



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Fisherman with Net*, John Lonergan

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Improvisation*

Welcome and Announcements

Susan Landrum

Ringling 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 Susan Landrum

Who are we?

**We are children of God, dearly beloved.**

Where is the Kingdom of God?

**The Kingdom of God is here in this place and all around us.**

Let us worship with gladness.

**Let us together worship the living God.**

✠ Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* HYMN TUNE

✠ Call to Confession Courtney Anne Henry

✠ Prayer of Confession  
Written by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you and ask for your forgiveness. We pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey.**

*(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 1) *Lord, Make Us More Holy* LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

**Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy,  
until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy,  
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

Courtney Anne Henry

Prayer for Illumination

Kathryn Harben

First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.  
Please silence your phones.

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* TOPLADY

✠ Affirmation of Faith Courtney Anne Henry  
THE APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

**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, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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 *How Lovely are the Messengers, from St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn  
Chancel Choir; Thomas Chafin, conductor; Mason Copeland, organ

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

✠ 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 339 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

✠ Charge and Benediction Susan Landrum

Postlude *Prelude in G Major* J.S. Bach

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lectors: Kathryn Harben  
Choir Guild: Kathy McCloud  
Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Carwhile  
Chancel Choir  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

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

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## Called Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 4

Central's annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2024 following worship. The meeting will not be streamed and we encourage you to join us in person. The agenda includes approving our annual budget and our pastor's terms of call.

SAVE THE DATE! DETAILS COMING SOON!

Central 2024 Women's Retreat

Sacred  
bridge

March 8 to 10 at The Calvin Center

CONGREGATIONAL  
LUNCH ON  
JANUARY 28: Join us



for a special lunch after worship featuring a panel with members of Our House. Details are in the e-weekly.



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