



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024 | 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

Morceau de concours

Gabriel Fauré
Kassandra Lopez, flute
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Rachel Hutson

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

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Blessed be God, who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Draw near to God, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have become our salvation.

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God, whom we worship and serve.

*Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We have not lived as Easter people, nor practiced resurrection. Forgive us. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of salvation given in Jesus Christ, the Risen One.

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

Molly Brown

[Children gather at the Table and take the light of Christ into the Bible Story Chapel for listening and learning.]

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:5-12

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

Sermon

Another Way

Fernando Rodriguez

Moments for Silence

Offering

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

Psalm Twenty and Three

John Carter
Kassandra Lopez, flute
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise Christ all crea - tures here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spi - rit e - ver - more;
praise tri - une God whom we a - dore. A - men.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
God of compassion, **we offer our 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.

*Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet
Douglas Macomber, organ

~indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member

We welcome the Rev. Fernando Rodriguez to Central today. He serves as the Associate Presbyter for Mission in Denver Presbytery. In this role, he serves as a catalyst for new worshipping communities throughout the presbytery. He also supports congregations (like Central!) engaged in mission partnerships. Fernando describes the various church settings in which he's served this way: *new worshipping communities, older Latinx, African American, and predominantly European American congregations in Indiana, Delaware and Michigan.* He is married to Kecelyn Santiago and they have two children, Matias and Sionely.

We also welcome Douglas Macomber, former Director of Music and organist here at Central, joining us in our service today. We are grateful for his willingness to help lead us in worship.

Faith Formation Classes *TODAY*

Please join Rev. Evan Amo for the *Decolonizing Christianity* Series on April 21 after Worship in the West Classroom.

In *Decolonizing Christianity*, Rev. Amo will help us to identify the histories and dimensions of colonialism within the living history of Christianity, and seek to rediscover a pre-imperial Christian imagination, pursuing the heart of Jesus and the Kingdom he has brought near.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Sunday, April 28th at 11:45am in the East Classroom, Central will host a presentation of an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) slideshow created by Colorado Ceasefire to help raise awareness. ERPOs help to reduce the daily loss of life due to firearm violence, including gun suicide, but the law is not widely understood. The presentation explains how ERPOs work, plus addresses myths and misunderstandings, and includes time for Q&A.

Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 am

Embodied Presence, Sacred Belonging – Alfredo Kemm will lead this class that focuses on living an open-hearted Christian path with space for interpersonal relationships, companion experiences, connections, and identity.

Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 am

Preserving Identity Through Life – Kristin Staudt will lead this class that explores maintaining one's sense of self and identity as we age.

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

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, an informal group welcoming all women, meets Tuesday, May 9th at the home of Celeste Habiger in Littleton, 6:30pm. RSVPs to rhabiger@gmail.com or 832.248.4101. April through November, we shift to evening meetings, 6:30-8:30pm. Join us for refreshments, conversation and friendship-building!

Men's Night Out

Gather in participants' homes for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. Our next gathering will be April 25, 6pm, at the home of Hugh Brown near downtown. Hugh may be contacted at 303-845-2495 or hughbrown4@gmail.com.

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 for access to the Zoom Link.

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