



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Doxology by Mike Moyers

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE 1, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring J.S. Bach
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Tim Mooney
Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Gathering Music (seated)

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

Tim Mooney
The Lord is a refuge to the seeker,
and God is a seeker too — who searches for even the lost coin.

If you are looking for a place at Christ’s table, know that it is already prepared for you.

**God welcomes all of us with grace and joy.
Let us worship God!**

*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved children, and we ask, “Why them?” We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful, and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast, and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may extend grace and love as you do.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

May we know that we are each created in God’s image — wonderfully made, eternally embraced by love, and called into community.

Let us be people of courage, compassion, and joy, knowing that we are forgiven and renewed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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!

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *You Belong Here* Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

*Affirmation of Faith

Iona Community

With the whole church:

We affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere:

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation:

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

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.

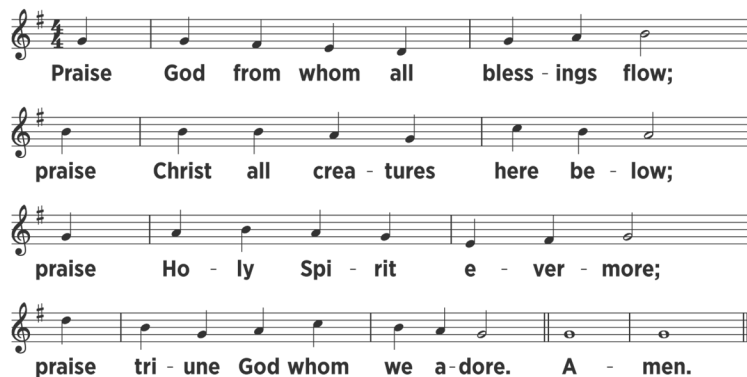
Offertory

IV. I Can Do All Things

M. Roger Holland, II
The Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Hymn 507

Come to the Table of Grace (seated)

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.

The Lord's Prayer

...praying as Jesus taught us:

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 and cup. Please raise a hand if you prefer to be served in your seat. Gluten and nut-free elements are available on the Table]

The children will join us for Communion.

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Joyful Day

Mark Hayes
Mallory Bernstein, piano

CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8th, following our 10:30 a.m. worship service at Central. Meet us at the NE corner of Wash Park. Please join us for burgers and dogs; we welcome salads, sides and sweets.

PENTECOST OFFERING

We will receive our Pentecost Offering NEXT Sunday, June 8. This Special Offering supports programs for young people. Central retains 40% of the total and has designated La Puente's PALS program as recipient of these vital funds.

LA PUENTE THIS SUMMER

Join the trip to La Puente in Alamosa this summer! Trip dates are Sat, June 21 - Wed, June 25. Contact Gina Batali-Brooks 303-246-6743 or gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com

SUMMER HABITAT BUILD

Join Habitat for Humanity Carpenter's Helpers Build Opportunity on Saturday, June 28th, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Email Jon@centraldenver.com to register.

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 | 8:00 a.m. – 1:30p.m.
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 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 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
- 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 10:30 a.m.: 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 6:30 p.m.. Sign up at: www.centraldenver.com/contact

The deadline for copy for the bulletin and the eVoice is 10:00 a.m. 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 annual summer potluck is set for June 12 in Jo Culbertson's backyard in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. All women are welcome. Come at 6:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share. Car-pooling is encouraged. RSVPs to joculbertson@gmail.com or 303.861.9046. If you would like to host October 9 or November 13, contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901.

Men's Group to CU Boulder

Saturday June 28th—Save the Date!

Peter Odgaard has invited the men of Central to a Saturday outing and lunch on the CU Boulder campus. Save the date and block out 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. We'll plan to do some carpooling; details to follow here. Questions? Contact Peter at 319.541.3401 or peter.odgaard99@gmail.com.

Theology on Tap

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Charis Smith (charis@centraldenver.com) to be added to the email list for locations.

Women's Bible Study is in recess until the fall.

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