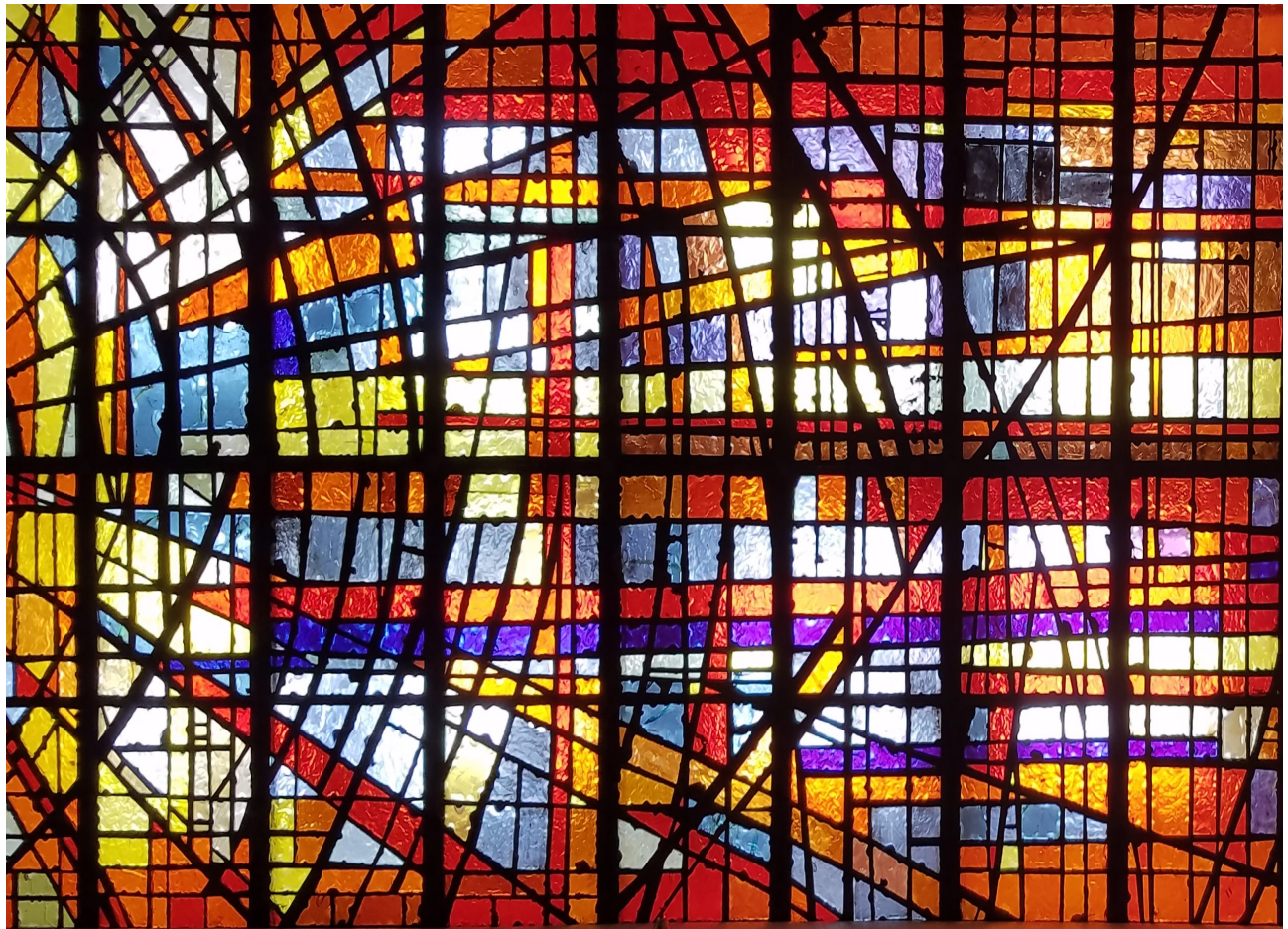




Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 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

Healer of Our Every Ill Marty Haugen
Ahna, Liza, Charis and Ryan Smith, quartet
Joshua Sawicki, 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 (from Psalm 37) Celeste Habiger

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

For they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in God, and do good, so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

Commit your way to God; trust in the Lord who will make the justice of your cause shine like the light.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God; refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Our steps are made firm by the Lord when we delight in God's way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for God holds us by the hand.

*Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we give you thanks for our nation, and for your providential care through the ages. Forgive us when we claim special privilege to the exclusion of others, or imagine that our nation and your righteous realm are one and the same. Give us clear eyes to see our country's flaws, and grace to seek healing, reconciliation and peace. Let patriotism never substitute for faith, and keep us in right relationship with you and one another.

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!**

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:13-17

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

Sermon

A Love Letter to My Country

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.

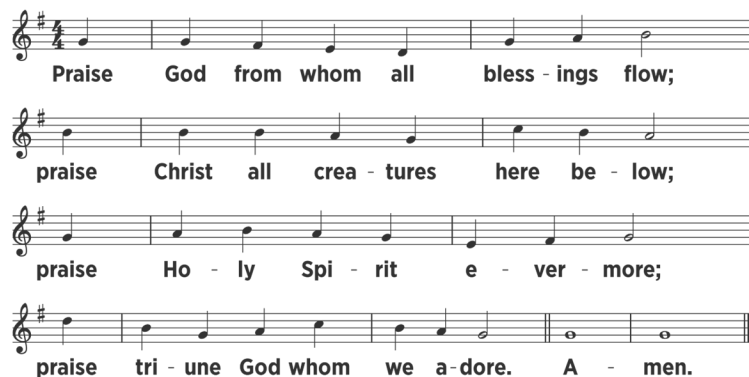
Offertory

In the Gloaming

arr. Jonatha Brooke
Ahna and Liza Smith, soloists
Joshua Sawicki, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Hymn 525 vv, 1, 3 (seated)

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 is baked with wine, so provides both elements. 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 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

French Serenade from Lyric Pieces, Op. 62 No. 3

Edvard Grieg
Joshua Sawicki, piano

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

TRANSITION TEAM VIRTUAL FORUM Monday, July 8th at 7pm via Zoom

Please join us for a virtual forum led by the Transition Team via Zoom to discuss the Position Announcement and the Survey Results gathered by the Team over the past few months.

Please use the link below to join the discussion.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427351186?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427351186?pwd=TThyb2gvd1ZWUE1ZcFhMMWwwTG05QT09)

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NEARLY THERE:

NEXT SUNDAY AT CENTRAL

Worship at Central on July 14, featuring the music of *Nearly There*, a folky, soft-rock ensemble including former Central members Myron and Cherie Swisher and Colorado Trust CEO Don Mares.

They'll also present a concert of favorites from noon to 1 pm. Free will offering only.

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/>

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

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

Join us for Serendipity's annual summer potluck on Jo Culbertson's leafy back patio, July 11, 6-8:30 pm (please note the earlier start time). All women are welcome to bring something to share as we enjoy an evening of conversation, friendship and good food. RSVPs to joculbertson@gmail.com or 303.861.9046. Carpooling recommended.

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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