



# Central

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*World Communion Sunday*

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **October 1, 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

*This Is My Father's World* arr. Jerry Westenkuhler  
Roger Jensen, organ

### Welcome

Louise Westfall

### Gathering Music



God be the love to search and keep me, God, be the prayer to  
move my voice; God be the strength to now up-hold me;  
O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

### Call to Worship

Pam Wineman

From north and south and east and west,

**All creation sings forth your praises!**

The mountains and the hills burst into song;

**The trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Your steadfast love never ceases.

**With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

### \*Hymn 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you created the whole world and called it good, yet we look out and see division and suffering. We want peace; we pray for peace; strengthen us to become peacemakers, demonstrating the values of your Kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, and suffering and wars shall cease. Restore hope in us and send us out with joy to bear that hope in a hurting world; we pray in Jesus' name.

### Silent Prayer

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

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

### \*Response



All those who are of ten-der heart, for -  
giv-ing oth-ers take your part, sing God's prai-ses, Al-le - lu-ia!  
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears, so  
ev-en in the midst of tears, sing prai-ses, Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

### 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

*[please sing as children walk forward]*

**Jesus loves the little children,**

**All the children of the world.**

**They are promise and delight**

**They are precious in God's sight.**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

*[Today, the children will assist adults in setting the Table for Communion, celebrated today around the world. The cloths are from Malawi, Zimbabwe, Laos, Ethiopia, and Guatemala. Multiple types of bread, including sticky rice from Laos, a food staple, also reflect the global presence of the Christian Church]*

### Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-38

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

For Giving (1): Reconcile

Louise Westfall

### Moments for Silence

### Witness

Gertrude Finyiza and Nebert Kamoto

## Offering for Peace and Global Witness

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

Mwana Mberere Tumbuka Hymn

Nebert Kamoto, soloist

Paul Falk, piano

*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away all our sins,  
Through his death all our sins are washed away.*

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation

#### \*Hymn 526, vv 1-2 (remain seated)

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

## Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*[Please come forward down both aisles to receive. The bread is baked with wine, so provides both elements. Please raise a hand if you prefer to be served in your seat. Gluten-free elements are available on the Table]*

## Prayer After Communion

### \*Hymn 526, v. 3

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

### \*Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*He's Got the Whole Word in His Hands* arr. Mark Hayes  
Paul Falk, piano

Central will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering today – World Communion Sunday. This special offering supports peacemaking and reconciliation ministries locally, nationally, and internationally. Central retains 25% of the offering for local efforts; this portion will go to Journey with Migrants, one of Central's mission partnerships. Our goal is \$1800.

## Faith Formation Classes:

**Through Others' Eyes**

**Sundays at 11:45am in the West Classroom**

Rev. Ron LaRocque leads us on an examination of the relationship between Sarah and Hagar as narrated in Genesis. In an intentional break from more "traditional" understandings of the biblical text (patriarchal, heteronormative, colonialist), these stories will be considered through the lenses of Feminist (Phyllis Tribble), Womanist (Katy Taylor), and Queer (Ron) biblical interpreters to discover hidden horrors and treasures.

**October 1** – Feminist

**October 8** – Womanist

**October 15** – Queer

## Women's Homeless Initiative Partners

Help prepare lunches for our unhoused neighbors:

Wed, Oct 11: 9 am at Central

Tues, Oct 31: 9 am at Central

Central welcomes donations of bread,  
meat, chips, and drinks.

RSVP to Molly Brown:

[molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com)

## Join Us for Choir

**Wednesdays, 7:00pm– 8:30pm**

All are welcome—all ages, all stages or musical knowledge and ability. If you like to sing, you belong!

## Welcoming work requested each Sunday:

1-2 front door greeters and 1-2 fellowship time hosts.

Please contact Tom Clarke [tarts2020@gmail.com](mailto:tarts2020@gmail.com).

## 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)

*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 welcomes all women interested in building friendship through "fem-ship." We are looking for a volunteer to host October 26, our last meeting of the year. Contact Carol Farnsworth, [carol.farnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:carol.farnsworth@gmail.com) or 720.838.5901.

### Men's Night Out

Gather in participants' homes for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. Please contact Larry Armstrong 303.875.7808 or [Larry@larrydarmstrong.com](mailto:Larry@larrydarmstrong.com) for more information.

### 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. Contact Pastor Louise to be added to the email list.

### 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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