



Central Presbyterian Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Call Us What We Carry: Pack Light

March 27, 2022 | 10:30am

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 Michael McBride
Aria Flor Peeters

Introit Central Bell Choir, Lisa Phillips directing
A Plea for Mercy Jason W. Krug

Welcome Louise Westfall

Call to Worship Emily Nease

God’s reach is endless.

God’s mercy is unstoppable.

God’s grace is lavish.

God’s love is constant.

God’s wisdom is vast.

God’s hope is stubborn.

God’s presence is here—

With us, among us, moving through us.

Breathe easily. Breathe deeply.

We are in God’s house, all members of God’s beloved family.

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

***Hymn 475**
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we don’t know the name of either son in Jesus’ parable, but we know them. We recognize their story in our own. For who among us hasn’t burned a bridge? Who among us hasn’t held a grudge? Who among us hasn’t forgotten that we belong to another? Who among us has not regretted a decision we made, and its painful consequences? We don’t know the name of either son, but we know them. Forgive us, God. Help us find our way to healthier relationships and better versions of ourselves. We pray in your name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin 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



Glo-ry to God the cre - a - tor,
and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as — it was in the be - gin - ning,
now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.
A - men, A - men, A - men.

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

[Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.]

*This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine (3x)
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!*

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 p. 952

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Call Us What We Carry (4): Pack Light Ron LaRocque

As the World Came Apart by Amanda Gorman
read by Louise Westfall

Moments for Silence

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Green Prayer Request Cards and Welcome Cards are located in the pew racks. Please place them and your offering in the collection plates as they are passed.

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

Offertory

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

Prayers of the Church

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

Easter Cards for Homebound Members

Please take a few minutes to stop by the table located on the front east side of the sanctuary, and sign the Easter cards for our homebound members. These cards will be delivered along with some spring flowers to let our members who can't make it to worship know we are thinking of them this Easter.

Easter Lily Dedications

Share the beauty of Easter by sponsoring a lily or lilies to be used as decoration in the Sanctuary. Easter lilies can be given in memory of a loved one or to honor family and friends. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Suggested donation is \$15 per plant. Fill out the online form: www.centraldenver.com/easter-lilies/ or fill out a paper form from the Welcome Table and place in the offering plate by April 10.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday, April 10

On Palm Sunday, April 10, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering all of which will be sent to PCUSA for use in disaster and hunger relief and for self development. Including humanitarian aid to Ukraine and support for communities affected by the Marshall Fire. Our goal this year is \$3500. Envelopes are on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

Lent Faith Formation | *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study* Sundays, March 6—April 10, on Zoom

Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. Join us on Zoom as we examine both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness. Use the Zoom Fellowship link at: centraldenver.com/livestream

PCUSA Emergency Response to Ukraine War

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. Ways to give: Text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can also be made online at pcusa.org/UK22 and by phone at (800) 872-3283.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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 | 8:00am – 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.

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:

- Because Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations are declining in the metro Denver area, the Session has lifted the requirement to wear masks during indoor worship and programming. We encourage those who wish to wear masks to continue to do so. The Central Recovery Team will continue to monitor conditions to ensure our practices promote community health.
- Indoor restrooms are not accessible due to construction. A portable toilet is available outside by the entrance/exit.

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.

- Worship activity bags are available from our nursery staff in the front right-hand box seats in the Sanctuary. Children may remain in that area throughout the service, where nursery staff will be present.

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 10:30am 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.*

Zoom Fellowship, Sundays, 11:30am

Zoom link on Central's Livestream page: centraldenver.com/livestream. Join us for 15 minutes of online fellowship on Zoom following the service.

Weekly Email Newsletter

The best way to stay informed about activities at Central is to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter. Sign up at: www.centraldenver.com/contact

Ways to Connect

Women's Bible Study, 2nd Thursdays, 10am

Join Pastor Louise and other Central women for Bible Study via Zoom. Contact Pastor Louise for more info.

Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7pm

We welcome all vaccinated singers of any ability level. Contact Paul Griggsby for winter rehearsal dates.

Handbells, Wednesdays, 5:45pm

Handbells have resumed! Join us on Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:45pm in the choir room.

Men's Night Out

Gather in participants' homes for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. Contact Larry Armstrong, Larry@larrydarmstrong.com.

Serendipity Women's Group, 4th Thursdays

October through March we will meet on the fourth Thursday at 1:30pm. April through September we meet on the fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. Carol Farnsworth will host our next get-together at her home March 24. RSVP to 720.838.5901 or carol.farnsworth@gmail.com.

Central Connections

Gatherings for couples and singles primarily in their 20's and 30's seeking connections in the city. Contact Emma Moore to be added to the mailing list.

Theology on Tap, Thursdays, 7pm

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Pastor Louise to be added to the email list for locations.

Equity Through Action: Now

2nd Thursdays, 6:30pm

Equity Through Action: Now (ETA:NOW), is a collaborative group with People's Presbyterian Church. To join, please contact Marilyn Eaton (marilyneaton63@gmail.com) or Cindy Widdowson (solitaire601@comcast.net).

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