



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 8, 2023
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



The Wisdom of the Universe by Christi Belcourt

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Meditation from 24 Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

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

Rev. Kate Culver

O give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

We come from the east and the west, the north and the south,
to give God thanks and praise!

We once were a wandering people, hungry and thirsty in a desert land.

We cried to God to deliver us, and we were led to a new land
rich in promise and harvest.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love!

God's generosity is beyond measure.

✠ Hymn 376

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

Giving God, you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts and talents. But we forget that you are the Giver of all that we have, of all that we are. And so we move through life grabbing for more and holding on tightly to what we obtain. You offered your very self, your own Son, for us. But we have trouble giving our lives back to you. Forgive us, loving God. Forgive us for any stinginess and selfishness. Forgive us for our constant desire for more. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short of living as your generous people. Restore us to the new life you promise. We pray in the name of Christ. (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 26, Stanza 2

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

**Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!**

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time for Children

Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Tricia Berrett

First Lesson

Psalm 96

Second Lesson

Exodus 35:1-29; 36:2-7

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

✠ Affirmation of Faith
THE APOSTLES' CREED

Susan Landrum

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Your Peace)

Felix Mendelssohn

Verleih uns Frieden genädiglich,
Herr Gott zu unsern Zeiten,
es ist doch ja kein [ander] I nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Grant us your kind peace,
Lord God in our times,
there is none other
who could fight for us,
But only you, O God.

✠ At the Presentation

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✠ 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 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

⊕ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Carillon from 24 Pièces en style libre

Louis Vierne

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Galloway
Lector: Tricia Berrett
Choir Guild: Ann Hunter

Worship Staff

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

Thomas Chafin, Interim Choir Director
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