

# Central

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### March 26, 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

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

C. Converse; arr. Roger House  
Paul Falk, piano

### Welcome

Louise Westfall

### Gathering Music



The steady 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

Josh Trimble

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**Have you ever wondered: can these bones live?**

Welcome. Hope lives here. Take a deep breath and worship the God of life.

### \*Hymn 301

*Let Us Build a House*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, there is nothing we have to hide from you: not our anger, our grief, our questions and doubts. Thank you for always meeting us with grace. Thank you for meeting us with grace in all ways. Open us to your love and free us from the ways society binds or judges us. Pour yourself into the cracks of our hearts, and bring these tired bones to life. We pray in your name and by the power of your Spirit.**

### 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

Louise Westfall

Children are invited to gather at the Table to hear the story of Jesus and the Storm (Mark 4).

### Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

### Sermon

Bethany Peerbolte

*Seeking (5): Our Tapestry of Life*

### 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.

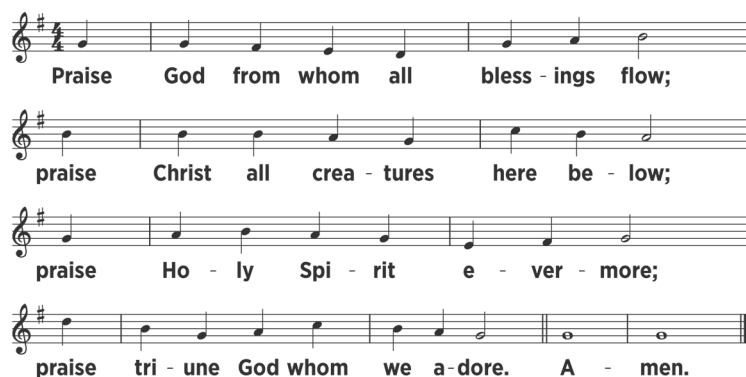
## Offertory

Agnus Dei

Greg Gilpin  
Paul Falk, piano

## \*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 372

O For a World

## \*Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name M. Smith, arr. Fred Bock  
Paul Falk, piano

## Worship April 2

Gather by the front door at 10:10am for our donkey-led palm procession around the block and joyful entrance into the service, which will include Communion and a message for Holy Week.

## Worship April 9

The joyous celebration of Easter and Resurrection with children's flower procession, brass, organ and choir music, a message of hope. Photos with the Resurrection Cross of Flowers.

## Chancel Choir

Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00pm  
Choir Room

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](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com).

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Our One Great Hour of Sharing goal is \$3000. We will receive this offering on April 2. We encourage all to take home fish boxes as daily reminders to donate. One component of this special offering supports Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) in its work to alleviate hunger and its root causes here in the United States and around the world. PHP provided grants to 90 organizations in 2022.

## 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: "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 6th 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.

## 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 worshiping 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)

*The deadline for copy for the bulletin and the eVoice is 10am on Tuesday morning. Any submissions after this deadline will be featured in the following week's publication.*

## Ways to Connect

### Serendipity Women's Group

Serendipity shifts to 6:30pm starting with the April 27 get-together at Marty Jewell's home in Westminster. The 6:30pm meeting times continue through October. RSVP to Marty at 303.956.6158 or [jewellm068@gmail.com](mailto:jewellm068@gmail.com). Serendipity is informal and welcomes all women with the goal of building friendships. Please contact Carol Farnsworth at 720.838.5901 or [carol.farnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:carol.farnsworth@gmail.com) if you wish to host future meetings.

### 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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