



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 | 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

Intermezzo in A major, Op. 118 No. 2

Johannes Brahms
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Tim Mooney

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 (from Psalm 29 and I Kings 19)

Kristin Staudt

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders!

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty!

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire!

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness!

But the Lord is not in the wind, in the earthquake, or the fire.

In the sheer sound of silence, we sense the presence of God!

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we sometimes want you to be like the gods of old. We want to earn your favor with sacrifices, retain your blessings because we are better than “them”, buy your protection by our benevolence. We want you to be a god who can be bought. Forgive us, and remind us that you have freely bought us with your love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Happy are those whose help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Who keeps faith forever, executes justice, gives food to the hungry, and sets the prisoners free.

Friends, believe 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

Exodus 32:1-6; Ephesians 3:16-19

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

Sermon

Behind the Curtain

Tim Mooney

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.

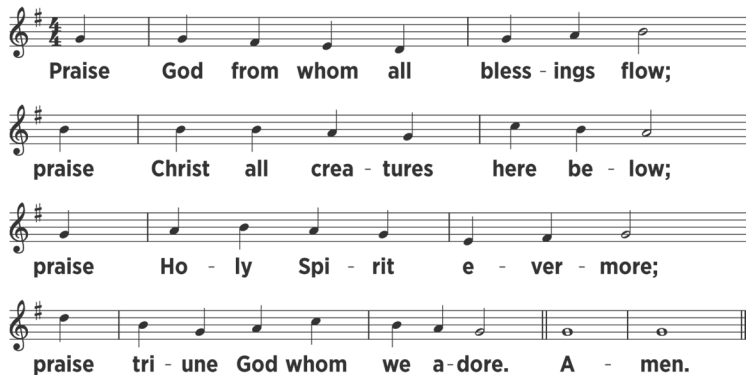
To give via sms, please text "centraldenver" (no spaces) to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info. Thank you for your gifts.

Offertory

Romance in F Major, Op. 118, No. 5 Johannes Brahms
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 743 (2x)

O God, You Are My God

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Mark Hayes
Mallory Bernstein, piano

WELCOME PASTOR DOROTHY

With an overwhelming sense of gratitude to the Transition Team, the Pastor Nominating Committee, the Session and the congregation, we welcome Pastor Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra, her wife Dr. Catalina Piatt-Esguerra, and twin sons, Mateo and Gabriel to Central this week. Pastor Dorothy will begin serving as Central's pastor and head of staff on Tuesday, May 27th. We look forward to her leadership and are thankful to all those who made this happen and for God's guidance throughout.

A special thanks to Rev. Tim Mooney for providing leadership, pastoral care, uplifting sermons from the pulpit, and a safe space for Central during this time of transition. The staff is particularly grateful to Rev. Ron LaRocque for being a vital liaison from the Personnel Committee to see the staff through challenges that arose during these past months. Thank you both.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8th, following our 10:30am worship service at Central. Meet us at the NE corner of Wash Park (Virginia and Franklin streets near the Firehouse). Please join us for burgers and dogs; if you'd like to bring something, we welcome salads, sides and sweets.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Thanks to Central members for contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing totaling \$1550 in April. We will receive our Pentecost Offering on 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

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 annual summer potluck is set for June 12 in Jo Culbertson's backyard in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. All women are welcome. Come at 6pm 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 noon—3pm. 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, 7:00pm

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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