



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Best Supper by Jan Richardson

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 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

Shall We Gather At the River? Robert Lowry
Mallory Bernstein, 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

Jacque Howard-Tornatore

God calls us into community.

We come to listen, to learn, and to grow in faith.

In a world that exalts pride and position—

God lifts up the lowly and honors the humble.

God's love gathers us in and sends us out.

Let us worship the living God!

*Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are sometimes anxious about status and eager for recognition. We grasp for more when you call us to let go. We are tempted to turn away from those on the margins, protecting our comfort rather than widening our welcome. Forgive us. Humble us. Teach us again to see your face in every neighbor and to live as guests at your table of grace. Through Christ we pray.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Be renewed by the Spirit.

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!**

First Reading

Psalm 112

Second Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Sermon

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

The Table That Turns

*Affirmation of Faith

*written by two 14-year-old
boys in a workshop on Iona*

**We believe in God
who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ
who became human,
who healed the sick,
who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and
resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
brothers, sisters, and siblings,
a light for our world. 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.*

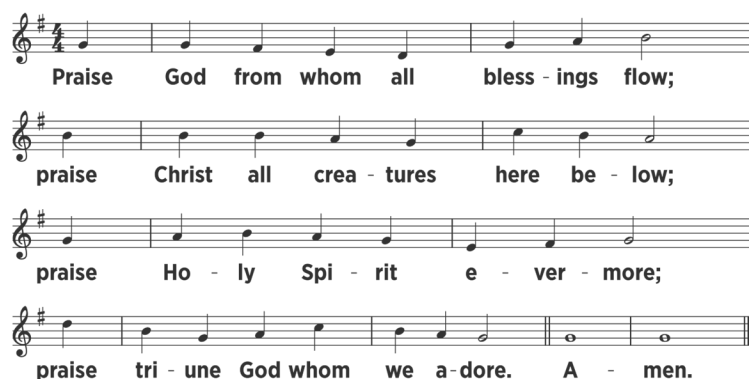
Offertory

La Promessa

Gioachino Rossini
Elizabeth Mirandi, soprano
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

...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 300

We Are One in the Spirit

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm
Mallory Bernstein, piano

CHOIR IS BACK

YOU ARE INVITED TO CHOIR'S OPEN HOUSE! Join us
THIS Wednesday, September 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the
Choir Room. We will begin our new year with food,
drinks, fun and, of course, MUSIC! All are welcome and
no need to bring a thing. Street parking is available, or
you may park in the Wells Fargo parking garage at
1700 Sherman Street. See you there!!

SEPTEMBER 7 IS LEGACY SUNDAY

Please plan to join us **Sunday, September 7**, in the
Narthex after Worship for a presentation from the
Presbyterian Foundation's Rev. Joseph Moore.
Together we'll reflect and consider our individual and
Central's congregational legacies. How do we value
our own personal and shared commitments? Central
members will briefly share Central's Endowment
position, their families' experiences and processes,
along with Rev. Moore's presentation. Also on the
agenda: IRS tax-advantaged giving options that can
make our gifts go further AND have a substantial tax
benefit to the donors.

SAVE THE DATE KICKOFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Bring your family and friends as we kick off fall at
Central. Join us for lunch and fellowship after worship
on Sunday, September 14. You won't want to miss it!

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

September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets 6:30-8:30p.m, Thursday, September 11, at the home of Lynne Brown in Curtis Park just north of downtown Denver at 29th St. and Champa St. Our agenda? Conversation, refreshments and friendship. RSVPs to lynnebrown001@gmail.com or 303.845.2496.

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, 7:00 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.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Join us in the Choir Room as we sing together, build community and grow in our knowledge of all things musical. All are welcome! Our Choir season begins on Wednesday, September 3.

Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit centraldenver.com or email charis@centraldenver.com for access to the Zoom Link. Our first meeting of the new Bible Study year will be Thursday, September 11.

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