



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Prelude

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Charles Callahan  
Denise Lanning, organ

### 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 (Japan)

Pat Johnson

In a world that remains divided and in conflict,  
God is inviting us, to make us one.

**Today we gather around one table.**

What do we find at today's table?

**God's love, which endures all things and  
connects all things.**

What is not at today's table?

**The many powers of the world, which seek  
to stand over others.**

Thanks be to God, who makes us witnesses of  
divine love.

**Let us worship together the God who makes  
us one.**

### \*Hymn 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

### Responsive Confession (Scotland)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my  
brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of  
others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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we confess to our brokenness:**

**to the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

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spirit enable you to grow in love.

### Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Forgiveness (China)

Forgiveness is forgetting bad things, remembering  
good things. Forgiveness is accepting God's love. In  
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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

Psalms 8

### Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

### Sermon

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

*Rekindle the Gift*

### \*Affirmation of Faith (Canada)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word  
made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Peace and Global Witness Offering

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## 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

Come By Here

Kyle Pederson  
Chris Wineman, soloist  
The Chancel Choir  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

## \*Doxology

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

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation

#### Hymn 501 (seated)

Feed Us, Lord

Today's communion liturgy comes from Korea, Guatemala, South Africa, and Aotearoa (New Zealand).

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us pray...

we are the people of God scattered through the city and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

**We receive this bread, broken, scattered,**

**And made whole.**

**We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

Strengthen us through this meal to be your body in the world...

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,  
Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,**

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and 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 (Mexico)

We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.

## \*Hymn 295

Go to the World!

## Charge and Blessing (Argentina)

## Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel  
Denise Lanning, organ

Some liturgy for this World Communion Sunday is adapted from "Gifts in Open Hands" by Maren C. Tirabassi. The Call to Worship is adapted from liturgy by Rev. Taisaku Obata.

## 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. **East Classroom 11:45 a.m., Sundays Oct 5, 12.**

**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

**October 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets 6:30-8:30 p.m on Thursday, October 9, at the home of Gina Batali-Brooks in the Highlands, just west of downtown Denver Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. RSVPs to [gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com) or 303.246.6743.

### 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.

### 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](http://centraldenver.com) or email [charis@centraldenver.com](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom link.

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