



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Recovery of the Blind, Basilica di St. Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, 6th cent.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023 | 10:30am

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*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

*Vater Unser Im Himmelreich*

J.S. Bach  
Cynthia Choi, organ

### Welcome

Louise Westfall

### 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

Mark Williams

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**Though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; Wait for the Lord!**

### \*Hymn 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you bring us life and light, and reach out to heal us when we are spiritually blind and broken apart. Forgive us when we stubbornly cling to old ways of seeing, or refuse the grace you offer. Restore sight in us, that we might come to know the height and depth and breadth of your transforming love, and become beacons of light to illumine the darkness.

### 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-rior, 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

John 9:1-41

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Louise Westfall

*Seeking (4): What Do You Know?*

## 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

*What Wondrous Love is This*

arr. J. Dixon  
Cynthia Choi, organ

### \*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 649

*Amazing Grace*

### \*Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

*Amazing Grace*

arr D. Bish  
Cynthia Choi, organ

## No Chancel Choir This Week

Please join us when we resume,  
Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00pm in the Choir Room

## One Great Hour of Sharing

As we prepare to receive our One Great Hour of Sharing offering on April 2, remember the vital work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA grants over \$3M annually within the US and across the globe to assist communities and people affected by natural disasters. The recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria plus the influx of refugees walking to the United States from South America are prime examples of PDA's important assistance. Please give generously on April 2. Our goal is \$3000.

## Volunteer at Metro Caring

Make plans to volunteer with others from our Central community at Metro Caring, Denver's premier organization combatting hunger and its root causes, Sunday April 16th and Sunday, May 7, 1:00-4:00pm. Contact Edith Zemanick: [ezemanick@gmail.com](mailto:ezemanick@gmail.com)

## 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:** "The Path of Conscious Love"

**March 26:** "In Memory of Her"

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

## SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming opportunities to help

### Habitat for Humanity:

Fundraiser Breakfast on Wednesday, April 19th  
Community Yard Sale Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in partnership  
with Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church  
Volunteer at home building site on Saturday, June 10th  
Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## 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.

## Heartbeat Denver Working Man's Shelter (WMS)

WMS has volunteer opportunities to enhance the program offerings of the shelter. Please contact Bruce Heagstedt, volunteer Executive Director, at [Bruce@HeartbeatDenver.org](mailto:Bruce@HeartbeatDenver.org).

Also, please "stay tuned" for dates during the summer months to share BBQ dinners with our shelter neighbors.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marilyneaton63@gmail.com)) Or Cindy Widdowson ([solitaire601@comcast.net](mailto:solitaire601@comcast.net))

### Women's Bible Study

#### 2nd Thursdays, 10:00am

#### Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit [centraldenver.com](http://centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom Link.

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