



Central Presbyterian Church



Wooden Love Sign, Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

Today's service will be livestreamed to Facebook (facebook.com/centraldenver)
and our website (centraldenver.com/livestream)

PRELUDE

New Songs of Celebration Render (Psalm 98) from the Genevan Psalter

Katheryne Baker,
mezzo soprano

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE/WELCOME

Louise Westfall

Please feel free to post comments, greetings, and prayer requests in the "Facebook comment" section throughout the service.

GATHERING MUSIC

*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. O Christ, surround me (2x)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Wineman

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

*3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.*

*His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*

*4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Louise Westfall

Friends, believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!**

BIBLE STORY

The Most Important Commandment

Molly Dowling Brown

READING

Matthew 22:34-36

SERMON

The Reformer

Louise Westfall

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Anniversary Message from Don Ross

All are welcome after worship today for the *Aligning Stewardship with Mission* event! We will gather on Zoom at 11:30am to learn about Central's funding priorities and share our perspectives. Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvhz>

Join us after the service for our Zoom fellowship time. All are welcome!
Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvhz>

Drive by and Donate for New Genesis, Tuesday, October 27, 11:30am-2pm

Drop any of the following items out in front of Central: *Gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, hand soap, POM toilet paper, paper plates, paper towels, plastic wrap, spices.*

Images of Beloved Ones for All Saints

Next Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. Please send us your images of loved ones who have died in 2020 to be included in online worship. Send to kathleen@centraldenver.com.

Confirmation Request

We are collecting blessings on handprints for our confirmands (in lieu of traditional laying on of hand). Please cut out a handprint (template in the e-newsletter), write a one-word or short blessing for these young people on it, and mail it to the church!

Adult Education with Attorney General Phil Weiser, Sunday, November 15

Mark your calendars for Adult Education on November 15! Colorado Attorney General, Phil Weiser will lead a class on *Faithful Responses to the Election*.

For more ways to worship and connect this week, check our website: centraldenver.com/stayconnected

OFFERTORY

You Said

Reuben Morgan
Katheryne Baker, mezzo soprano

OFFERING

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

To give online, go to <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/-/give/CPC>

To give to Central’s COVID-19 Relief Fund Text “centraldenver COVID” to 73256 or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/COVID>

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Tim Mooney

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

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

[Share signs of peace with those around you or by adding a greeting in the Facebook comments.]

POSTLUDE

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Helmut Walcha