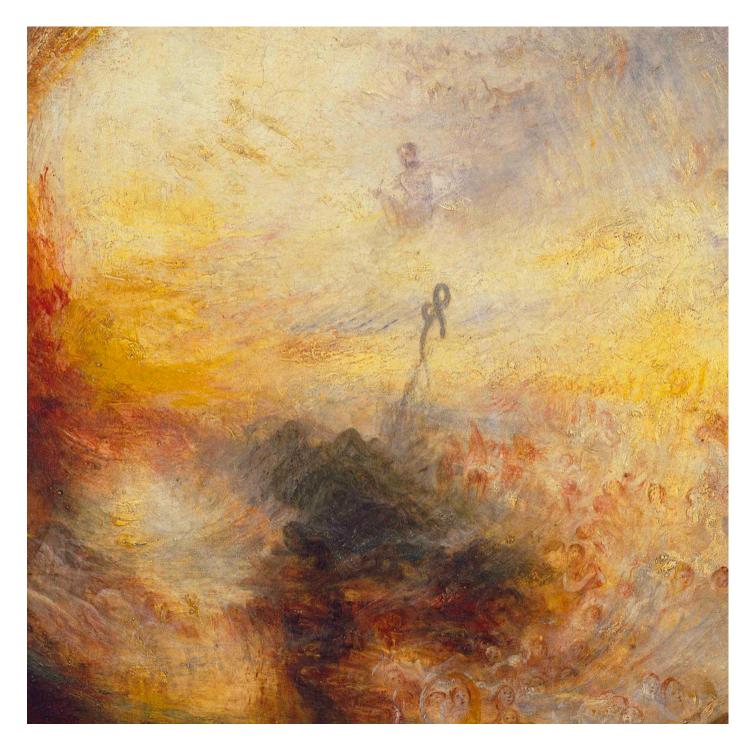


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'Light and Colour (Goethe's Theory) - The Morning after the Deluge - Moses Writing the Book of Genesis.' By J.M.W. Turner

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Air

Gerre Hancock

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Courtney Anne Henry

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.

Call to Worship
Here we are to worship.
God has called us here.
We gather together with neighbors and friends.
God has called us here.
We lift our voices in song, word, and praise.
God has called us here.

With hearts overflowing with grace and love, **God has called us here.**

Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what

and direct what we shall be, that we may

to the glory of your holy name.

delight in your will and walk in your ways

we have been, help us amend what we are,

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors

Silent Confession

• Assurance of Pardon Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

• 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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Second Lesson

Sermon

🕈 Hymn 343

Silence and Stillness

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8: 26-39

Ted Brothers

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

Courtney Anne Henry

♣ Affirmation of Faith EXCERPTS FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR ARRANGED FOR MYC 2023

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; together serve God in this world. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. We believe that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Thou Art God Chip Blankinship, Tenor

Thou art the peace of all things calm; Thou art the place to hide from harm. Thou art the light that shines in dark; Thou art the hearts eternal spark. Thou art the door that's open wide; Thou art the guest that waits inside. Thou art the stranger at the door; Thou art the calming of the moon.

(Repeat 1x)

Thou art my Lord and with me still; Thou art my love, keep me from ill. Thou art the light, the truth areign; Thou art my Savior this day; Thou art my Savior this day. Thou art my Savior this very day.

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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! Lionel Bourne

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Traditional: Inclusive Language Beloved parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Hymn 803 My Shepherd Will Supply my Need RESIGNATION Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Procession Alegre

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer: Chris Sciarrone Lector: Ted Brothers

Worship Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Susan Landrum, Interim Director of Family Ministries Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Director of Musical Arts Mason Copeland, Organist/Music Associate Courtney Anne Henry, Children & Youth Fellow

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A faithful group of Central members

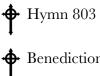
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SAVE THE DATES!

August 6 - Blessing of the backpacks during worship. After worship, there will be a family pool party at the home of Jill and Brady Lum.

Labor Day Weekend - All Church Retreat at Montreat with Shannon and Greg.





Postlude

Gary Cornell

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner