

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

Ringing of the Bell

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

Susan Landrum

## ♣ 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

 $\clubsuit$  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

Silent Confession

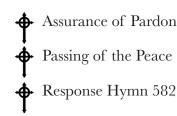
► Kyrie Hymn 551

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.

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.



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 Prayer for Illumination First Lesson

Second Lesson

Sermon

Silence and Stillness

♣ Affirmation of Faith

A DECLARATION OF FAITH (9.5)

Micah 6:1-8

Colossians 3:12-17

"One Last Thing"

# Responding to the Word

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!

 $\Phi$  Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Samuel Phillips

Kathy McCloud

Rev. John M. Semmes

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Paraphrased

Festive Gloria

Litany of Farewell and Godspeed

After each paragraph the congregation may respond:

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

**Closing Voluntary** 

Benediction

Closing Hymn 826

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

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# Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Lift High the Cross

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