



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 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

Sonata in A Minor III. Andante amabile

Georg Philipp Telemann
Miriam Kapner, oboe
Joshua Sawicki, piano

Welcome

Gathering Music

arr. Wil Smith



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 Philip Newell, *Sounds of the Eternal*)

In the silence before time began, in the quiet of the womb, in the stillness of early morning, is your beauty.

At the heart of all creation, at the birth of every creature, at the center of each moment is your splendor.

Rekindle in us the sparks of your beauty that we may be part of the splendor of this moment.

Rekindle in us the sparks of your beauty that we may be part of the blazing splendor that burns from the heart of this moment.

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, the world is charged with your grandeur! Your presence is known in earth's intricate beauty and infinite complexity. Awaken us to the dangers we have inflicted upon the earth. Renew in us a sense of reverence and awe for all you have made. Help us be generous and just stewards, looking not only to short term profits, but what will serve generations long after us. Grant us grace to cultivate your Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven.

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

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-15

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

Sermon

Praying as Jesus Taught Radicals to Pray Evan Amo

Moments for Silent Prayer

Witness

Cheryl Fleetwood and Chris Adams

Gun Violence Prevention and Ghost Ranch

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.

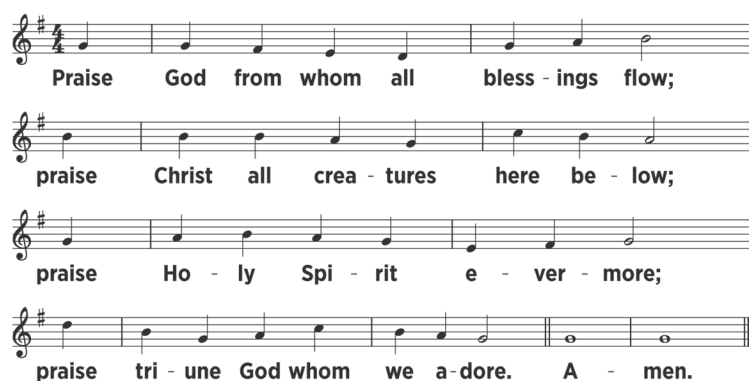
Offertory

Silent Devotion from Shiru Ladonai Chadash

Gershon Kingsley
Miriam Kapner, oboe
Joshua Sawicki, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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 714

Guide My Feet

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Concerto in G Minor: Grave

George Frideric Handel
Miriam Kapner, oboe
Joshua Sawicki, piano

~indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member. Please submit your favorites to Pastor Louise for use in an upcoming service.

We welcome back to Central the Rev. Evan Amo, pastor of Waypoint, a new worshipping community in Denver Presbytery. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, dedicated runner and hiker, Evan is married to Lauren Osga and they are the parents of Rainey. Thank you, Evan, for bringing the Word this morning!

RESTORING CONNECTIONS

Central continues to partner with Restoring Connections, a leader in Vincentian Spiritual Formation for spiritual direction. Restoring Connections mentors provide soul care for women in prison and during re-entry. Did you know that women in prison often have no family members that visit them? We can help! In the Narthex are greeting cards.

We are asking members to write a note of encouragement, love, prayer to Maureen.

Please sign with your first name only. These notes will be hand delivered to Maureen by a Restoring Connections mentor.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

In the spirit of neighborhood collaboration, the University Club (directly across the street from Central) is offering Sunday Brunch on July 28 for all, 11 am – 2 pm. The fixed menu will include carving station, breakfast foods, pastries and complimentary mimosa. Special kids menu. No dress code. A delicious meal and opportunity to get acquainted with our neighbors who are interested in promoting Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter and Purple Door Coffee.

Please call or email the *church office* to make reservations: 303.839.5500 or frontdesk@centraldenver.com

DINNER WITH HEARTBEAT DENVER WORKING MEN'S SHELTER

Wednesday, August 7th from 5pm - 7:30pm

Prepare dinner, serve and dine with our neighbors at Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter. Contact dgdaramsey@comcast.net to participate.

VOLUNTEER WITH CARPENTER'S HELPERS: AUGUST 10

Join Carpenter's Helpers/Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver to build homes in the Denver Metro area. **All participants must register at least two weeks in advance.**

<http://centralpres.denver.volunteerhub.com/>

We are glad to be worshiping 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

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets August 8 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Gina Batali-Brooks' home in Denver's LoHi neighborhood. Please come for conversation, refreshments and friendship building. RSVPs to gina@inspired.com. Please do not use "REPLY ALL." Carpooling is essential; street parking is available but can be scarce.

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 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.

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