped parking spaces in front of the church.

Weekly Email Newsletter

Sign up for our weekly E-Voice newsletter to keep informed about activities at Central.
www.centraldenver.com/contact

Online Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your offerings.
www.centraldenver.com/give

Indoor Worship Guidelines

We are so glad you joined us for worship! Please be mindful of the following:

- Indoor restrooms are not accessible due to construction. A portable toilet is available outside by the entrance/exit.
- Masks and social distancing are required for those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19. *We request that all worshipers wear masks regardless of vaccination status.* Masks are available on the welcome table by the entrance.
- Please do not enter the balconies or other parts of the building outside of the sanctuary.
- We are asking worshippers not to sing at this time.
- We welcome children in worship! Worship activity bags are available from our nursery staff in the front right-hand box seats in the sanctuary.
- Families with children are encouraged to sit in the front-middle pews to better see and hear the Bible Story.

Ways to Connect During the Week

- **Hymns by Request, Tuesdays @ 12pm**
Join Music Director, Wil Smith for a live, 30-minute concert on Facebook (facebook.com/CentralDenver) of your favorite hymns. Requests can be made in the comments section during the Livestream, or by emailing Wil in advance at wil@centraldenver.com.
- **Theology on Tap, Mondays @ 7pm**
We get together at local breweries and homes to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Rev. Tim Mooney, tim@centraldenver.com to be added to the email list for current topics and location information.
- **Racial Healing Initiative, 1st Thursdays @ 7pm**
Central's Racial Healing initiative has been hard at work studying and making plans for action in the community as we grapple with issues of race, God, and the gospel. All are welcome to join us in our work! Contact Rev. Tim Mooney, tim@centraldenver.com.

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer with Habitat

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 8:45am-4:30pm

Volunteer with Habitat to help build a new home! We will be working together with Wheat Ridge Presbyterian, who will be providing lunch for the volunteers. All participants must register online by September 24.

Register online: <http://centralpres.denver.volunteerhub.com/>

Faith Formation

September Faith Formation: Meeting on Zoom from 11:45am-12:45pm during September. Zoom link on Central's Livestream page: centraldenver.com/livestream

- **September 12:** Rev. Tim Mooney will present an overview of the fall schedule of classes and Life Groups that are currently scheduled.
- **September 19:** We welcome Memory Wollenweber and Dr. Vie Thorgren, director of Restoring Connections, as they speak to us about changing the lives of incarcerated women at Denver Women's Correctional Facility.
- **September 26:** Elder Rachel Dempsey will lead "How to Use Social Media in Healthy Ways."

October Faith Formation: Beginning October 3, Central is joining with Peoples Presbyterian Church to discuss the book "Caste: The Origins of our Discontent," by Isabel Wilkerson. Sponsored by the Colorado Council of Churches, this collaborative conversation invites us to explore together the implications and impact of racism in our culture. *Meeting from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall at Peoples Presbyterian Church.*

Join Us for Worship Online

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 9:30am on Facebook: facebook.com/CentralDenver and our website: centraldenver.com/livestream. *Those without internet access are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 1.339.207.6673 at the time of the service.*

We are delighted to have your children in worship with us!

Central values having all generations worshipping together! All children are welcome in the worship space each and every Sunday. We enjoy and expect the joyful noises of children as they are a vibrant part of our faith community.

- A children's Bible Story will be told in worship after the passing of the peace.
 - Worship activity bags are available from our nursery staff in the front right-hand box seats in the sanctuary. Children may remain in that area throughout the service, where nursery staff will be present.
 - We do not have nursery care available at this time.
- Contact Molly Brown at molly@centraldenver.com with questions.