



Central Presbyterian Church



Woman Praying, Jakob Steinhardt

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2021 | 9:30am

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.

Due to health concerns about the transmission of COVID-19, we are not engaging in congregational singing. Worshipers are invited to hum along if they like.

Please silence electronic devices during the service. Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth.

Bold signifies congregation participation.
*Rising as able

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Prelude

Scherzo on *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above* John Ferguson

Gathering & Welcome Louise Westfall

Call to Worship (from Psalm 121) Clover Bailey
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the lord, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

[Please remain seated for the hymn and refrain from singing]

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, those who wait for you will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. We confess how hard it is to wait, and find ourselves choosing the empty promises of a broken world rather than your true Word. Forgive and renew us, O Christ. Grant us faith to run with purpose and joy, trusting in your goodness and transforming love. We pray in your name. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!

Glory to God the Creator

Wil Smith

Glory to God the creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

[Share signs of peace with one another, mindful of different levels of comfort with touch.]

Bible Story

The Great Banquet Emma Moore
Luke 14:15-24

This is the story of God’s people, for God’s people:
Thanks be to God

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 1:9-18 p. 242
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hannah’s Fervent Prayer Aleah Gathings

Moments for Silence

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Green Prayer Request Cards and Welcome Cards are located in the pew racks. Please bring them and your offering to the collection plates at the front of the sanctuary.

To give by text, please text “centraldenver” to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info and donation amount.

Offertory

Charles Moore, tenor

Amazing Grace You Fill My Heart with Song

Leslie Williams

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

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.

God of Compassion, we offer these prayers to you.

The Lord's Prayer

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 to receive the pre-packaged wafer
and cup (gluten free elements are in a labeled bowl)
returning to your seat to open them so we can commune
together.]*

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Now the Silence

Charles W. Ore

We welcome Aleah A. Gathings to the pulpit this morning! Aleah is a third-year M.Div. student at Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to seminary, Aleah worked in New York in public health policy and as an attorney for children who live with trauma and other behavioral health conditions. Aleah is interested in the intersection of contemplative practice and grief. She currently resides in Denver with family, where she enjoys time in the mountains and meditative walks in Colorado's various parks.

Summer of Service

Summer of Service includes service opportunities for all ages and time commitments. Below are a few upcoming ways to serve. For a complete list of Summer of Service opportunities go to centraldenver.com/sos2021

We Don't Waste: Deliver Food to New Genesis Shelter

Looking for a limited but meaningful chance to support a Central mission partner? Church members and friends are devoting about 90 minutes on either a Monday or Thursday afternoon to load their SUVs/trucks/vans/station wagons with food from the We Don't Waste facility at 59th/ Broadway and deliver to New Genesis. Contact Larry Armstrong, 303.875.7808, larry@larrydarmstrong.com.

We Don't Waste Volunteer Day

Tuesday, August 17, 12:30-3:30pm

We Don't Waste works to reduce hunger and food waste in the Denver area by recovering quality, unused food from the food industry and delivering it to nonprofit partners. Help feed hundreds of families by filling market attendee's cars with bags of food at Presentation of Our Lady Church. Sign up online: shorturl.at/alDPS

Make Lunches for St. Francis Center

Thursday, August 12, 19 & 26

Central members will prepare 50 brown bag lunches for St. Francis Outreach Center (serves people experiencing homelessness). Contact Molly Brown if you can help out, molly@centraldenver.com.

Annual All Church Retreat

Friday, September 3 – Sunday, September 5

Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, CO

Registration for our All Church Retreat at Highlands is open! Register by August 2. More info and registration at www.centraldenver.com/retreat/

Staff Directory

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Free Sunday Parking | 8:00am – 12:30pm

Key Park (formerly Star Park) is across the street, entrance on 16th Avenue. Please fill up spaces 91-149 first.

Elderly and differently-abled individuals may park in the three staff parking spaces and the three handicapped parking spaces in front of the church.

Weekly Email Newsletter

Sign up for our weekly E-Voice newsletter to keep informed about activities at Central.
www.centraldenver.com/contact

Online Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your offerings.
www.centraldenver.com/give

Indoor Worship Guidelines

We are so glad you joined us for worship! Please be mindful of the following:

- Indoor restrooms are not accessible due to construction. A portable toilet is available outside by the entrance/exit.
- Masks and social distancing are required for those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19. Masks are available on the welcome table by the entrance. We encourage any person to wear a mask if it will contribute to your sense of well-being.
- Please do not enter the balconies or other parts of the building outside of the sanctuary.
- We are asking worshippers not to sing at this time.
- We welcome children in worship! Worship activity bags are available on the table near the entrance vestibule for children to use at their seats.
- Families with children are encouraged to sit in the front-middle pews to better see and hear the Bible Story.

Ways to Connect During the Week

- **Hymns by Request, Tuesdays @ 12pm**
Join Music Director, Wil Smith for a live, 30-minute concert on Facebook (facebook.com/CentralDenver) of your favorite hymns. Requests can be made in the comments section during the Livestream, or by emailing Wil in advance at wil@centraldenver.com.
- **Theology on Tap, Mondays @ 7pm**
We get together at local breweries and homes to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Rev. Tim Mooney, tim@centraldenver.com to be added to the email list for current topics and location information.
- **Racial Healing Initiative, 1st Thursdays @ 7pm**
Central's Racial Healing initiative has been hard at work studying and making plans for action in the community as we grapple with issues of race, God, and the gospel. All are welcome to join us in our work! Contact Rev. Tim Mooney, tim@centraldenver.com.

Mission Partner Spotlight

Zimbabwe Mission Partnership

The purpose of the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership (ZMP) is to provide a venue for participating churches and the wider community to work together to enhance the habitation, nutrition, public health and education of the orphans of Zimbabwe, primarily in Ward 1 of the Murewa North District at Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care (HCOC). Learn more at zimpartnership.org.

- **Palisade Peaches Zimbabwe KidZ Fund Raiser**
Order Palisade Peaches! The funds raised will be used to drill boreholes for clean water at schools and on the property of some Presbyterian churches in Zimbabwe. Those interested in purchasing peaches can contact Celeste Habiger, 720.398.8025, rhabiger@gmail.com. Celeste will also be taking orders after worship.
- **Annual ZMP Open**
September 1, Arrowhead Golf Course, Littleton, CO
Could there ever be a better reason to treat yourself to a round of golf at beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course than bringing hope to 800 orphans and vulnerable children?
Please plan to join us for a grab-and-go breakfast at 7am, shotgun start at 8am, lunch and cash bar starting at noon, and live auction commencing as soon as everyone is back off the course.
You'll be glad you did. It'll be a blast, and all proceeds will go directly to helping these kids.
Registration: birdease.com/zmpopen

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 9:30am on Facebook: facebook.com/CentralDenver and our website: 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.*

We are delighted to have your children in worship with us!

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.

- A children's Bible Story will be told in worship after the passing of the peace.
- There are worship activity bags that children may pick up near the sanctuary entrance.
- We do not have nursery care available at this time.

Contact Molly Brown at molly@centraldenver.com with questions.