



# Central

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 10:30 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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Prelude

*Summer Evening, Op. 71 No. 2* Edvard Grieg  
Joshua Sawicki, piano

### Welcome

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

**Gathering Music** (seated) arr. Tom Jennings  
*O grant that nothing in my soul  
may dwell but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure and my crown;  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may ev'ry act and thought be love.*

### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66) Elizabeth Healy

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of God's name.

**All of creation worships, singing praise to God.**

Sing to the glory of God's name.

**Let us give glory to God!**

### \*Hymn 54

*Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

### Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy,  
you call us to seek the welfare  
of the world around us,  
yet we confess how quickly we grow weary,  
fearful, or indifferent.  
We sometimes settle for comfort  
instead of compassion,

for isolation instead of engagement,  
for despair instead of hope.  
Forgive us, O God.  
Plant within us again the seeds of your love,  
that we might live as your people—  
for the sake of our neighbors, our city,  
and your world.

### Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear this good news: God's plans for us are to prosper us, to give us hope, and to draw us into life together.

**In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent  
to live in love and service.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*Response

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

### \*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 66:1-12

### Second Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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

### Sermon

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

*Seek the Welfare of the City*

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## \*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose  
a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

## 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.*

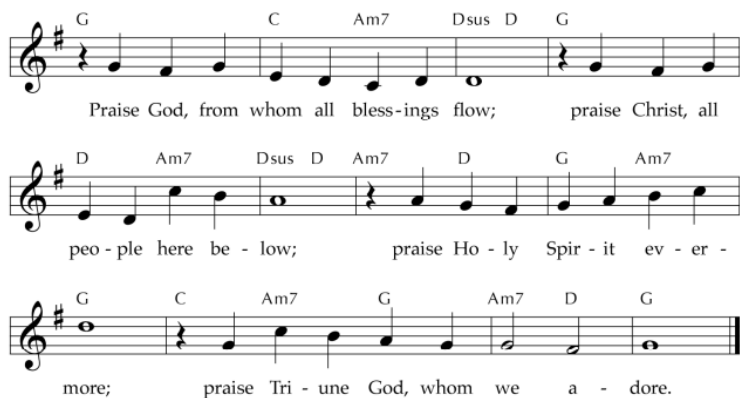
*To give via sms, please text "centraldenver" (no spaces) to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info. Thank you for your gifts.*

## Offertory

*Psalm 16 (My Refuge)*

Craig Courtney  
The Chancel Choir  
Joshua Sawicki, piano

## \*Doxology



G C Am7 Dsus D G  
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
G C Am7 G Am7 D G  
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

## 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 351

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

## Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*Woodland Peace, Op. 71 No. 4*

Edvard Grieg  
Joshua Sawicki, piano

## TWO RONS, THREE PAULS

Do you know what Paul had to say about slavery, the role of women, or almost any other topic? Would it surprise you to learn that, in addition to the actual Paul, two or more other authors wrote in the apostle's name, straying from his original message? Join Ron Covey and Ron LaRocque as we strive to uncover the authentic Paul's radical vision (an actual, mystical vision!) of God's justice and how it can be practiced in the here and now.

**Join us in the East Classroom 11:45 a.m. for the final class on Sunday, October 12.**

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us as we celebrate the installation of Rev. Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra during worship on Sunday, October 26, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome and refreshments will follow the service to continue the celebration!



**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 the second Thursday of each month. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. Contact Lynn Winterboer for more information: 303.859.6233 or [lynn@winterboer.net](mailto:lynn@winterboer.net).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com)) to be added to the email list for locations.

### Women's Bible Study

#### 2nd Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

#### Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit [centraldenver.com](http://centraldenver.com) or email [charis@centraldenver.com](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom link.

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