

Central
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 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

Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 108, II. Adagio
Johannes Brahms
Chris Jusell, violin
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Louise Westfall

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

Bryan Brooks

O Risen One, we gather this day and welcome the light that awakens and the breath that sustains.

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We pray to meet you this day and awaken to your presence.

We pray to meet you and awaken to your presence in the faces of friends and neighbors, strangers and others

Open our hearts in worship to receive your love.

Open our hearts in service to give your love.

*Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart~

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you welcome us all in love and bless us with abundant gifts. Please forgive us when we forget your generous grace, and worship other sources of providence and security. Overcome our fears with certainty—not of answers, but of the experience of your unfailing presence and undying love. Strengthen us for faithful stewardship. We pray in your name.

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

Mark 6:30-44
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Is There Ever Enough? Louise Westfall

Moments for Silent Prayer

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.

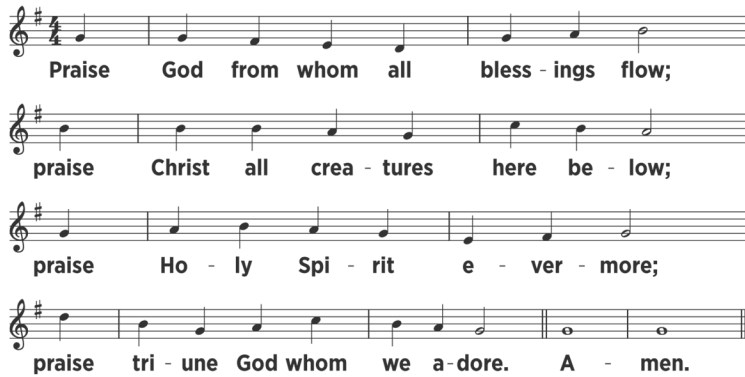
Offertory

Violin Sonata in A, K. 526, II: Andante

W. A. Mozart
Chris Jusell, violin
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Hungarian Dance No. 5

Johannes Brahms, arr. Joseph Joachim
Chris Jusell, violin
Mallory Bernstein, piano

The flowers on the chancel this morning are given in gratitude for Charis Smith on her second anniversary as Central's Church Administrator and Director of Music, by the Personnel Committee and Pastor Louise.

The Central Personnel Committee, on behalf of an appreciative congregation, wishes to extend our congratulations and sincere gratitude to Charis Smith on her anniversary as both our adept Church Administrator and our creative Director of Music. Remarkably, it has only been two years—Since July 25, 2022—that Charis has been serving the church in these two admittedly diverse capacities. Nevertheless, she handles each role like a seasoned pro. We have all enjoyed the uniquely special, surprisingly diverse, and consistently enjoyable musical programming Charis has brought to Central, including her experienced direction of our amazing choir of some 20 voices (which she inspires to sound more like 100 voices!) to the fabulous soloists, musicians, bands, and ensembles that she has brought to enhance our worship and special services. And from the other side of her brain, Charis has handled the church administration with organization, efficiency and experience. With profound gratitude, Charis, we wish you a very happy anniversary. We look forward to many more years ahead!

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

11:45 am in the East Classroom

Sundays: August 4, 11, 18, 25

Join the Rev. Dr. Carl Hansen in a weekly study of *The Book of Revelation*, commonly referred to as the most controversial book in The Bible. Written toward the end of the 1st century and decades after the time of Christ, it is a letter to seven churches facing persecution within The Roman Empire. It was a call to resistance and hope. Many readers today understand it as being written for here and now, 2000 years later. This popular view has consequences for Middle East politics, the environment, and the upcoming election

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.

DINNER WITH HEARTBEAT DENVER WORKING MEN'S PROGRAM

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

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

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@isinspired.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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