



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



World Communion Sunday by Dorothea B. Kennedy and Gloiela Yau Dolak

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY **OCTOBER 6, 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

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

Clare Hammor

We are a welcoming community

Full of friendship and dedication

Laughter and grace

Alone and together

Institutionally suspicious and spiritually inquisitive

Alive as Christ's body on earth

Come, let us worship together.

*Hymn

For Everyone Born

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

Chorus:

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table –
and all those between, beyond, and besides;
expanding our world, dismantling power,
each valued for what their voice can provide.**

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.**
Chorus

**For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color
for queer, trans, and ace, the chalice of grace.**
Chorus

Prayer

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**i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes**

**(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)**

**how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?**

**(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)**

*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

John 11:1-3, 17-36

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

Sermon

Chaos and Community: In Art and Word

Moments for Silence

Offering and Peace/Global Witness 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

Come Find His Rest Erik Dewar, arr. Dan Forrest
Ahna and Liza Smith, soloists
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Congregation please join when invited:

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest"; lay down, O weary one, lay
down your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I
found in him a resting place, and he has made me
glad.**

*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'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.**

*Nursery children will join us for Communion and are
welcome to share the elements.*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Preparing the Table

Breads representing different communities will be brought forward and placed on the Table as a sign of God's love for the whole world.

Invitation

Communion Hymn 507 (seated)

Come to the Table of Grace

You are invited to come forward for a ritual handwashing as sign of God's grace poured out upon us. Following the handwashing, you may choose whichever type of bread you want—or maybe more than one!—and receive a cup of grape juice and return to your seat to consume. Gluten and allergen-free elements available on the Table. Please indicate if you would like the elements brought to you. Elder John Ferguson, assisting.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (repeat)**

Blessing

Postlude

TODAY:

Peace and Global Witness Offering

This Presbyterian Church (USA) offering supports peacemaking initiatives and support for mission co-workers in more than twenty countries around the world. A portion of this offering will be designated for the Cuba Partner Network through which our partnership with Havana Presbytery originated. What better way to celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ than a gift towards greater peace and understanding among our neighbors! Give in person or online at centraldenver.com.

Faith Formation Classes

Beginning TODAY, October 6th 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 Kingdom (Oct 6), The Power (Oct 13), 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.

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, an informal group welcoming all women, meets October 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Gina Batali -Brooks' home, in Denver's LoHi neighborhood. Come for conversation, refreshments and friendship building. RSVPs to gina@isinspired.com. Carpooling is essential; street parking is available but can be scarce. Other meetings this year are November 14 and December 12. Contact Carol Farnsworth, carol.farnsworth@gmail.com or 720.838.5901.

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.

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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