



LEGACY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 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**

Pan et les Bergers, from La Flute de Pan

Jules Mouquet Kathryn Eagles, flute 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 uphold me; O Christ, surround me (4x)

### \*Call to Worship

Larry Armstrong

We gather to remember the faithfulness of God through the generations.

#### We honor those whose lives have shaped ours.

We give thanks for the stories, lessons, and love that have been entrusted to us.

May our lives also become a legacy of hope, courage, and grace.

#### \*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

# **Prayer of Confession**

God of our ancestors, we confess that we often fail to live in ways that honor the faith and love entrusted to us. Sometimes we cling to worry, forget to pass on hope, and neglect the call to serve. Forgive us, and help us to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have received. Open us again to your Spirit, that we may live boldly, love freely, and share generously, following the example of Christ, in whose name we pray.

# **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news: God's love endures through every generation. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. **Thanks be to God! Amen.** 

### \*Response

All those who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part, sing God's praises, Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears,
So even in the midst of tears, sing praises, Alleluia!

#### \*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!

### **First Reading**

Psalm 133

# **Second Reading**

Acts 4:31-35

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

#### Sermon

Joseph Moore

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Moment for Mission: Cuba Mission Partnership

Lisa Schmidt

# **Silent Prayer**

#### 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

Morceau de Concours

Gabriel Faure Kathryn Eagles, flute Mallory Bernstein, piano

# \*Doxology

**OLD HUNDREDTH** 



# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation

# Hvmn 507 (seated)

Come to the Table of Grace

#### **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**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the presence of your son, the bread that nourishes our bodies, and the cup that fills our hearts with your Spirit. May the gifts we have received here inspire us to live boldly, to share generously, and to care for one another as your people did in the early church. Bless our lives as we seek to honor the legacy of faith entrusted to us, and empower us to leave a lasting mark of love, hope, and justice in the world. Amen.

### \*Hvmn 647

Give Thanks

### **Charge and Blessing**

#### Postlude

To God be the Glory

arr. Mark Hayes Mallory Bernstein, piano

Today we welcome Rev. Joseph Moore, who serves as the Presbyterian Foundation's Ministry Relations Officer for the Southwest region. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees. Prior to joining the Foundation, Joseph served as pastor at several churches in Texas and Colorado. He is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Trinity University (TX). He and his wife Shelley live in Ft. Collins with their three children, Micah, Liam, and Hettie.

### **TODAY IS LEGACY SUNDAY**

Please plan to join us after Worship today in the Narthex for a presentation from Rev. Moore. Together we'll reflect and consider our individual and Central's congregational legacies. How do we value our own personal and shared commitments?

# JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR KICKOFF SUNDAY

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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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 <a href="mailto:lynnebrown001@gmail.com">lynnebrown001@gmail.com</a> 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!

#### 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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