



Central
Presbyterian
Church

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *How Fair and how Pleasant art Thou* Marcel Dupré

Welcome and Announcements Samuel Phillips

Ringling 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.

✠ Call to Worship
Jesus stands among us, saying: Peace be with you.
Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.
Jesus stands among us, saying: Receive the Holy Spirit.
Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.

✠ Hymn 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession
Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to forgive. We want to see Jesus' wounds, but we ignore the woundedness of others. **Forgive us; give us new life! Embrace us in Christ's body so that we may embody for the world the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ 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

Hannah Palmer

First Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

Second Lesson

John 20:24-31

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Sermon

“Beyond Belief: What is Atonement?”

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word

✠ Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum
FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God, who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, to live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to chose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

The Storm is Passing Over

arr. Barbara W. Baker

HAVE COURAGE MY SOUL AND LET US JOURNEY ON.
THOUGH THE NIGHT IS DARK AND I AM FAR FROM HOME.
THANKS BE TO GOD THE MORNING LIGHT APPEARS.
THE STORM IS PASSING OVER. HALLELU.
HALLELUIA, THE STORM IS PASSING OVER.
THE STORM IS PASSING OVER.
THE STORM IS PASSING OVER HALLELU.

✠ 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

FROM A NEW MONASTIC HANDBOOK

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother
May your love be enacted in the world.
May your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For all that we do in your love,
and all that your love brings to birth,
and the fullness of love that will be
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

✠ Benediction

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

If you are able, please stay following worship for our congregational meeting. Today's meeting serves two purposes: to call a Pastor for Central Presbyterian Church and to elect Elders and Deacons for the class of 2026.

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Galloway
Lector: Hannah Palmer
Choir Guild: Ann Hunter
Chancel Choir

Worship Staff

The Rev. Jasiel Hernández García,
Associate Pastor and
Acting Head of Staff
Susan Landrum,
Interim Director of Youth
Sam Phillips,
Interim Director for Family Ministry
Dr. Jennifer Sengin,
Director of Musical Arts

Mason Copeland,
Organist/Music Associate
Thomas Dixon, Music Intern
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire,
Director of
Communications
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director
Bo Brewer, Audio Engineer
Patrick Maguire, Video Assistant
Elijah Carpenter, Audio Assistant

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone

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