



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 19, 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

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Warren M. Angell  
Paul Falk, piano

### 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

Ron LaRocque

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life.

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you animated the Church with Divine breath and brought new life to the beloved community.

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, our Peace, you intercede for us in prayers, preaching, and presence that we may love you, our neighbors, and ourselves.

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you give us gifts — the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and courage, the spirit of knowledge and truth, the spirit of God's persistent love, that the whole creation be transformed.

#### Come, Holy Spirit!

### \*Hymn 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Come, Holy Spirit, and with our breath, blow on our dry and dusty lives. We confess our need for you, even when we resist and ignore you. Light a fire within us — the fire of love to burn away our apathy. Forgive the illusion of independence and self-righteousness to which we cling, renew our faith, and deepen our bonds with you and the beloved community. Transform our timid, tepid faith into courageous and compassionate living. Come, Holy 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



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

Lauren Berv

*[Children may gather at the Table to hear and see the Bible Story]*

*Pentecost (Acts 2)*

These are the stories of God's people for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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

## Sermon

*All Together*

Louise Westfall

## Moments for Silence

## Celebrating Our Ministry of Music

*We give thanks for the Chancel Choir and Section Leaders: Elizabeth Mirandi, Leslie Soich, Terrence McKenzie, and John Seesholtz; Handbell Choir Director, Lisa Phillips; Director of Music, Charis Smith.*

## Offering and Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering is a Presbyterian Church (USA) churchwide offering supporting programs benefitting children, youth and young adults. Central's portion will be given to La Puente, a faith-based nonprofit serving neighbors in the San Luis Valley, including projects in the upcoming mission trip, June 22-26.

*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 to either offering 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

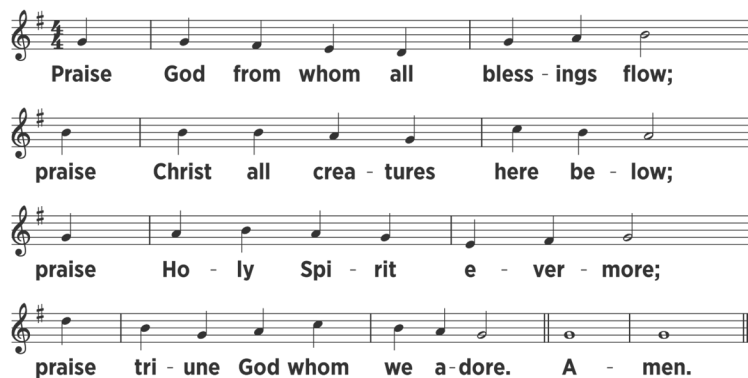
*Woodlands*

arr. Larry Sue; pub. Choraegus  
Central Presbyterian Handbell Choir  
Lisa Philips, Director

Phyllis Covey, Ron Covey, Doris Schatz, Kirsten Schatz, Ahna Smith, Charis Smith, Leslie Soich

## \*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 291

*Spirit ~*

## Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter  
The Chancel Choir  
Paul Falk, piano

-indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Edward and Helen Shalkey by their daughter, Melinda Shalkey.

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## Save The Date

### Sunday, June 2

Worship in the Narthex at 10:30 am  
All Church Picnic at 11:45am at Wash Park Picnic Site 1  
Corner of Virginia Ave. and S. Franklin St., just west of the Fire Station and adjacent to a small fishing pond.

Central provides hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers plus dessert. Please bring a side dish to share. Dress casually for Worship and Picnic. We will celebrate our graduates!

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## Summer of Service

### Wednesday, June 5

### Summer of Service is in full swing

9 - 10am: Central Narthex  
Pack lunches for youth at Urban Peak.  
Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

5:30 - 8pm: Metro Caring  
Prepare its fresh food market for daily shoppers.  
Contact [trimjosh@gmail.com](mailto:trimjosh@gmail.com) to participate.



## 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

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](mailto: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](http://centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom Link.

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