



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Vail, Colorado

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 12, 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

Impromptu op. 90, No. 3

Franz Schubert
Mallory Bernstein

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

Jennifer Landrum
(from the United Church of Canada)

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

We are not alone, for we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is still creating,

Who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new.

The Spirit calls us to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we raise our hymns and voices in praise to you for the beauty of the earth, the wonder of this hour, the joy of human love, and the gift of your presence and peace. We are grateful to find here your forgiveness and healing. Help us let go of the follies, fears, and failures of the week. Forgive our contention, pettiness and pride, and renew us in your love that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you all our days.

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 tender 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

Numbers 27:1-8

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

Sermon

Quiet! Women are Talking!

Adrian Miller

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.

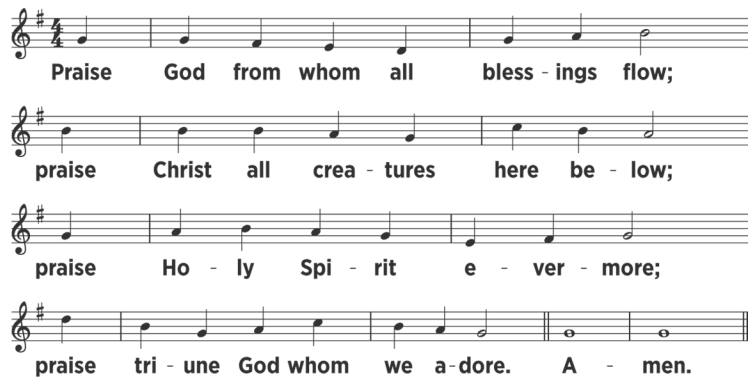
Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter
The Chancel Choir
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 767

Together We Serve

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Victor Labenske
Mallory Bernstein

-indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member

We welcome Adrian Miller, Executive Director of the Colorado Council of Churches to Central this morning. Adrian is a Colorado native and a lifelong member of Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Denver, Colorado, a graduate of Stanford University and Georgetown University Law School. After practicing law in Denver for several years, Adrian became a special assistant to President Bill Clinton and the Deputy Director of the President's Initiative for One America. He's also served as General Counsel/Director of Outreach at the Bell Policy Center, Senior Policy Analyst for Gov. Ritter where he handled homeland security, military and veteran's issues, and childhood hunger.

Adrian is also the author of the James Beard Foundation Award-winning book *Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time, and The President's Kitchen Cabinet: The Story of the African Americans Who Have Fed Our First Families from the Washingtons to the Obamas.*

Faith Formation Classes

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP—EAST CLASSROOM

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

Pentecost Offering

Central will receive the Pentecost Offering next 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.

Save The Date

All Church Worship and Picnic at Wash Park on Sunday, June 2. We will celebrate our high school graduates!



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 6:30pm. 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

Our informal monthly get-togethers for conversation and friendship building are on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. For more info, please contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901.

Men's Night Out

Thursday, May 23rd from 6:00-9:00pm

Our next Men's Night Out will be hosted by Gary Ringler and Patrick Slaughter. This will be a make your own taco night -- everything will be supplied, but you can bring beer, wine or desserts. Please RSVP to garyringler@icloud.com or 303.437.4612.

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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