



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing by Mike Moyers

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **OCTOBER 20, 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

Deep River

trad. Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Charles Stevenson, soloist
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

Josh Trimble

(adapted from Philip Newell *Sounds of the Eternal*)

Before us in the planned shape of this day, let us look for unexpected surging of new life.

Around us in the people we know and love, let us look for unopened gifts of promise.

In disappointment and hurt, let us look for Divine grace.

Within the sanctuaries of our own souls, let us look for glimmers of the eternal Light.

Before us, around us, within us, let us look for God's life-giving mystery.

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*Hymn 451 ~

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Prayer of the Day

(adapted from Philip Newell *Sounds of the Eternal*)

Thanks be to you, O God, for the stirrings of new life in us this day: for rising from the dreams of the night to a fresh flowing of energy; for the vitality that awakened us and the desires that stir our souls. Let us know the power for life that is in us all, the life-force in our senses and the might that is in our hearts. Let us know you as the source of such force, and be wise to its true streams and false currents. Let us serve love with our strength this day. In heart and mind and body this day, let us serve love. Amen.

Time With Younger Church

Lauren Berv

[Children gather at the Table and take the light of Christ into the Bible Story Chapel engagement with the story of the Ten Best Ways to Live.]

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:17-32

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

Sermon

We Have Seen Strange Things

Louise Westfall

Moment for Silence

Confession and Reconciliation

Pastor Louise: I thank you, Central—members and companions—for the love, kindness and support shown me these nearly fourteen years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made: for expectations not met, for wounds not healed, for gifts not given, for promises not kept.

We forgive you. We thank you for the love, kindness, and support shown us these nearly fourteen years. And we ask your forgiveness for our mistakes: for expectations not met, for wounds not healed, for gifts not given, for promises not kept.

Pastor Louise: I forgive you. Friends, together let us take hold of the good news of our faith:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!

*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!**

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.

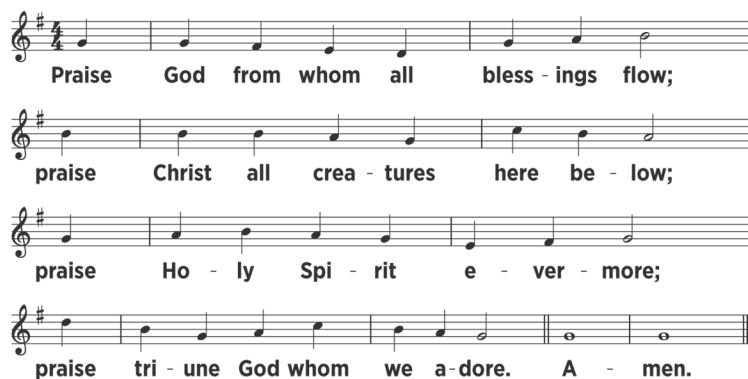
Offertory

Sunday from Sunday in the Park With George

Stephen Sondheim
The Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

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 839 ~

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther
Mallory Bernstein, piano

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

The choir has made its annual donation to the **Denver Black Reparations Council**, representing music we have sung in worship appropriated from Black communities, composers, and musicians whose work was unacknowledged and for which they received no compensation. This is a voluntary contribution from Central's choir and does not draw from any church funds.

Faith Formation Classes

TODAY at 11:45am in the East Classroom

Rev. Dr. Ron LaRocque will lead classes after Worship throughout October based on Tim Alberta's journalistic endeavor, *The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory - American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*. Ron will dedicate a class to each section as follows: The Glory (Oct 20). The fourth and final class (Oct 27) will explore next steps and takeaways. If you would like a copy of the book, contact: molly@centraldenver.com.

Considering membership?

October 27—Join Pastor Louise and Central leaders for lunch and info about our mission and ministries. RSVP to Pastor Louise (louise@centraldenver.com).

Save The Date: November 3

Presbyterian pastor and former General Assembly moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow will preach and lead a Faith Formation class. Rev. Bruce is an active speaker and writer on topics of faith, culture, race, and technology. He is the host of the podcast, BRC & Friends, and the author of five books. His latest is *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* (Broadleaf Books, 2024).

Bruce has been an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1995 and has pastored five churches and has been active in local politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for nearly three decades. He is also a Senior Consultant and Coach with Convergence and is a Gallup-Certified CliftonStrengths Coach.

We will welcome elder and minister commissioners attending the Presbytery of Denver assembly on Tuesday. Thanks to Central's leaders and staff for your service and hospitality.

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 in the Narthex.

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's next get-together is November 14, hosted by Mary Halpin. We meet 6:30-8:30pm for friendship building and refreshments. RSVPs to Mary at 410.409.7472 or halpinmb@gmail.com. Debbie Stevenson hosts December 12. For more info, contact coordinator Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901 or carol.farnsworth@gmail.com.

Men's Night Out

The October Men's Night Out gathering will be held at 6pm in the penthouse of the Montview Manor Seniors Bldg. Menu is: Baked Ham, BBQ Yams & Some Fresh Baked Bread. Please bring a Salad, Dessert, or whatever you like. If Parking is scarce on Steele Street. try 16th Avenue. Please note there is no Parking available at Manor Bldg. Please RSVP and say what you're bringing if possible. Thanks! Tom Clarke: 720-255-6657.

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, beginning September 12th Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit centraldenver.com for access to the Zoom Link.

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