Central Presbyterian Church

Words of Intention, Caroline Karp

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 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.

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
Improvisation on *Take Up Your Cross* — Chris Jusell & Wil Smith

Gathering & Welcome — Louise Westfall

Call to Worship — Steve Davis
We praise you, O God, in the sanctuary and under the stars;

We praise you, O God, for your greatness and for your goodness;

For the beauty of the earth, the continual renewal in the change of seasons, for your love poured out upon your people, and your faithfulness in all generations.

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit;

Bless us with a compelling sense of your presence here and now,

That we may worship you with all our heart and strength and mind, and prepare to serve as followers of Jesus.

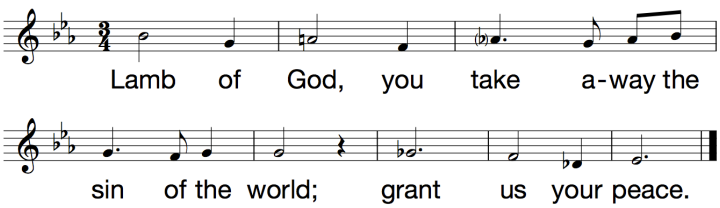
Hymn 718
Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said — BOURBON

Call to Confession — Tim Mooney

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, you have called us your beloved people, ruled by love and led by your Word. We confess our carelessness in reflecting that identity and purpose. We wander from your ways, we waste your gifts, we forget your love. Please forgive us and renew our intention to follow Jesus, to clothe ourselves with compassion and kindness, to forgive and accept forgiveness, and grow into the one body of Christ; in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayer

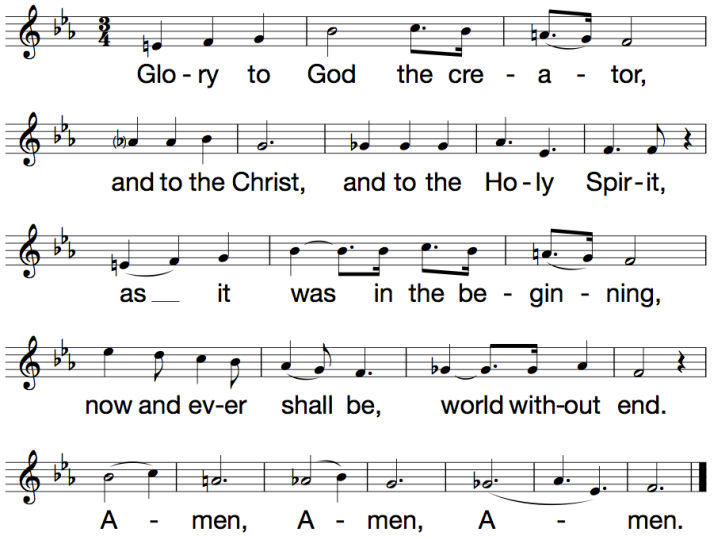
Lamb of God



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



*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!

Dedication
We rejoice in the Christian Dedication of Tryness Mleta, daughter of Bright and Naomi Mleta, born May 24, 2021. Elders Rob and Celeste Habiger, assisting.

Litany from Scripture
Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people.

When Jesus noticed this he said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.

Introduction

Promises of the Parents

Promise of the Congregation

Prayer of Dedication

Bible Story
Ahna Smith

The Little Children and Jesus
Mark 10:13-16

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

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading
Colossians 3:12-17 p. 1074

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Building Community (2): With Intention — Louise Westfall

Moments for Silent Reflection

Generosity Campaign 2022
Chris Wineman

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.

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

Offertory
Look Who Gathers At Christ's Table — arr John Ferguson

*Doxology
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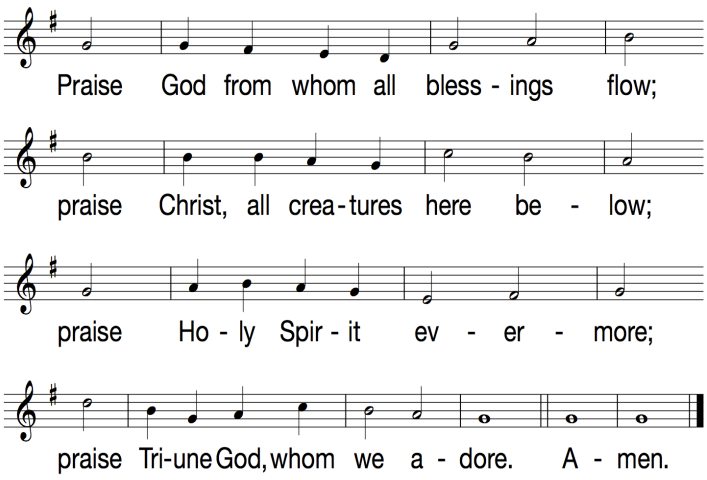

Prayers of the Church
Tim Mooney

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
Chris Jussell

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).

Faith Formation | *Caste* Book Study
Sundays in October, 1-3pm, Peoples Presbyterian
Peoples Presbyterian Church, 2780 York St., Denver
Central is joining in person with Peoples Presbyterian Church to discuss the book *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

There is also an option to join via Zoom
Zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/5jspr7p5
Passcode: Peoples

Men's Night Out
Thursday, October 21, 6pm
It's been way too long since we gathered!
Hope you can/will join us NEXT Thursday evening for Burgers/Brats, et al, hosted in Larry Armstrong's back yard (747 Newport St, Denver, 80220). Please bring something to supplement the entrees i.e.: salad/chips/beverage of choice. RSVP to Larry: Larry@larrydarmstrong.com, 303.875.7808.

Phamaly Theatre Company presents *The Christians*
Friday, October 29, 7:30pm
Saturday, October 30, 7:30pm
Phamaly Theatre Company's mission is to be a creative home for theatre artists with disabilities. October 29-30 they will perform *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath in Central's sanctuary.
Tickets at phamaly.org/show/tas/

Peace and Global Witness Offering
The Peace and Global Witness Offering this year totaled $650. PCUSA will receive $325 and mid-council will receive $162 as will the local group Restoring Connections, which is a non-profit organization that seeks to unite people of various backgrounds for spiritual transformation and social justice. You may still make a contribution if you have not done so. Thank you for your contributions!

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.

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

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	Shaving Cream	Tomato Sauce
Aluminum Foil	Towels	Beans
Plastic Wrap	Twin size sheets	Gloves
Sanitizing Wipes		Rubbing Alcohol

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