



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 29, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.

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*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

*Summertime*

George Gershwin  
Matheus Pagliacci, piano

### Welcome

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

Jennifer Gilroy

God's Spirit meets us on the wilderness road  
**in unexpected questions and sacred encounters.**

We do not worship to earn God's love  
**but because we trust it is freely given.**

Let us bring our whole selves before God  
**that we may be renewed by grace.**

### \*Hymn 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### Prayer of Confession

God of boundless mercy, you send us messengers,  
and we look the other way. You nudge us toward  
conversations, and we change the subject. You invite  
us to widen the welcome, and we draw our circles

**tighter. Forgive us for the boundaries we build—  
around who belongs, who understands, and who  
deserves. Break open our hearts with the clarity of  
your Spirit. Help us to listen with humility, to speak  
with courage, and to love without condition, so  
that all your children may know they are included  
in your grace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray.**

### Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: There is no desert road so  
barren, no question so strange, no boundary so fixed  
that the Spirit of God cannot cross it. In Jesus Christ,  
God comes to us still—teaching, welcoming, washing  
us in mercy.

**Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
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!**

### Time With Younger Church

*[Children gather at the Table and take the light of  
Christ into the Bible Story Chapel.]*

### First Reading

I John 4:7-21

## Second Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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

## Sermon

*Crossing Boundaries*

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

## \*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from a Maasai creed

We believe in One High God,  
who out of love created the beautiful world.  
We believe that God made good God's promise  
by sending his Son, Jesus Christ,  
a man in the flesh,  
a Jew by tribe,  
born poor in a little village,  
who left his home and was always  
on safari doing good,  
curing people by the power of God,  
teaching about God and human beings,  
and showing that the meaning of religion is love.  
He was rejected by his own people,  
tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross,  
and died.  
He was buried in the grave,  
but the hyenas did not touch him,  
and on the third day he rose from the grave.  
**Amen.**

## 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

*Overjoyed*

Stevie Wonder  
Matheus Pagliacci, 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

*...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.**

## \*Hymn Insert

*For Everyone Born*

## Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Henry Van Dyke  
Matheus Pagliacci, piano

## DENVER'S PRIDEFEST TODAY

After Worship, join us on the sidewalk to make posters of support for our LGBTQIA friends plus distribute water bottles, candy, and necklaces to parade participants. What a blessing to join in this PRIDE celebration together!

## METRO CARING

### Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, July 16 or 23

12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join Metro Caring onsite (1100 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.) for meaningful volunteer tasks.

Contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) to participate.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Carpenter's Helpers Build Opportunity

Saturday, July 19, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

New construction building at Mountain View Homes, 10700 East Evans Avenue in Aurora.

Contact Jon Dreux [jon@centraldenver.com](mailto:jon@centraldenver.com) or Chris Primus [primus.c.p@gmail.com](mailto:primus.c.p@gmail.com) for information.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, an informal group welcoming all women, meets 6:30-8:30pm, Thursday, July 10, at the home of Lynn Winterboer in Broomfield near 144th & I25. Mary Halpin co-hosting. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. RSVP's to [lynn@winterboer.net](mailto:lynn@winterboer.net) or 303-859-6233.

### Men's Group to CU Boulder

#### Saturday June 28th

Peter Odgaard has invited the men of Central to meet for lunch on the CU Boulder campus from 12:00 p.m. —3:00 p.m. Please meet at the west side patio of CU Boulder School of Business. Paid parking is available in lots 430 and 434. Food and drinks will be provided. Questions? Contact Peter at 319.541.3401 or [peter.odgaard99@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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