



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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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

Courtney Anne Henry

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

✠ 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

as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

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.**

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

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Ted Brothers

Second Lesson

Romans 8: 26-39

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Courtney Anne Henry

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

Lionel Bourne

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.

✠ 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
Traditional: Inclusive Language

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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

Postlude

Procesion Alegre

Gary Cornell

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.

