



Central Presbyterian Church



Preparing Raisins, Joaquín Sorolla y Bastid

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020

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

PRELUDE

Heaven is Singing for Joy

Pablo Sosa
Sarah Eaton, 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

Sherry Kenney

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

*3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

*4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Louise Westfall

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

READING

Matthew 21:23-32

MESSAGE

What do you think?

Rev. Olivia L. Hudson Smith

160TH ANNIVERSARY HYMN

TERRA BEATA

Words by Louise Westfall to the tune of *This Is My Father's World*
(We'll sing additional verses in upcoming weeks)

*This is our own church too; the place where we have grown;
To learn in true community and find our spirits moved.
This is our own church too; the journey is not through,
With zest and courage take our place, for there's more work to do.*

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Anniversary Greetings from Ernie Cubbon

In Person Worship Postponed through October 4

Because of increasing coronavirus infection rates in Colorado, we have postponed in-person worship through at least October 4. Stay tuned to our e-newsletter for updates about in-person worship.

Join us after the service for our Zoom fellowship time. All are welcome!

Zoom link to join

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427351186?pwd=TThyb2gvd1ZWUE1ZcFhMMWwwTG05QT09>

Adult Education – *How to be an Antiracist* begins today, September 27 at 11:30am on Zoom.
Same Zoom link as Coffee Hour (see above).

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

Join our new private Facebook Group! We've set up a new "virtual narthex" on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralfellowship> and click "Join Group."

OFFERTORY

In an Age of Twisted Values

Sarah Eaton, soprano

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

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

Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

Thank you to our guest preacher Reverend Olivia Hudson Smith, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Denver.