



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace,
from Art in the Christian Tradition,
Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 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

Bless the Lord

Andraé Crouch
The Chancel Choir
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 51) Carol Farnsworth

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Let us worship the God of Love.

*Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we have made sacrifices for you, for others, and we feel grateful to do so. And, despite ourselves, we believe at times, that you owe us, that we deserve to be rewarded for our "sacrifices." Forgive us when our sacrifices are no longer out of love and compassion, but out of a desire to receive something in return. We all do this, occasionally, and all of us need your grace. May all our sacrifices be made from love.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, all we are asked is to have faith the size of a mustard seed,

And we will move mountains.

Friends, believe the good news:

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

*Response



All those who are of tender heart, for -
giving others take your part, sing God's praises, Al-le - lu-ia!
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears, so
ev-en in the midst of tears, sing praises, 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

Matthew 9:9-13

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

Sermon

A Desirable Mercy

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.

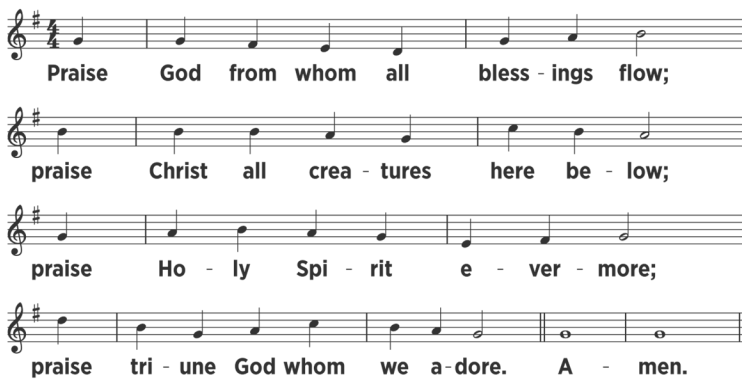
Offertory

Set Me As A Seal

René Clausen
The Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise Christ all crea - tures here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spi - rit e - ver - more;
praise tri - une God whom we a - dore. A - men.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Hymn 519 (seated)

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (2x)

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.

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.

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-free elements are available on the Table]

The children will join us for Communion.

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 625

How Great Thou Art

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm
Mallory Bernstein, piano

PLEASE NOTE

On Sunday, May 18th, we will worship with Peoples Presbyterian Church, 2780 York Street, Denver.

There will be no services at Central that day because of the Colfax Marathon.

Please note worship begins at 10AM.

See you there!

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.

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 6:30-8:30pm Thursday, May 8, at the home of Cheryl Fleetwood in the Central Park neighborhood. Renée Ferguson co-hosting. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. RSVPs to cherylrfleetwood@gmail.com or 303.877.0211.

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 Charis Smith (charis@centraldenver.com) to be added to the email list for locations.

Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursdays, 10:00am

Via Zoom

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

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