



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Who Among Us by Debra Hurd

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Lift High the Cross

arr. Charles Ore

As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Landrum

Ring of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.



When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please silence your phones.

✠ Call to Worship

God has told you, O Mortal, what is good.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

It is good to be together, God,

Together listening for your voice, united by your Spirit.

In this time of worship,

Tell us about your kin(g)dom of kindness so that we can seek it.

Show us your justice.

We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily.

✠ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we're not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have

failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength, that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

✠ Kyrie Hymn 551

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Response Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

During the response hymn, children are invited to come forward for A Time With Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Samuel Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy McCloud

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. John M. Semmes

Sermon

“One Last Thing”

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

A DECLARATION OF FAITH (9.5)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, and to hope for what we have not seen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Locus Iste
Chancel Choir

Anton Bruckner

English translation: This place was made by God, an inestimable holy place. It is without blame.



At the Presentation

Doxology with Alleluias

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Paraphrased

**Loving Creator, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made.
Renew the whole world in the image of your love.
Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed.
Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past;
give us the courage to follow your call at this moment.
For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need,
in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Closing Hymn 826 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

Litany of Farewell and Godspeed

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

After each paragraph the congregation may respond:

Indeed! Lord, we are grateful for John's ministry with us.

✠ Benediction Rev. John M. Semmes

Closing Voluntary

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

Played at the request of John Semmes, with gratitude for his ministry with us.

The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett
Liturgist: Kathy McCloud
Chancel Choir

Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes,
Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
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A cadre of faithful servants