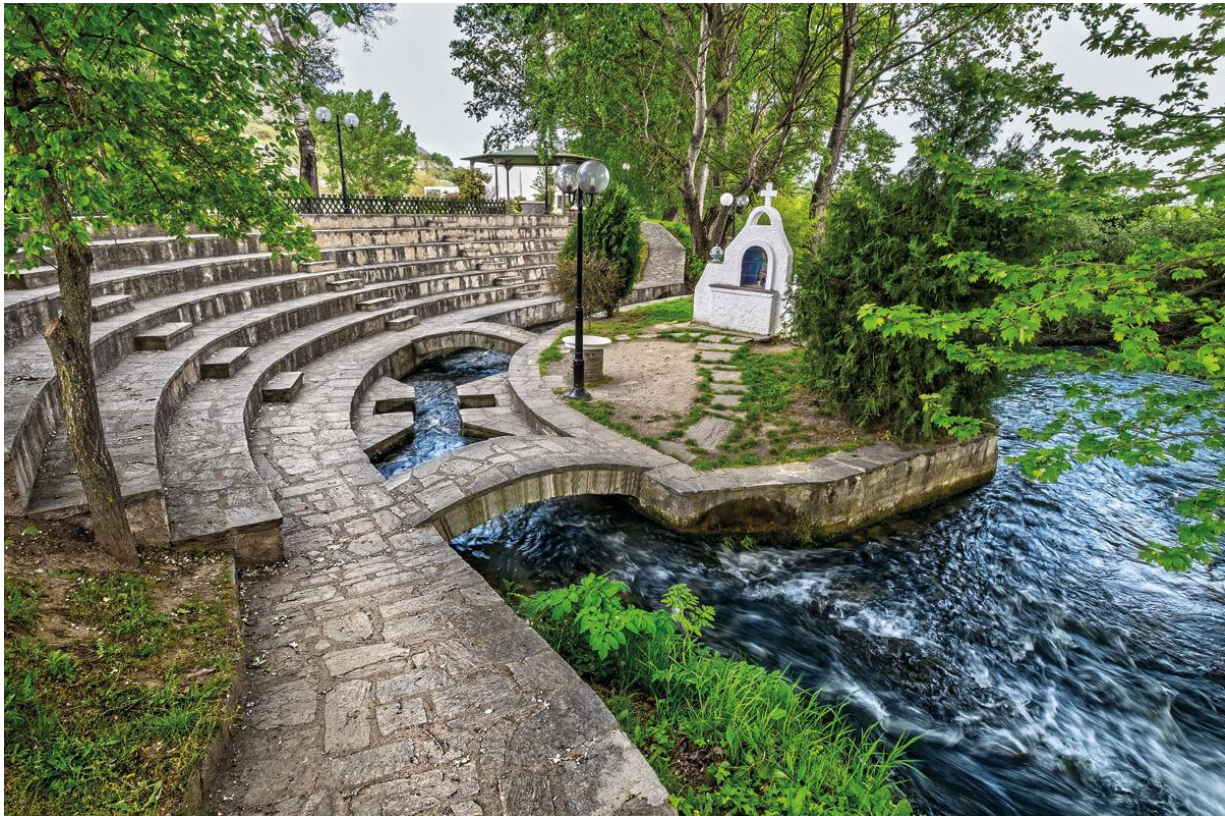




Central Presbyterian Church



Shrine to mark the baptism of Lydia of Thyatira, Akhisar, Turkey

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

Live streamed from Facebook ([facebook.com/centraldenver](https://www.facebook.com/centraldenver)) or website ([centraldenver.com/livestream](https://www.centraldenver.com/livestream))

PRELUDE

Thank You, Lord

Traditional

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

HYMN

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MCKEE

1 The Church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found,
there can the church be known.

2 True faith will open up the door
and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor
and ask to wash their feet.

3 True love will not sit idly by
when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry
and welcomes them inside.

4 If what we have, we freely share
to meet our neighbor’s need,
then we extend the Spirit’s care
through every selfless deed.

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by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found,
there can the church be known.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

READING

Acts 16:6-15

MESSAGE

Finding Lydia: New Worshiping Communities

The Reverend Joel Adams

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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For more ways to worship and connect this week, check our website: centraldenver.com/covid19/

OFFERTORY

Balm in Gilead

Mark Hayes
Chuck Stevenson, soloist

PRAYERS

Louise Westfall

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

Go to the Word!

Charles W. Ore

Thank you to our guest preacher, Reverend Joel Adams. Joel is the Denver Presbytery Associate for Congregational Development. [Read Joel’s Bio](#)