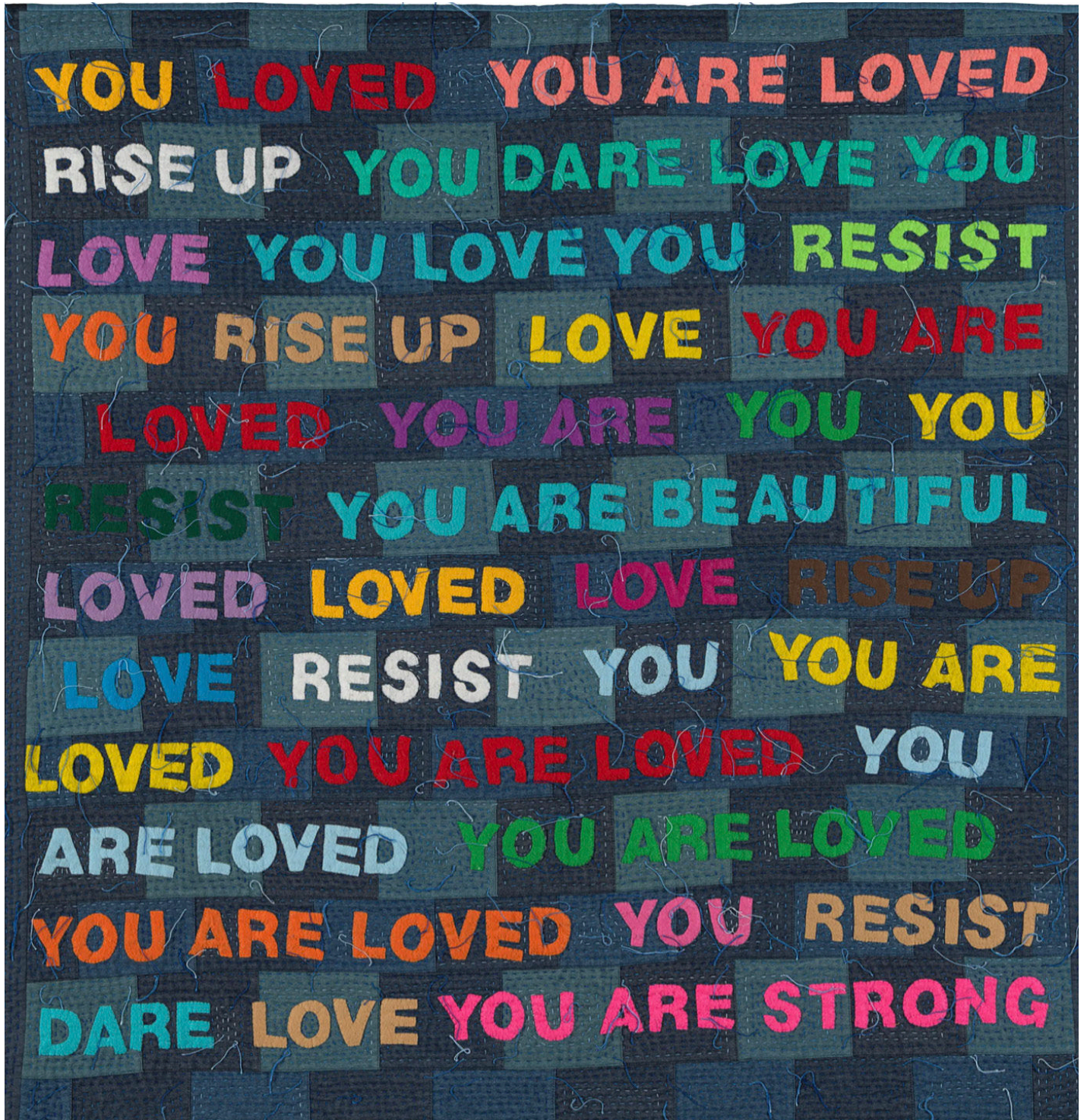




Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Improvisation on Union Seminary

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
With all that is within us, let us bless God,
who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases,
who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

✠ Hymn 263 CORONATION
All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

✠ Call to Confession Courtney Anne Henry

✠ Prayer of Confession
Gracious Healer, in a world torn by violence and pain, a world far from wholeness and peace, a world waiting to be redeemed and longing to be mended, we come to this place and this time. We come to say what is hardest to say, out loud. Our failings are many and our faults are great. Gracious Healer, forgive us and forget us not. Forgive us when we forget—forget your love, forget your hope, forget your claim on our lives. Forgive us when we forget—forget to lift up the fallen and to set the captive free, forget to love those whom the world calls unlovable, forget to love even ourselves. Gracious Healer, forgive us and forget us not. And then make our memory and our courage strong; we pray in Christ's name.
(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 313 (Stanza 3) LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY
Lord, Make Us More Holy
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
Lord, make us more patient;
until we meet again:
patient, patient, patient,
until we meet again.

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Eleanor Dake

First Lesson

Psalm 111

Responding to the Word



Hymn 529

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY



Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

FROM CONFESSION OF BELHAR PC (USA)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;...Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjelo

Chancel Choir; Thomas Chafin, conductor; Mason Copeland, piano

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen



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

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Eleanor Dake
Choir Guild: Kathy Kohn
Tower Bell Ringer: The Tusher Family
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Bettie Hardin
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull
Mike Sizemore

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Called Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 4

Central has a called congregational meeting at the close of worship on Sunday, February 4, 2024 for three purposes: to vote on the pastors' terms of call, to elect the 2024 Nominating Committee, and to receive the 2024 budget.

