



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Prelude

*Quintet for Winds, I. Intrada*

John Harbison  
The Quintet

### 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

(from A Celtic Psalter)

Edith Zemanick

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

In the silence of the morning, we are alive to the new day's light;

**In the silence of our hearts, we hear the yearnings and the fears within, the doubts that trouble the soul.**

In the beginning of this day, O God, before the stillness is lost to the week's busyness, open to us the treasure of our inner beings.

**That we may draw on wisdom and grace.**

Assure us again of our origins in you,

**Assure us again that our true depths are of you.**

### \*Hymn 667~

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you are the Source of light and life and show us love without measure or condition. We confess our misunderstanding of your love—acting as if it obliterates boundaries and limits, supersedes your law, and feeds our self-involved egos. Forgive us, we pray, and put a right spirit within us. Restore in us your Divine image that is our essence, and teach us how to love you, our neighbor, and ourselves. Help us follow Jesus, and walk faithfully, joyfully, and obediently according to your Word.**

### 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

John 15:9-17

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

## Sermon

*Love and Law*

Louise Westfall

## 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

*Prelude in the Dorian Mode* arr. Stuart Young\*  
The Quintet

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ all creatures here be low;  
praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
praise tri - une God whom we a - dore. A - men.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation

## Hymn 693 (seated)

*Though I May Speak*

## 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.**

... Now let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

## 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 and cup. 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 803~

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

## Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*Quintet for Winds, V. Finale*

John Harbison  
The Quintet

-indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member

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### The Quintet

Colleen McCracken—Flute  
Zach Gnall—Oboe  
John Griffin—Clarinet  
Stuart Young\*—Bassoon  
Lee Cyphers—Horn

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## Faith Formation Classes

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP—EAST CLASSROOM

*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 11:45am

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

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Central will receive the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, May 19. This PCUSA Special Offering assists children at risk, youth, and young adults. A portion of the offering aids a local organization of our choice. Central's local portion will go to La Puente. Our goal is \$1500.

## 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 6:30pm. 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, an informal group welcoming all women, meets Thursday, May 9th at the home of Celeste Habiger: 4730 W Costilla Pl, Littleton, CO 80128, 6:30pm. RSVPs to [rchabiger@gmail.com](mailto:rchabiger@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. 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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