Central Presbyterian Church

The Best Supper, Jan Richardson

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021 | 10:30am

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.

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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 (Cuba) — Charis Smith, soloist
Que Allegria Cuando Me Dijeron — Tony Alonso

Qué alegría cuando me dijeron / "Vamos a la casa del Señor"

I rejoiced when I heard them say / "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Gathering & Welcome — Louise Westfall

Call to Worship — Alfredo Kemm
Nos reunimos del oeste al este,
del sur al norte,
para celebrar al Dios de la paz
que nos acompaña en nuestros actos de paz.
Este Dios de paz nos acompaña
en todas y cada una de las circunstancias que nos rodean.
¡Alabamos el nombre de Dios! ¡Amén!

**We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!**

Hymn 538 (South Africa)
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises — HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

[Please remain seated for the hymn & refrain from singing.]

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious Lord, creator of the universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity. We confess our fear of scarcity and the "other." You have created a world of interdependence and harmony and we have poisoned the well from which we all drink. You have created human community in which we are siblings, yet we have built walls and systems that exclude. Forgive us and heal our broken communities. Fill us with your perfect love which casts out fear. Strengthen us to do justice, show kindness and walk humbly with you, as witnesses of your peace. We pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Prayer

Lamb of God
Lamb of God, you take away 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
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.

[You are welcome to greet one another with the peace of Christ verbally without touch.]

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

Bible Story — Molly Brown
The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper (II)
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the story of God's people, for God's people:

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading
Acts 11:1-18 — p. 1003

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon — Louise Westfall
Building Community (1): With a Bigger Table

Moments for Silent Reflection

Generosity Campaign 2022 — Valerie Clausen

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.

Gifts for Central's mission and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness offering. *Please write "peace" in the memo line of checks for the Peace offering.*

To give by text, please text "centraldenver" to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info and donation amount. **For the Peace & Global Witness offering, text "CENTRALDENVER peace" to 73256.**

Offertory (Jamaica)
The Lord is My Shepherd — Noel Dexter

*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 — Louise Westfall & Tim Mooney

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
[All are welcome to receive the elements. Please come forward to receive them, return to your seats and wait so we may consume them together. Gluten free elements are in a labeled bowl.]

Communion Music (Taiwan)
For the Bread Which You Have Broken — I-to Loh

Charge and Blessing

Postlude (Argentina)
Heaven Is Singing for Joy — Pablo Sosa

We welcome Valerie Clausen to worship today. Valerie is Executive Director of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra with whom Central has partnered to provide performance and rehearsal space.

Thank you to our guest musicians:
Cora Crismon, flute
Nick Recuber, bass guitar
Julie Strom, percussion

[Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering worship resources.]

Peace and Global Witness Offering
Today, we will receive the third special offering of the year, the Peace and Global Witness Offering, which is used to promote peace and justice throughout the world. There are envelopes in the pew racks for your gift. The Mission Committee has set a goal of $1500 of which 50% will go to PCUSA, 25% will go to mid-council and 25% will remain locally. Our local amount will go to Restoring Connections, a non-profit group which seeks to unite people of various backgrounds for spiritual transformation and social justice. The Mission Committee thanks you in advance for your gift.

Children, Youth and Families Fall Kick-Off
Today, 5pm, Washington Park
Join Emma, Molly, Pastor Louise and Central youth and families for fall picnic at Wash Park! Enter Wash Park from Downing and Exposition and park in the lot on the left. We'll be set up in Picnic Area 2 on the south side of Smith Lake. Bring your own chairs, blankets and a side or dessert. Central will provide the main dish.

Is God calling YOU to serve as a Central leader? The Representative Nominating Committee (Lisa Daniel, chair, Elin Towler, Steve Davis, Anne Bond, and Nick Bode) is seeking members open to serving as a deacon, an elder, or a member of next year's Representative Nominating Committee. Please email Lisa Daniel (dnldaniel@comcast.net) with your nomination(s) (including yourself).

Worship with Peoples Presbyterian
Next Sunday, October 10, we will be joined by Peoples Presbyterian, their choir and, pastor Evan Amo.

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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

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

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.
- We ask that everyone wear a mask while inside our building. Masks are available on the welcome table by the entrance.
- 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.

Children in Worship

Central values having all generations worshiping 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.
- 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.
- We do not have nursery care available at this time.

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 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.*

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.

Faith Formation

***Caste* Book Study — Starts today!**
Sundays in October, 1-3pm, Peoples Presbyterian
Peoples Presbyterian Church, 2780 York St., Denver
Beginning this Sunday, Central is joining with Peoples Presbyterian Church to discuss the book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson. Sponsored by the Colorado Council of Churches, this collaborative conversation invites us to explore together the implications and impact of racism in our culture.

Ways to Connect During the Week

- **Women's Bible Study, 2nd Thursdays @ 10am**
  Join Pastor Louise and other Central women for Bible Study via Zoom beginning October 14. The study explores the five women named in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Please let Pastor Louise know of your interest, and she'll get you a study guide and Zoom link.
- **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 info.
- **Chancel Choir, Wednesdays @ 7pm**
  We welcome all vaccinated singers of any ability level. Singers masks will be provided, but please bring proof of vaccination. Contact Wil Smith for more information.
- **Handbells, Wednesdays @ 5:45pm**
  Handbells have resumed! Join us on Wednesday nights from 5:45-6:45 in the choir room. All ringers are masked and will not share handbells in order to promote community health. Contact Wil Smith for more information.

Mission Partners

Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
Each year, Jeffco Interfaith Partners turns pumpkins into houses. Throughout October, volunteers sell pumpkins and donate the proceeds to Habitat Metro Denver.
Lakewood Pumpkin Patch: October 7 -31, 10am-dusk
Mile Hi Church: 9077 W. Alameda, Lakewood

Arvada Pumpkin Patch: October 14-31, 10am-dusk
Trinity Presbyterian, 7755 Vance Dr., Arvada

New Genesis Shelter Needs
New Genesis Shelter in Central's lower level is in need of the following donations. Call the shelter front desk to arrange for drop-off, 303.831.4910.

Hand Soap	Toothbrushes/ toothpaste	Dish Soap
Masks	Combs	Shampoo
Seasonings	Razors	Deodorant
Toilet paper	Shave cream	Tomato Sauce
Aluminum Foil	Towels	Beans
Plastic Wrap	Twin size sheets	Gloves
Sanitizing Wipes		Rubbing Alcohol