

Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Well of Miriam by Yoram Raanan

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2023 | 10:30am

Centered by our myriad and shared spiritual journeys toward God, we strengthen each other to practice love in action with hand and heart. We strive to be a nurturing center dedicated to demonstrating God's love to one another, our community and the world.

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth.

Bold signifies congregation participation.

*Rising as able

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude

Meditation

L. Larson
Cynthia Choi, organ

Welcome

Louise Westfall

The rose on the Communion Table today celebrates the birth of Olivia Carmen-Marie Gonzalez, daughter of Jayda and Christian, granddaughter of Suzanne Anderson, and great-granddaughter of Stan Anderson.

Gathering Music

The steadfast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; God's mer-cies nev-er come to an end. They are new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing; great is your faith-ful-ness; O Lord, great is your faith-ful-ness.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 95)

Jennifer Garner

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise..

For God is great, and a great ruler over all.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

Do not harden your hearts, but listen to God's voice.

For God is God, and we are the people of God's flock.

*Hymn 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are as close as our beating heart and drawn breath; your still small voice calls to us in experiences of wonder and awe, in the urgency of need, and in the beauty of nature, of physical activity, and music. Awaken us to your presence in everything, everywhere, all at once. Pour out your love upon us as water from a bottomless well. Heal all in us that has been reduced to noise, to become the joyful song of life once more.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

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

*Response

Al-ways gi-ving and for-gi-ving, E-ver bles-sing, e-ver blest, Well-spring of the joy of li-ving, O-cean depth of hap-py rest! Lo-ving God and Christ our Sa-vior, Let your light up-on us shine; Teach us how to love each o-ther, Lift us to the joy di-vine.

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

[Please share signs of peace with one another]

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Time with Younger Church

Molly Brown

[Children may gather at the Table and take the light of Christ into the Bible Story Chapel to hear and engage with the Bible Story.]

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Evan Amo

Seeking (3): Is the Lord Among Us or Not?

Moments for Silence

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Green Prayer Request Cards and Welcome Cards are located in the pew racks. Please put them and your offering in the collection plates as they are passed.

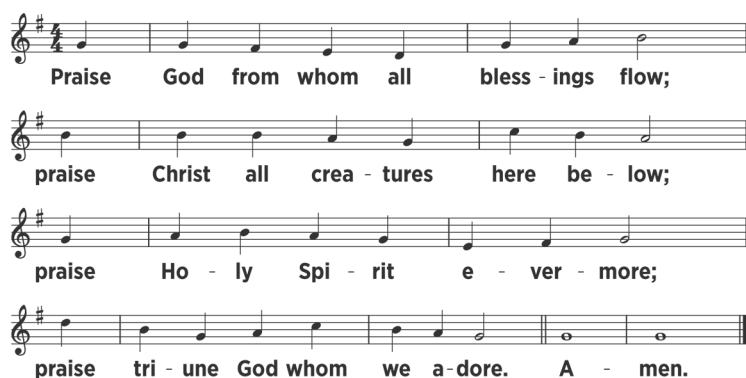
To give via sms, please text "centraldenver" (no spaces) to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info. Thank you for your gifts.

Offertory

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit arr. William L. Dawson
John Seesholtz, baritone

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayers of the Church

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.

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

arr. M. Burkhardt
Cynthia Choi, organ

ARE YOU READY FOR MEMBERSHIP AT CENTRAL?

Join Pastor Louise and Central leaders for dinner and conversation on Friday, March 17, 6:00pm; Tour of the building, presentations on our mission and ministries, and reflections from members.

Phone or text Pastor Louise for information and to register: (216.403.3781).

One Great Hour of Sharing

A churchwide offering supporting three major Presbyterian Church (USA) initiatives. Today's focus is on The Self-Development of People, which gives grants to organizations empowering the economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged through structural change, capacity building, and justice advocacy.

We receive this offering as part of our Matthew 25 vision of caring for people in Jesus' name. Take a fish bank home with you as a daily reminder to give; we'll receive the offering on April 2.

Volunteer at Metro Caring

This Sunday, volunteer with others from our Central community at Metro Caring, Denver's premier organization combatting hunger and its root causes, Sunday March 12, 1:00-4:00pm.

Contact Edith Zemanick: ezemanick@gmail.com
Upcoming dates: April 16, May 7

Chancel Choir

Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm
Choir Room

Come sing with us at Easter—we would love to have you! The Chancel Choir at Central is a great place to meet new friends, make music, and worship together. For more information, email Charis Smith, Music Director at charis@centraldenver.com.

Coming Home to Ourselves: Traversing the Pathways of Surrender and Rebellion

Men's Retreat: Saturday, March 18 at 10:00am

Reverend Tim Mooney will lead the Men's Retreat at Central. The event will last from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Cost is \$30 per person, with lunch provided.
Scholarships are available.

On the Wisdom Path: Rediscovering Mary Magdalene and the Heart of Christianity

**Classes for this Faith Formation Lent Series
will be held after worship in the chapel.**

Today: "Transcending the 7 Powers"

March 19: "The Path of Conscious Love"

March 26: "In Memory of Her"

April 2: Film Screening of *Mary Magdalene* (2018)

Central Cleanup!

Join us for Spring Cleaning and de-cluttering of our beautiful, newly renovated building.
Saturday, March 25th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
Tasks for every age and ability.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today

and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Central Presbyterian Church.

Free Sunday Parking | 8:00am – 1:30pm

Key Park is located across the street, with its main entrance on 16th Avenue.

Wells Fargo Center Parking Garage. You must get a parking validation ticket from an usher. When exiting garage insert your entry ticket into the exit column followed by the parking validation ticket.

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

Online Giving

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

Children in Worship

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.

- Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is available from 9:30-11:45am
- Worship activity bags are available from our staff in the front east box seats in the Sanctuary. Children may remain in that area throughout the service, where staff will be present.

Contact Molly Brown at molly@centraldenver.com with questions or to be added to the Children, Youth and Families mailing list (weekly emails with events and more).

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 10:30am: 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.*

Weekly Email Newsletter

The best way to stay informed about activities at Central is to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, which goes out every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Sign up at: www.centraldenver.com/contact



Ways to Connect

Serendipity Women's Group

Serendipity, an informal monthly get-together welcoming all women interested in building friendships, will meet March 23 at the home of Judy Jones. RSVP to (judy6523@gmail.com) or 303.537.5528. If you would like to host or co-host a future meeting, please contact Carol Farnsworth at 720.838.5901 or (carol.farnsworth@gmail.com).

Men's Night Out

Gather in participants' homes for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. Contact Larry Armstrong, (Larry@larrydarmstrong.com) for more details.

Theology on Tap

Thursdays, 7:00pm

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Pastor Louise to be added to the email list for locations.

Central Connections

Gatherings for couples and singles primarily in their 20's and 30's seeking connections in the city. Brunch will be held on April 2 at noon in the home of Pastor Louise. RSVP to (louise@centraldenver.com)

Equity Through Action: Now

Central collaborates with People's Presbyterian Church to address inequities and seek justice.

Next meeting: May 11, 6:30pm.

Contact Marilyn Eaton (marilyneaton63@gmail.com) Or Cindy Widdowson (solitaire601@comcast.net)

Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursdays, 10:00am

Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit centraldenver.com for access to the Zoom Link.

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